

Author Laura Elliott speaks to children at the Great Falls Library July 17. Elliott, a resident of Great Falls who writes children's books, is sharing ideas and stories about her novels, to inspire children to participate in an essay contest held by the Great Falls Historical Society.

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**Author Laura Elliott shares stories she learned while researching 'Annie, Between The States' about Civil War leaders such as J.E.B. Stuart and John Mosby. The children are participants in the Great Falls Historical Society's "Great Falls and the Civil War" essay contest, where rising seventh through ninth graders are invited to write an essay about local Civil War activities. Prizes include gift certificates and an iPod.**



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## Great Falls History Lessons

**Local author brainstorms topics with young contest participants.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Great Falls Historical Society is holding an essay contest, "Great Falls and the Civil War," for rising seventh, eighth and ninth graders. They held an introduction to the contest July 17 at the Great Falls Library with local author Laura Elliott, who writes historical fiction. Elliott spoke to the children about researching her own novels — which take place during such conflicts as the Civil War, World War II and the Revolutionary War — and told them interesting stories that had come up during her research.

The GFHS previously held an essay contest in 2007 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the settlement at Jamestown, and with the success of that contest, they decided to do another one to recognize the sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of the start of the Civil War, which is in 2011.

"I think it's a wonderful topic for them to research, it's always interesting to see the way history looks to a new generation," said Kathleen Murphy, vice president of the Great Falls Historical Society. "It will be interesting to see how they view the conflict with modern eyes, what references interest them."

Gail Niels, one of the judges for the contest hopes that the contest participants "want to get into the heads and hearts of the people who lived history. The point is to show people that where they live, you can almost touch history every day."

**ELLIOTT**, who grew up in Fairfax County and lives

in Great Falls, has written five historical novels and three picture books. Many of them take place in Virginia, and she speaks at local schools about her novels and her inspirations.

Elliott's book "Annie, Between the States" takes place during the Civil War, and has several scenes from battles that took place in this area. The title character is a composite of three women who lived then, and she came up with the story after recalling it from her childhood.

"I heard so many incredible stories from elderly people, whose grandparents lived through the Civil War. If you want to learn about the Civil War, you're in a hotbed right here," she told the children. "Behind all the statistics and dates, there are real people that lived through it all."

She told the children about two military men who especially fascinated her, J.E.B. Stuart and John Mosby, and how her feelings about each man changed during the course of her research.

Her approach proved inspirational to at least one of the children that attended. Shivani Gupta, a rising eighth grader at Joyce Kilmer Middle School, said that Elliott inspired her to write from a more personal perspective.

"I decided that I'm going to write about more than just what happened and when, but about the people who went through the war, especially kids," she said.

**THE CONTEST** is being held by the historical society in conjunction with the Great Falls Library. Entry forms can be picked up at the library. Essays are due Sept. 5 and the winners will be announced Oct. 1.

All participants will receive an award, and prizes include an author-signed copy of a book from the "Lightning Thief" series and Barnes and Noble gift cards. The grand prize is an iPod.

Entry forms and a list of possible resources are available at the Great Falls Library, and more information is also available at [www.gfhs.org](http://www.gfhs.org).

**"If you want to learn about the Civil War, you're in a hotbed right here."**

— Author Laura Elliott



JOAN BRADY PHOTOGRAPHY

**Rachel, almost 3, gets kisses from her mommy and daddy, Rebecca and Jon D'Andrea.**

## Photo Fund-Raiser For Rachel D'Andrea

**Great Falls photographer is doing a photo fund-raiser for Chantilly girl.**

JOAN BRADY PHOTOGRAPHY

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n August, Chantilly's Rachel D'Andrea will be 3 years old, but a third of her life has been spent in hospitals. She's currently receiving treatment for neuroblastoma at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

So far, there's no cure for her form of childhood cancer. But her parents, Jon and Rebecca, hope her condition can become stable enough so she can be part of a relatively new, but promising, course of treatment there by a doctor doing pioneering work in that field.

Meanwhile, with astronomical health-insurance costs and ever-rising medical bills, the D'Andreas need all the financial help they can get. So professional photographer Joan Brady of Great Falls is doing a photo fund-raiser for them, the entire month of August.

"I take photos of everything,



**Rachel D'Andrea**

but I specialize in children and pets," said Brady. "For every photo session scheduled during August, I will donate the entire session fee to the D'Andreas."

She heard about the family last summer when one of her favorite restaurants, Café Sano in Reston, did a fund-raiser for

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WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

## River Fishing Excursion Offered at Riverbend

For those who ever wanted to spend time catching fish and kayaking along the Potomac River, Riverbend Park offers a guided kayak fishing excursion from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2010. A qualified guide from Riverbend Park in Great Falls will provide kayak instruction and assist participants in fishing with spinning tackle. The park provides kayaks, PFDs and paddles. Kayakers must be at least 16 years of age and should bring their own rod and tackle. The park also rents these. The program fee is \$75 per person. For registration call 703-759-9018.

Riverbend Park has over 400 acres of forest, meadows, and ponds. Trails include a 2.5 mile portion of the Potomac Heritage Trail linking national and regional parkland. Kayakers and canoeists can enjoy exploring many islands in the Potomac River. Park grounds are open from 7 a.m. to dusk, hours posted. Facilities include a visitor center with snack bar, gift shop, exhibits and riverside picnic area.

Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street in Great Falls.

### BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 22

**Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel Dulles Airport Sterling, 21611 Atlantic Blvd., Sterling. Network with local businesses. Members \$20, non-members \$25. [info@dullesregionalchamber.org](mailto:info@dullesregionalchamber.org).

**Volunteers for Change Orientation.** 6:30 p.m. at Volunteer Fairfax, 10530 Page Ave., Fairfax. A one-time mandatory orientation, after which volunteers can choose from more than 60 monthly community service projects throughout Northern Virginia. Projects include planting trees, bagging food for homeless families, tutoring adult ESL students, playing bingo with the disabled, special community-wide events throughout the year and more. 703-246-3460 or [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

#### SATURDAY/JULY 24

**Brinker Toastmasters.** 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. [brinker.wordpress.com](http://brinker.wordpress.com).

**Yoga, Pilates, Fitness Practice.** 8 a.m. Outdoors at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Bring yoga mat and water. Free. 703-288-9505

#### TUESDAY/JULY 27

**Tyson's Corner Kiwanis Club Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 229A 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is public and Individuals looking to volunteer in their community welcome. [www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org](http://www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org).

**VTRCC July Monthly Mixer.** 5:30 p.m. at Intelligent Office, 1934 Old Gallows Road, Suite 350, Vienna. Fun, food and camaraderie. [info@vtrcc.org](mailto:info@vtrcc.org).

#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 28

**Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse.** 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.

A monthly peer support group for survivors and others affected. Free. Confidential. No registration required. 703-538-6128.

**JSSA Parent Support Group for Young Adults Across the Autism Spectrum.** 7 p.m. at JSSA, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. A monthly support group to discuss participants' interests and concerns. Identifying community resources, building a support network and balancing one's own needs with that of an adult son or daughter. Register at 703-204-9100.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 29

**Job and Career Fair.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Harper Park Middle School on Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg. More than 40 federal agencies and private companies will participate. Hosted by Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10). Participating employers to date include BB&T Bank, Cox Communications, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, M.C. Dean, Inc, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Middleburg Bank, Prince William County Police, Telos Corporation, Volkswagen Group of America, and Windward IT Solutions. A complete list of expected participants is at [wolf.house.gov/jobfair](http://wolf.house.gov/jobfair). Free and open to the public. 703-709-5800.

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## NEWS



Ernest Holley leads the choir in a rousing rendition of 'Fare Thee Well' during the French American Gospel Exchange Program's July 14 performance in Great Falls.

PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/ THE CONNECTION

# Music Without Borders

## The French American Gospel Exchange program visits Great Falls.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The French American Gospel Exchange program made its final stop in America at the St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls July 14. The program combined American and French singers who toured America over the past seven days and will complete the second part of the exchange with a trip to France in December.

They put on a three-hour program for almost 100 people July 14, performing traditional gospel songs, sometimes accompanied by a full band, sometimes a cappella, but always with enough feeling to move the crowd. This is the seventh year of the program, which has grown since 2004, when producer Larry Vickers, a native of Staunton, Va. living in Paris helped recruit singers from both sides of the pond.

They started with 57 singers, and this year more than 200 participated.

"It's a cultural, musical, inspirational, spiritual-based trip where friendships are made and the love of music and passion for singing brings us all together," Vickers said. "Though gospel is usually associated with Americans, it is very popular over there, we sell out most of our shows."

The July 14 show was especially significant for the French singers, because it is Bastille Day, the French equivalent of July 4. It commemorates when the French stormed the Bastille prison July 14, 1789, which was a symbol of the French Revolution.

**THE EXPERIENCE** has been enlightening for singers of both nations. E. Howard Booker, a singer from Charlottesville, Va., called it an "awesome experience. The music is universal, even through our language barrier our common ground is the music."

This year featured more singers that spoke English than ever before, but the majority of singers do not. Rather, they learn the music through the sounds, and they pick up the emotional nuances of the songs.

"For French singers, it's very important to convey emotion. We

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**"I've been coming to this church for 15 years, and I don't think it's ever been this vibrant, or sounded this good."**

—Marthe McGrath



From left, Trevon Cook, Veronica O'Brien, Darcel Gilliam and Emily Henline perform as a quartet during the July 14 performance at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls.

# NEWS

## Smith Chosen as School Board Chair

The Fairfax County School Board selected Kathy Smith (Sully) as chair and Brad Center (Lee) as vice-chair of the body at a meeting July 8.

The school board votes for chair and vice-chair on an annual basis in the summer. Smith was also school board chair during 2009-2010. School Board Member Tessie Wilson (Braddock) was the most recent vice-chair prior to Center's election.

As chair, Smith will receive an extra \$2,000 on top of the normal \$20,000 per year school board member salary during the 2010-2011 fiscal cycle. She will also be in charge of facilitating school board members' discussion during most meetings.

School Board Member Ilryong Moon (At-large) also vied for the chair position, losing in a 7-4 vote to Smith.

School Board members Jane Strauss (Dranesville), Liz Bradsher (Springfield), Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill), Tessie Wilson (Braddock), Jim Raney (At-large), Brad Center (Lee) and Smith supported Smith for chair.

School Board members Tina Hone (At-large), Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), Sandy Evans (Mason) and Moon supported Moon for chair.

School Board member Patty Reed (Providence) did not attend the meeting.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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**NEWS**

# New School Head Starts At Madeira

**Pilar Cabeza de Vaca follows Elisabeth Griffith.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION



PHOTO BY CADE MARTIN

**Pilar Cabeza de Vaca became Madeira's ninth head of school, formerly called the headmistress, on July 1.**

Many of the bookshelves are still bare and there are no photographs of family on Pilar Cabeza de Vaca's office desk at The Madeira School yet. Her shipment from Paris only arrived a few days earlier and she hasn't had time to fully move into her new home on the sprawling 376-acre private school campus in McLean.

"You are like a deer in the headlights at this point. You don't yet understand how much there is really for you to do," said Cabeza de Vaca, who became Madeira's ninth head of school, formerly called the headmistress, on July 1.

Madeira, an all women's high school, opened its doors in 1906 but moved from Washington D.C. to its current location on Georgetown Pike in 1931. Katherine Graham, the late publisher of The Washington Post newspaper, is among the school's notable alumnae.

"Having been a product of single-sex education, I support it. Being in a girls school reaffirms your iden-

tity as a woman," said Cabeza de Vaca, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College.

Cabeza de Vaca is no stranger to managing prestigious private schools. She was director general of the American School of Quito, a large private school with two campuses and 5,000 students in her home country of Ecuador. From 2000 to 2008, she also served as a head of the American School of Paris, a primary and secondary school with over 60 nationalities represented.

Most recently, Cabeza de Vaca was working as the interim executive director of the European Council of International Schools. She was happily living in Paris and not contemplating a move to the United States until she was contacted by a head hunter about the Madeira position.

"It was Madeira that made me move to the United States. They made me feel like this was the place I needed to be. The girls really won me over when I visited," said Cabeza de Vaca.

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# Madeira Head Encourages 'Creative Thinking'

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**MADEIRA** currently enrolls 321 girls, 55 percent of whom live in dorms on campus during the school year.

Tuition ranges from \$35,050 for a day student to \$46,160 for a boarding student. The school's endowment totals \$55 million, according to Madeira's website.

As head of school, Cabeza de Vaca wants to ensure Madeira prepares young women for success in the globalized world of the 21st century.

Modern students must be able to navigate different cultures and speak other languages. Learning a foreign language helps students understand how people in other parts of the world work, she said.

"Every culture has its own approach and no one approach is better than another," said Cabeza de Vaca, who speaks Spanish, French and English fluently and can "get by" in Italian and Russian.

To survive in the 21st century, Cabeza de Vaca also thinks students will also have to be able to think creatively. She places a premium on having strong fine-and-performing-arts programs, she said.

The new head of school also wants Madeira's young women to be technologically literate.

"I want them to understand the powers and dangers of social networking. There has to be a balance of online friends and real life friends. ... And they have to be able to discern what to believe on the Internet," she said.

In future years, Cabeza de Vaca hopes to teach classes on campus. She would be interested in leading a lecture on global events, Magical Realism in Latin American literature or women writers of Latin America, she said.

**BUT THE FIRST** challenge for Cabeza de Vaca is to try and fill the shoes of Madeira's former head of school, Elisabeth Griffith.

"That is my biggest challenge. She was an iconic leader who was at the school for 22 years," said Cabeza de Vaca.

Griffith, who has doctorate in history from American University, wrote a biography of suffragist Eliza-



PHOTO BY CADE MARTIN

**Madeira School's new head, Pilar Cabeza de Vaca, comes from Paris bringing international flair to McLean's girls' school.**

**"The girls really won me over when I visited."**

— Pilar Cabeza de Vaca

beth Cady Stanton that The New York Times declared one of the best books of 1984.

At Madeira, she started a Women's Leadership lecture series, kicked off by then-First-Lady Hillary Clinton in 1999. Recently, Madeira named a new crop of faculty and staff housing on campus the "Griffith cottages" in her honor.

"We are two very different people with very different profiles. Betsey is a historian and highly academic. I have an international background and tend to be more focused on what is going to happen in the future," said Cabeza de Vaca.

**THE NEW HEAD** of school is a self-described "city person" at heart but said Madeira's rural campus is close enough to Washington D.C. for her to get an urban fix.

Over the short time she has been at Madeira, Cabeza de Vaca said she already feels more in touch with nature. Last week, she felt the local earthquake and witnessed a beautiful thunderstorm.

"It is different but I am enjoying it," she said of her living situation.

## County Starts Work on Disaster Recovery Plan

**F**airfax County Executive Anthony Griffin is asking non-profit organizations, local businesses, county agencies and other municipalities for help in developing a local disaster recovery plan.

Fairfax received a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to assist with planning for local disaster relief. Griffin sent out a letter in early July inviting stakeholders to register for a disaster recovery

workshop held on Aug. 4 at the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center.

For information on the workshop, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp/)

According to the letter written by Griffin, Fairfax is susceptible to natural hazards like floods, hurricanes and tornadoes as well as man-made problems like terrorist attacks or accidental releases of dangerous materials.

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# OPINION

## Tolls and a Transportation Fix

Could the links add up to \$20 and more per trip? And why won't Virginia issue bonds if it can collect that kind of toll revenue?

As someone who pays more than \$10 to drive round-trip the entire length of the Dulles Toll Road and then Greenway to Leesburg on my way out to Hillsboro, I am forced to recognize that commuters and others will pay to drive on congestion-free roads.

Leaving my office in Alexandria, however, I could soon have the choice to pay to drive in the High Occupancy Toll Lanes on my way around the Beltway, then a possible future choice to pay either the basic rate or an upgraded rate to drive on the Dulles Toll Road, followed by the choice to drive on the Greenway or to take Route 7 out into outer Loudoun. Could that add up to \$15 or more each way? (Already during rush hour, it costs \$5.25 each way on the Greenway, \$4.55 off peak; and it's \$1.75 on the Dulles Toll Road.)

Toll lanes are also on the drawing board for 395 and 95, places where effective means (slug lines) are in place to gather enough (three) people in a car to qualify as "High Occupancy," the current qualifier for using the existing HOV lanes. You can't buy your way onto those lanes at this point.

Choosing all the tolls would be well beyond most people's means in anything but an emergency. But others will be able to consider the cost a business expense, or will be able to value their own time highly enough to pay the freight.

The real concern is that we aren't using the future tolls to create funding for the broad transportation initiatives that we need to thrive economically. The current model of public-private

partnerships allows private companies to collect and keep all the tolls virtually forever (50 years) in exchange for building these particular roads.

But knowing that the revenue stream is out there, Virginia could issue bonds and contract the building of the roads and toll lanes, thereby using any surplus revenue to continue to improve the commonwealth's transportation infrastructure.

Once you admit that you're going to charge tolls, really significant dollar amounts of tolls, you don't need a public private partnership to make transportation improvements happen. You can manage contractors and use the revenue stream to keep Virginia moving. The commonwealth seems only to be able to stomach high tolls when the money is going to a private

company, not when it might go to the public good in the future.

Still one can only hope that 20-30 years from now the idea of rush hour and congestion — that we will each climb into a car one person at a time and drive on the same roads to work at the same time every day — will be as inconceivable as dial-up access to the internet.

Then all those extra lanes might be wide open with little toll revenue coming in.

And we can only hope that whoever is writing the contracts for these public private partnerships has the best interests of the Commonwealth at heart and isn't shifting the risk of that sort of innovation away from the private sector while leaving them to reap the profits without sharing.

Maybe in 50 years, the separate HOT Lanes will serve to separate bicyclists from skateboarders from pedestrians as old roadways become the recreational areas of the future, much as unused rail lines and former tow paths.

— MARY KIMM,

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

## Send in Your Pet Photos and Stories

The Pet Connection is coming next week, publishing July 28. We must have all submissions no later than Friday morning, July 23.

We welcome, photos, artwork and short stories (200 words or less) about your pet. Tell us a funny story, or explain how your pet helped you or a member of your family through a tough time. Tell us about how you came to adopt or rescue your pet. Tell us how your favorite places to go with your pet, or how you solved a particular challenge concerning your pet.

We haven't forgotten horses, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians, guinea pigs, hamsters,

and other more unusual pets — we hope for photos about them all.

Be sure to identify the full names of everyone pictured in any photos, include information such as breed and age of the pet and children pictured, and (very important) the community where you live.

We prefer digital submissions. E-mail to PhotoA@connectionnewspapers.com, and write "Pets" in the subject line.

Please be sure to include the name of the artist or author, and name of the home town, along with address and phone number to be used for verification purposes only.

### LETTERS

## 'Culture of Stonewalling'

To the Editor:

I wanted to thank you for Ms. Kimm's two recent pieces in the Connection regarding the operations of the FCPS School Board. I am one of the parents who co-founded the Fairfax Education Coalition, because I concluded that FCPS has a culture of stonewalling and deception, with the support of many but not all of the current School Board members. FCPS administrators who want to be transparent unfortunately learn that this is not the way that they are expected to do business in FCPS, and most react as one would expect.

**Louise Epstein**  
McLean

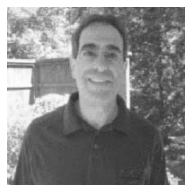
### VIEWPOINTS

## Area Teachers Help with Summer Reading Choices

**T**he Big Sky" and/or "The Way West" by A. B. Guthrie Jr. "The Big Sky" introduces readers to the very primitive West before it was settled. Its main characters are true mountain men, and Guthrie is masterful as he relates setting, characters, and events.

"The Way West" is the sequel to The Big Sky (which is actually a series of about six books)

DANIEL HA for which Guthrie won a Pulitzer Prize. It tells of the earliest western settlers and their wagon train experiences.



**Alan Munaker,**  
English  
Department  
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Another novel of the West is "Blood Meridian" by Cormac McCarthy (who wrote "The Road"). It's pretty violent in places, but it's a gripping story of a fourteen-year-old boy who finds himself along the Texas-Mexico border in the mid 1800s.

Still another western novel is "Lonesome Dove" by Larry McMurtry. I believe that it also won a Pulitzer. It

tells of a cattle drive from Texas to Montana led by two extremely interesting personalities.

"The Remains of the Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro is about a typically proper English butler who recalls his pre-World War II service to a person he considered to be a great gentleman. As the memory progresses however, the butler begins to have doubts about this man. The prose is genteel, flowing, and simply beautiful.

For comedy, be advised that the following, depending on one's sense of humor, will possibly cause guffaws:

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## THURSDAY/JULY 22

**Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods.** Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Diane Macklin: Animal Tail Tales, 11:15 a.m. Music with the Milkshake Trio. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Mercy Creek Band.** 7:30 p.m. Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Aggressive folk rock. Free. 703-324-7469 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**Summer Preschool Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Come in from the heat for some cool stories. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

**English Conversation.** 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Conversation group for adult non-native English speakers of all levels. 703-938-0405.

**NSO@Wolf Trap With Violinist Joshua Bell.** 8:15 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20-\$52. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Avoiding Divorce Court.** 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. How to negotiate or mediate a property settlement agreement. [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or 703-



**Difficult Run Jazz Band performs at the McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. on Sunday, July 25, 5 p.m. Contemporary Big Band jazz. [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).**

281-2657.  
**The Fielding Mellish and Crimes of Paris.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Story Time for Children.** 10 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Join Meadowlark author Allison Sutherland for an adaptation of "The Adventures of Kaluwaru the Koala in the Galapagos Islands", with animal puppets, character voices and more. For ages 5-12. Free. [pdietly@nvrpa.org](mailto:pdietly@nvrpa.org).

**Parent-Child Time Together.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Bring a bag supper to the Picnic Area and enjoy garden-based activities. \$2 per adult-child duo. Reservations required. [pdietly@nvrpa.org](mailto:pdietly@nvrpa.org).

McLean. Based on the Louisa May Alcott story. \$17-\$19, group rates available. 703-790-9223 or [www.mcleanplayers.org](http://www.mcleanplayers.org).

**The Greencards.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$18. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Fight The Bear and Overdrive Superthruster.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**NSO@Wolf Trap: A Rodgers & Hammerstein Celebration.** 8:15 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20-\$52. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SATURDAY/JULY 24

**Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods.** Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Diane Macklin: Animal Tail Tales, 11:15 a.m. Music with the Milkshake Trio. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**"Little Women, The Musical."** 8 p.m. McLean Community Players, Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Based on the Louisa May Alcott story. \$17-\$19, group rates available. 703-790-9223 or [www.mcleanplayers.org](http://www.mcleanplayers.org).

**Lyme Disease Fundraiser with Robert Fludd's Higher Worlds,** Juniper Calliope, The Cosmic Blackbirds and The Fox Sisters. 1 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Sing Me Insomnia, Mercury In Summer and A Letter to You** at 6 p.m., **King of the Beltway 3** at 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple

Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.** 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

**Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension answer gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

**Eddie from Ohio.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35 in-house, \$25 lawn. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Project Natale Jazz Trio.** 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

**Art in the Garden.** 10 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. How to create art pieces for your yard. Copper tubing trellis to support vines, leaf-imprinted stepping stones or a sphere covered with glass gems. Free. [pdietly@nvrpa.org](mailto:pdietly@nvrpa.org).

## SUNDAY/JULY 25

**Summer on the Green: Vienna Community Band.** 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

**Beach Boys.** 2 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$280. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**"Little Women, The Musical."** 2 p.m. McLean Community Players, Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Based on the Louisa May Alcott story. \$17-\$19, group rates available. 703-790-9223 or [www.mcleanplayers.org](http://www.mcleanplayers.org).

**Tom Principato.** 6 p.m. Great Falls Village Green, at the corner of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road in Great Falls. Blues. [www.gfcitizens.org](http://www.gfcitizens.org).

**Difficult Run Jazz Band.** 5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Contemporary Big Band jazz. [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).

**Butterfly Garden Guided Tours.** 3 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. An introductory guided stroll. Learn how the gardens attract butterflies. Members free, non-member adults \$4, seniors and age 7-17 \$1.50, under age 6 free. Rental binoculars available at the Visitor Center. 703-255-3631, ext. 0 or [www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark\\_botanical\\_gardens](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens).

**Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo.** 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held every Sunday in the Flame Room. [www.vvfd.org](http://www.vvfd.org).

**Beach Boys.** 2 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$38 in-house, \$25 lawn. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Birding in the Gardens.** 2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Learn basic bird identification and

tips on identifying songbirds, hawks, herons, and others. Bring field guides, binoculars, and a camera if desired. Free. [pdietly@nvrpa.org](mailto:pdietly@nvrpa.org).

## MONDAY/JULY 26

**Open Mic Showcases hosted by Ron Goad.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Fun with Jonathan Austin.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Juggling, magic and unicycling fun. All ages. Register at 703-242-4020.

**Game On Afternoon Edition.** 3:30 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Test your prowess at Wii Mario Kart or Super Smashbros. Age 6-16. 703-938-0405.

**Crowded House with Lawrence Arabia.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## TUESDAY/JULY 27

**Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods.** Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Maryland Youth Ballet: Caroline Goes to the Zoo, 11:15 a.m. Bob Brown Puppets: Dragon Feathers. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Genealogy Databases.** 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Search for your ancestors using the library's genealogy databases and other free Internet databases. Adults. 703-293-6227.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library,

10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.

**Rocknocoeros.** 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join Coach Cotton, Williebob, and Boogie Woogie Bennie for a rockin' good time. All ages. Register at 703-757-8560.

**Summer Preschool Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Come in from the heat for cool stories. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-790-8088.

**Personalized Internet Training.** 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Internet training sessions with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

**Practice Your English.** 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-790-8088.

**Book Talk for Book Lovers.** 7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call for title. Adults. 703-790-8088.

**Parent-Child Time Together.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Bring a bag supper to the Picnic Area and enjoy garden-based activities. \$2 per adult-child duo. Reservations required. [pdietly@nvrpa.org](mailto:pdietly@nvrpa.org).

**Naturally Curious.** 2-4 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Activities and discussions about nature and science. In the flow: aspects of life on earth. For grades 6-9. \$15. [pdietly@nvrpa.org](mailto:pdietly@nvrpa.org).

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Meredyth Merrow** of Great Falls has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Gettysburg College of Gettysburg, Pa.

**Steven Jones** of Great Falls has received a master of science degree in environmental engineering from the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

**Colin Newman** of McLean has graduated with a bachelors degree from Gettysburg College of Gettysburg, Pa.

McLean residents **Margaret C. Devlin** (bachelor of arts in biology and French studies with distinction), **Patrick W. Findaro** (bachelor of arts in international studies), **Ian M. McCullough** (bachelor of arts in environmental studies with a science concentration) and **Maxwell T. Weiss** (bachelor of arts in international studies) have graduated from Colby College of Waterville, Me.

**Victoria B. Weiss** of McLean has graduated cum laude with department honors, with a bachelor of arts in elementary and early childhood education with a minor in psychology, from Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, Pa. Weiss was also named to the spring 2010 dean's list. She is the daughter of Todd Weiss and Cherylyn Briggs. The Langley High School graduate served as captain of the Susquehanna women's varsity soccer team.

**David P. Scott** of Mclean was

named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Boston University of Boston, Mass.

**Rachel Nicole Adams** of McLean was named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Juniata College of Huntingdon, Pa. Adams is a sophomore in psychology, and a 2009 graduate of the Jakarta International School. She is the daughter of Gregory Adams and Colette Marcellin.

McLean residents **Amanda B. Johnson** (bachelor of arts in history and archaeology, magna cum laude), **Theodore R. Seabright** (bachelor of arts in neuroscience), **Alexa R. Aulie** (master of education in international educational development) and **Christine A. Lewis** (bachelor of science in communication, magna cum laude) have graduated from Boston University of Boston, Mass.

**Margaret C. Devlin** of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Colby College of Waterville, Me. Devlin is majoring in biology and French studies, and is the daughter of Thomas and Regina Devlin.

McLean residents **Sara Kuzmik**, **Ajay Premkumar** and **Sydney Barron** have been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Emory College of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Kuzmik is the daughter of Dr. Michael Kuzmik, Premkumar is the son of Thondiyil Premkumar and Ahalya Premkumar, and Barron is the daughter of Michael J. Barron and Amelia K. Barron.

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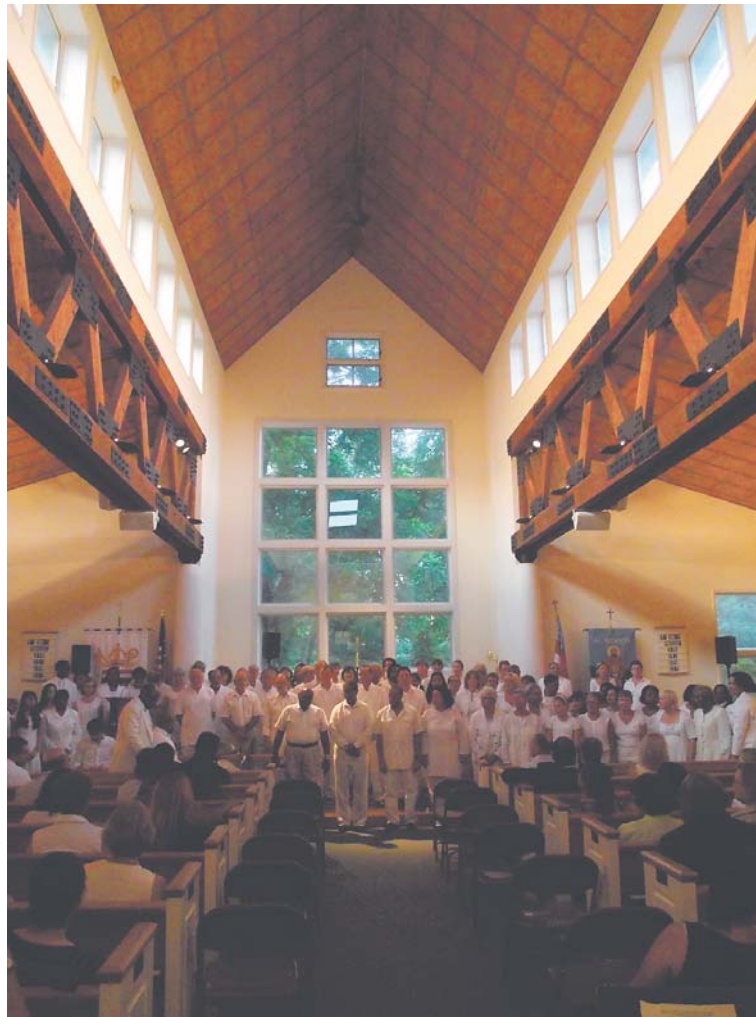
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# Concert Highlights Friendship

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don't sing gospel at church, but we still convey the message of love, peace and freedom in our performances, and look to share that with the audience," said Sophie Baulier, one of the French singers. "They have been very welcoming, and I've built some great relationships."

Janet Howard was part of the first American choir group from Mary Baldwin College that went to France in 2004, and she has noticed how quick the French have been to pick up American gospel tradition.

"When they first started singing it, they knew it was something they had never experienced,

and when we perform over there people come from miles away, it's standing room only," she said. "They don't speak English, but they really sense the emotion behind it."

During the performance, the group performed several songs together, and singers Emily Henline, Trevon Cook and Julia Braxton performed a few songs solo. For Henline, a 13-year-old singer originally from Gaithersburg, Md. who will soon be opening for Randy Travis at the Rockingham County Fair, this was her first opportunity performing with a choir.

"It adds another dimension to the performance for me, it's a big, powerful choir," Henline said.

Her mother Jennifer called it a "wonderful experience. The culture she's picked up just working with the French singers has been amazing."

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## FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.*

**New Life Christian Church**, 1988 Kirby Road in McLean, will have a free Outdoor Movie Night on Friday, July 23. Previews will start at 7:30 p.m., and "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" will be shown at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be available, or bring your own. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. [summerr@newlife4me.com](mailto:summerr@newlife4me.com).

**Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation** invites prospective members to an ice cream social at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25 at 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Tour the temple and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Meet Rabbi Michael Holzman, Cantor Irena Altshul, Director of Education Moshe Ben-Lev, Administrator Fay Weiss and Temple leaders. Learn about NVHC and its programs. Families welcome. 703-437-7733 or [www.nvhcreston.org](http://www.nvhcreston.org).

**Oakton Church of the Brethren**, 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna, is now registering children for a "High Seas Expedition" Vacation Bible School, 9:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. from August 2-7. Crafts, games, music and Bible stories. Registration is open to the public for all pre-K to 6th grade classes and nursery is available to VBS volunteers. Grades 7 and up are invited to volunteer. \$10 per child, maximum of \$25 per family. [www.oaktonbrethren.org](http://www.oaktonbrethren.org) or 703-281-4411.

**Vacation Bible School SonQuest Rainforest** will be at the Alliance Church Centre of the Christian & Missionary Alliance, 12113 Vale Road, Oakton, from Wednesday, Aug. 18-Friday, Aug. 20. The Toddler Program will be 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Ages 3-12 will be divided in 3 age groups from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Songs and skits, Bible stories, games, arts and crafts. Children are to bring lunch; afternoon snack provided. Free. 703-264-1273 or 703-391-7819.

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## Photo Sessions for a Cause

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JOAN BRADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Rachel enjoys swinging in the park.

the D'Andreas. "So I contacted Rebecca to see if she wanted me to take pictures of Rachel," said Brady. "I knew how much it means to parents of an ill child to have photos of that child."

**THE D'ANDREAS** wanted professional photos done of Rachel, so Brady took them last fall in Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna. "I did it for free as my gift to them," she said. "Their story really touched me."

Since then, she's taken photos of Rachel and her parents, gratis, two more times, and has become friends with them. Actually, she's donated her time and talents several times for causes involving children. For foster-care children, she makes in-kind donations of photography services and images of roughly \$400,000 a year.

"I've done a lot of photos for nonprofits and of special-needs children and children in foster care," said Brady. "With foster-care children, for example, there's a strong connection between photos and self-esteem, and the children are really proud and happy to have pictures of themselves."

However, Brady's never done a fundraiser before. But, she said, "I wanted to do this one because the D'Andreas have a significant need."

A photo session involving either one child or one pet costs \$350; a session involving more than that number – no matter how many – costs \$475. "Normally, that gets you two, 8x10 prints," said Brady. "But because I want to give more incentive for people to do this, I'm also giving them a \$50 photo credit – either toward additional prints and/or sizes, or toward a future session."

Although at first glance, the prices may seem steep, Brady says the quality of the finished product is well worth it. "Parents always ask me why I can get better photos of their children than they can," she said. "I tell them it's because I'm not their mother, I have better equipment and I have some talent."

Additionally, even though many parents have good cameras, said Brady, ultimately, most parents just won't get as good a picture of their child as she will. "And that's not about equipment," she explained. "It's about the dynamic between parents and their own children. It's funny – even professional photographers call me to photograph their kids."

Unlike most professional photos, Brady's aren't formal, static products. Instead, they're more natural and realistic. For instance, if a boy loves soccer, she can photo-

graph him kicking a soccer ball. Said Brady: "A lot of it is spontaneous, which is what makes it fun."

"It's not just about capturing what the kids look like," she continued. "It's about capturing who they are and their experience [that day] so they and their parents can always remember it. Except for newborns, it's not a studio sitting. We go to a park, playground, their yard, etc."

**BESIDES PHOTOS**, Brady also creates coffee-table photo books, huge wall hangings and other items so parents may order whatever they'd like. Her donation to the D'Andreas is the session fee and, so far, she's already booked three.

**"You want to get involved somehow and help."**

**—Joan Brady,  
fund-raising for the D'Andreas**

"I'd like to raise at least \$4,000 for them, but I'd be delighted to raise double that for the D'Andreas, or more," she said. "Reading their story, you want to get involved somehow and help; and as a photographer, this is what I can do."

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**Tuesday, August 3, 2010  
At 9:30 a.m.**

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

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DAVID N. PRENSKY  
Substitute Trustee

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# Trump Rallies Lightning to Third Consecutive Win

## Summer swim season recaps.

**O**n Friday, July 9 the Trump National Lightning swim team was pleasantly surprised when none other than Donald Trump showed up at their morning pep rally. The defending Dominion Country Club League champions took Trump's inspirational words to heart and defeated the Country Club of Fairfax the following day, 325-191. Annika Kollevoll of McLean set a new team record in the girls' 13-14 back with a time of 33.64. The girls 8-under relay team of Alexandra Pentimonti, Lindsay Nevins, Bryce Nabulsi, and Adair Sand also set a new team record in the 100-free relay with a time of 1:19.22. Other first place finishers for the Lightning included Ned Morgan in the 8-under division; Erica Barton, Sophia Divone, Elizabeth Ellinger, and Tyler Sanok in the 9-10 Division; Kenneth Pentimonti and Kyle Sanok in the 11-12 Division; Courtney Cantrick and Drew Chandler in the 13-14 Division; and Katherine Bishoff and Ryan Natal in the 15-18 Division.

Earlier this summer, the Lightning kicked off its season on June 19 with a 310-205 win over Hidden Creek Country Club. The highlight of the meet came when Trump National swimmer and Great Falls resident, Ryan Natal, eclipsed a 27-year old DCCL record in the 15-18 boys 50-meter butterfly in a record setting time of 26.97. The season-opening win was followed by another victory over International Country Club, 308-208, on June 26. Five team records were shattered in that meet. Annika Kollevoll (ages 13-14) set a team record in the 50 fly (32.5); Ryan Natal (ages 15-18) set records in the 50 free (25.59) and 100 IM (1:03.53); and the girls' 9-10 medley relay team of Corrine Bates, Elizabeth Ellinger, Erica Barton and Sophia Divone set a new team record (1:17.91), as did the boys 15-18 medley relay team of Aidan O'Hara, Bill Bishop, Brandon Midkiff, and Ryan Natal (2:11.32).

**IN DOMINION COUNTRY CLUB LEAGUE** (DCCL) action, the undefeated RiverBend StingRays (4-0) beat International Country Club, 326-190. The 8-and-under swimmers had a banner day, breaking a total of four records. Will Koeppen broke two DCCL and pool records with a 15.66, 25-free and a 17.60 25-fly. Anna Takis broke a pool record in 25-breaststroke - lowering the mark to 23.22. The 8-under boys relay team of Will Koeppen, Sam Maruca, Carson Volanth and Colin O'Connor broke a pool record with a 1:13.56 in the 100-freestyle relay. Other first place winners were Julian Villacorta, Carter Bennett, Ryan Windus, Anna Phillips, Christopher Blankingship, Jack Hall, Charlotte Bell, Max Trautwein, Conor Wesolowski, Amanda Maruca and Micaela Grassi.



**The Great Falls mixed age boys' relay team, made up of, left to right, Will Kemmerer, Michael Casey, James Cutler and Max Wingo, finished second at the Div. 11 Relay Carnival on July 14.**

RiverBend faces off against local rival, Trump National, next week.

The Great Falls Rapids improved to 3-1 on July 17 with a 263 to 138 win over Springboard, assuring the team a winning season. Great Falls double winners included Julia Bullock, Michael Casey, James Cutler, Mary Liz Elliott, Jason Guidi, Kendal Heebink, John Hetherington, Will Kemmerer, Elizabeth Longosz, Ana Mulligan, John Mulligan, Charlotte Smith, Max Wingo, and Allie Zeidan.

On July 14 at the Div. 11 Relay Carnival, Great Falls placed second with 194 points. The mixed age boys relay team of Michael Casey (9-10 age group), Max Wingo (11-12), Will Kemmerer (13-14), and James Cutler (15-18) broke the Rapids team record with a time of 2:00.67. This is James Cutler's third record of the season. On July 3, he broke the 15-18, boys 50-freestyle record with a time of 25.63 and 15-18 boys 50-backstroke record with a time of 30.73. Three Rapids relay teams will advance to All-Star, including the girls' 8-under modified medley team of Grace Hetherington, Megan Jungers, Charlotte Smith, and Sophie Smith; the boys' 11-12 Medley team of Jason Guidi, Jack Hetherington, Stephen Thorsen, and Max Wingo; and the girls' 8-under freestyle team of Grace Hetherington, Megan Jungers, Charlotte Smith and Sonia Toloczko.

The Highlands Whomping Turtles fell to the Mclean Marlins, 215.5 to 186.5. Double winners for High-

lands were Chris Barnard, Chiara Tartaglino and Sarah Wilcox. Highlands finished fourth at the Div. 2 Relay Carnival with 150 points. Two Highlands team records were set: in the girls' 8-under 100-modified medley relay - made up of Catherine Kiyonega, Chiara Tartaglino, Teresa Dolan and Amanda Moore - with a time of 1:27.96; and in the girls' 15-18, 200-freestyle relay - made up of Sarah Wilcox, Rachel Romanowski, Elizabeth Dolan and Jayme Katis - at 1:59.63.

In a close meet that went down to the last swimmer of the last relay, Langley took Virginia Run by a score of 206-196. Double event winners included: Elena Shklyar, Emily Wallach, Jinwon Bailar, Nathan Johnson, Tatiana Bennett, Schuyler Bailar, Katie Robinson and Meghan Overend. Single event winners included: Will Rupli, Kevin Kaldes, Lucy Dubois, Audrey Wallach, Zach Thompson, Derek Proxmire, Sammy Bennett and Chris Paul.

Four records were broken, including: Elena Shklyar (9-10 free in 32.58); Nathan Johnson (11-12 back in 33.14); Schuyler Bailar (13-14 girls fly in 31.02); and the girls' mixed age relay in 2:03.58.

Earlier in the week at the relay carnival, the Wildthings broke seven more records, including the 9-10 girls' free relay, the 9-10 girls' medley relay, the 11-12 boys' free relay, the 11-12 boys medley relay, the 13-14 girls' free relay, the 13-14 girls' medley relay and the girls' mixed age free relay. Eight relay teams qualified for All-Stars.

**THE MCLEAN MARLINS** won their local rival match-up against the Highlands Whomping Turtles by a score of 215.5-186.5. Double winners for the Marlins were Christopher Murphy, Megan Murphy, Isabella Rongione, Andrew Seliskar, Will Soobert, Libby Ulrich, and MJ Ulrich. Single event winners for the Marlins were Karynne Baker, Henry Brooks, Thomas Brooks, Tyler Fritz, Danny Mittel, Jake McCarron, Caitlin Nguyen, and Justin Nguyen. Isabella Rongione set a new team record in the 9-10, 50-breaststroke with a time of 41.54. Earlier in the week at the Div. 2 Relay Carnival, the boys' mixed age relay team of Will Soobert, Christopher Murphy, Andrew Seliskar and Stephen Seliskar set a new NVSL record with a time of 1:51.43. Also at the Carnival, the 13-14 boys' 200- medley relay team of James McJunkin, Andrew Seliskar, Danny Mittel and Jack Saunders set a team record with a new time of 2:06.67; and the 13-14 girls 200-meter medley relay team of Cori Lucus, MJ Ulrich, Megan Murphy and Elena Karakozoff set a new team record with a time of 2:20.21



**RiverBend Stingrays Anna Takis and Will Koeppen, both of McLean, broke several 8-and-under records during this week's meet against International Country Club. Will broke two DCCL and two team records, including a record he set earlier this season, with a 15.66, 25-freestyle and a 17.60 25-fly. Anna broke a team record in 25-breaststroke, lowering the mark to 23.22.**

# Summer Reading

FROM PAGE 8

“Lucky Jim” by Kingsley Amis is a clever misadventure of an English university professor who is beholden to his dotty supervising department head. This is a seminal comedic novel.

“Changing Places” and “Small World” by David Lodge. Lodge, also an Englishman, tells of two professors who switch universities in the first novel and he continues their stories in the sequel.



**Steve Plunkett,**  
Social Studies  
Department  
Chair, Pre-AP  
World History &  
Geography 1,  
Langley High  
School

**I AM JUST FINISHING** Michael Lewis’ “The Big Short” which I would highly recommend for adults who want to understand the nature of the financial crisis and what precipitated it.

I think some great classic books for teenagers might include Jack Kerouac’s “On the Road,” Faulkner’s “The Sound and the Fury,” and John Kennedy Toole’s “Confederacy of Dunces.”

A classic for slightly younger teens that I love is Hemingway’s “The Old Man and The Sea.” Some more recent novels might be Khaled Hosseini’s “The Kite Runner,” and for younger teens a great thought provoking novel is Rebecca Stead’s “When You Reach Me.”



**Tara Dwyer,**  
English 10 &  
Expanding  
Literacies,  
McLean High  
School

**“THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER”** by Carson McCullers. This classic southern novel is a true study in character. Five very unlikely people (a hopeless cafe owner in an unhappy marriage; a discarded 12 year old girl hungry for attention; a deaf man who loses his best friend to mental illness; an African-American Marxist doctor; and a drifter who works for a nearby carnival) encounter each other off and on in a 1930s southern cafe. Each character is deep and thoughtfully

crafted and their interactions with one another are achingly human.

“Birds of America” by Lorrie Moore. This collection of short stories by one of today’s most talented fiction writers presents very realistic characters experiencing life-changing situations. From a homely woman wooing a visiting writer in her small town to a mother whose small child is diagnosed with cancer, Moore presents very real people who could be any of us. The prose is sad, stunning and humorous, while also being carefully and elegantly crafted.

“Flight” by Sherman Alexie. This novel introduces us to a teenage boy in the instant he is about to make a terrible choice, yet as he begins to commit a heinous act of violence, he is suddenly transported back in time in the body of an FBI agent during the civil rights era. This transformation is not the only stop, however, as he continues back in time in the bodies of many different people who have had to live through various struggles. This book would likely appeal to a reluctant reader as it combines a variety of genres, including suspense, history and science fiction.

“The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” by Mark Haddon. After his neighbor’s dog is mysteriously murdered, Christopher, who is autistic, takes it upon himself to solve the crime. This

novel is written from Christopher’s astoundingly fascinating point of view. As Christopher attempts to collect clues and find the killer, he learns of a deep family secret that nearly undoes him. This novel is written in such a captivating manner. Haddon shows the reader how Christopher’s mind works, from the thoughtful examination of patterns on chairs to the brilliant explanation of how he views and uses numbers. The story itself is gripping, but so is the method in which it is told.



**Heather Stiegler,**  
English 9 Honors  
& English 9,  
McLean High  
School

**“THE PASSAGE”** by Justin Cronin. Technically, it’s a vampire novel but it’s really good. The military is trying to create a virus to make the perfect soldier. As always, it goes wrong and the test subjects get out. The symptoms of the virus present like vampirism – sensitivity to sunlight, thirst for blood, fast healing, etc. [It] follows the story of a little girl who could save the world.

“The Rabbit Factory” by Marshall Karp – for the mystery lovers. A humorous ride through a Disney-esque theme park after the park’s mascot has been murdered. Really funny, good twists, great team of detectives.

“The Fairy Godmother” by Mercedes Lackey – the first in the “Tales of the 500 Kingdoms” series. Lackey takes the standard fairy tale ideas, fairy godmothers, traditional plot lines, and makes them funny and interesting. Throughout the series, Snow White, Rapunzel and various Prince Charmings show up. Grown up fairy tales but appropriate for readers 13 and up

“Antarktos Rising” by Jeremy Robinson – adventure novel for those Dan Brown and James Rollins fans. The Earth’s crust has shifted, drastically altering the temperatures of major cities. Most of the Northern Hemisphere is uninhabitable so Antarctica has become the best place to live – but no one can agree which country should colonize. All the remaining major governments agree to a race – the first three teams to the center of Antarctica will split the land mass. Unfortunately, the giants and dinosaurs that’ve thawed have other ideas.



**Helen Stephan,**  
History Teacher,  
McLean High  
School

**ONE NOVEL** which is good and a mystery but it does deal with a gruesome crime is “The Man from Beijing” by the Swedish writer Henning Mankell. The crime is set in Sweden but its roots go back to the Chinese laborers on the Transcontinental Railroad.

Another great book is “Seabiscuit: An American Legend” by Laura Hillenbrand. It is about the racehorse and how he became a symbol for the hard-pressed people of the Great Depression. Most students I have recommended it to have loved the book.

Another great author who has a number of good books is Lisa See. She writes about China and women in China at various time periods. “Peony in Love” and “Snow Flower and the Secret Fan” are both excellent.

The other author I love and he has many titles is James Michener. His “Chesapeake,” while big, is all about this area. His “Covenant,” all about South Africa might be of interest because of the recent World Cup Games.



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**J.D. Callander** of the McLean/Dolley Madison office was recognized for outstanding results in June as she led the region for resale dollar volume - Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced. The region comprises offices located throughout Virginia.



J.D. Callander

**Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors** announced the McLean/Old Dominion office was recognized for outstanding results in June as it led the company for sales and the region for resales.

McLean/Dolley Madison branch sales associates can be reached at (703) 760-8880. They are located at 1313 Dolley Madison Boulevard.

**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 Re/Max 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 as the #1 real estate franchise, and the industry ranked Keller Williams Realty as the Most Recognized Real Estate Franchise Brand.

**REALTOR® Magazine and the Good Neighbor Society** have announced the winning applicants of the second Volunteering Works, an annual program that matches Realtors® who work on small-scale charitable efforts with mentors and awards them grant money.

The five winning Realtors® will receive a \$1,000 grant and a year of one-on-one mentoring from a member of the Good Neighbor Society, past recipients of the annual REALTOR® Magazine Good Neighbor Award for volunteer service.

Cynthia M. Dwyer, Weichert Realtors®, Vienna, is one of the 2010 recipients of the Volunteering Works grant and mentoring. She provides clothing to families of wounded soldiers recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Many of these wounded warriors' spouses rush to Walter Reed with only an overnight bag only to find out they will spend months or years there while their loved one recovers. Dwyer sets up clothing distributions to provide gently used clothing for men, women and children, including warm clothes for winter and even formal wear for special events.

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# Comstock to Hold Town Meeting

**D**el. Barbara Comstock (R-34) is holding a Town Hall Meeting on July 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Library. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Virginia Department of Transportation's current plan to construct dual left-turn lanes at the intersection of Route 7 and Georgetown Pike. Del. Comstock, along with U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R10), Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and state Senator are all opposed to VDOT's current plan. Along with Rep. Wolf, Delegate Comstock recently sent letters to Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,

and Sean Connaughton, Secretary of the Virginia Department of Transportation, expressing opposition to the plan and highlighting the recent resolutions from the Great Falls Citizens Association as well as the McLean Citizens Association, opposing the dual lane turn proposal. You can view both letters on Delegate Comstock's website at <http://www.delegatecomstock.com>. Members of the Great Falls Citizens Association's Transportation Committee will also be attending to discuss the issue. Those unable to attend the meeting can call or contact Del. Comstock's office.

# Langley High Student Attends Summer Academy at NASA

Peter Nance, a student from Langley High School, spent a week of his summer planning a mission to Mars. Nance was one of 48 rising high school seniors from across the Commonwealth selected to take part in the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) academy. The academy was held June 26-July 2 at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., and was hosted by NASA Langley in a partnership with the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.



**Peter Nance**

Prior to the academy, the students completed a six-month interactive distance-learning program on aerospace exploration that prepared them for their intensive week at NASA Langley.

During the academy Nance built, programmed and tested robots, toured NASA labs and facilities, talked with NASA researchers, scientists and astronaut Dr. Roger Crouch, as well as gained solid workforce experience and college credit.

Nance worked on the "Mission Integration" team, which was responsible for managing other teams as they planned a mission to Mars. His role on the team was to determine the mission's technology readiness level.

He was responsible for the budget of the entire mission, and he said it was "tough trying to make everyone happy."

Nance said his preference on whether to work individually or in a group depends on the situation.

"Being in a group is a good thing because you don't have to do everything yourself," Nance said. "Sometimes I like working alone because then I don't have anyone telling me what to do."

"I applied for the Virginia Scholars program because I wanted to learn about aerospace engineering, perhaps the most interesting field of science," Nance said.

In the future Nance plans to become a mathematician or an engineer.

For more information about VASTS or for an application, visit: <http://www.vasts.spacegrant.org>

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to bring our diverse community together to explore what our students need to succeed in school and beyond. This will be a wonderful opportunity to have meaningful conversations about our education system among parents, civic leaders, business leaders, college leaders, and more.

We encourage all our parents to stay updated and involved in issues that impact their students. And the School Board promises to continue to stay engaged with them.

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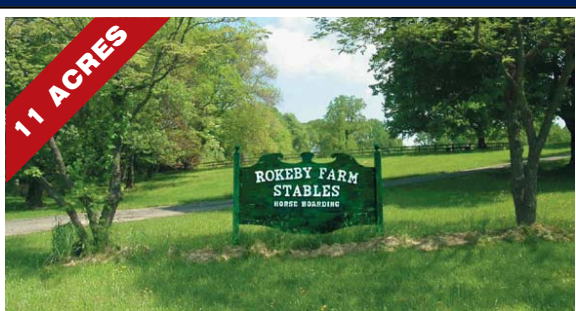


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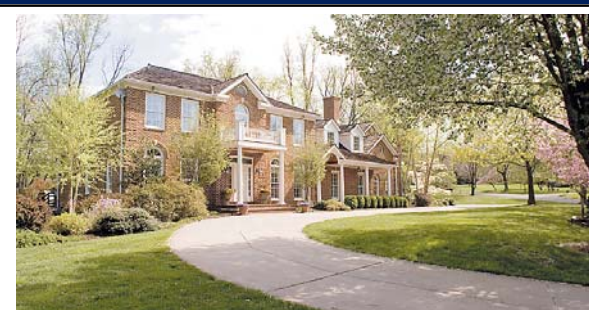
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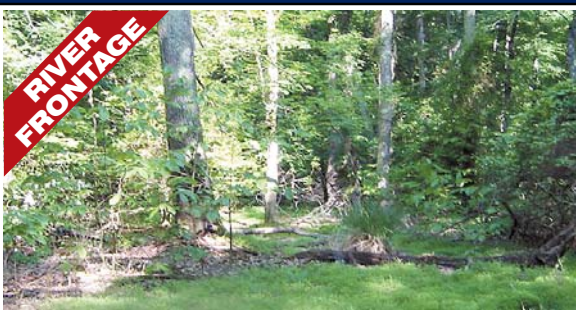
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