

# Cougars No. 1 in The State

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Oakton's Alex Revel, wearing jersey No. 1, appropriately enough, makes her move with the ball during the Cougars' Virginia State girls' lacrosse championship game win over Langley last Saturday evening at Westfield High School. Oakton had lost in the 2011 state finals but was not to be denied this time, defeating the Saxons, 12-7. Revel netted two goals in the program's first-ever state title win.

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From left, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, county Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn, Barbara Byron, director of the county's Office of Community Revitalization and Re-investment office, Tim Steinhilber project manager for the 495 Express Lanes project and Marcia McAllister, communications manager for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project speak at a panel on the future of Tysons Corner Friday, June 8.



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

## Planning for Tysons Future

Officials provide update on Tysons redevelopment, 495 Express lanes, Metro Silver Line.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**his month marks two years since the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Tysons Corner. The plan is aimed at making Tysons into an urban center, which Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova says will bring in 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs by 2050.

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce hosted a panel discussion with officials from the various projects that will shape the future of Tysons Corner at the Capital One Headquarters Friday, June 8.

"When the board adopted the plan, there were some people who speculated one how many people might want to redevelop their property and people thought maybe five," said Barbara Byron, director of the county's Office of Community Revitalization and Re-investment. "But we have 17 in right now, requesting more than 44 million square feet of new development, basically twice what we have going on today."

Byron said there are also several by right projects that are currently under construction, including the new first high rise development located behind The Container Store, as well as a Wal Mart and health club in western Tysons Corner on Leesburg Pike between Ashgrove Lane and Westwood Center Drive.

**OF THE 17 MAJOR REZONINGS** submitted to the county under new comp plan, Bulova said six will be voted on before the end of the year. Walter Alcorn of the Fairfax County Planning Commission said that the two major issues that arose during the development of the Tysons plan were phasing and financing. He said the financing discussions brought to light a lot of information about which sector would be paying for various costs.

"We concluded the grid of streets really should be primarily a private sector responsibility, so as new development comes on, the grid of streets will be built in that development. Those streets will probably be important for that development to work, so we thought that was reasonable," he said. "Transit

has traditionally been a public sector responsibility, and we agreed initially it still should be, for financing purposes, but perhaps over time it will become a private sector responsibility as new types of moving people around come about, maybe as a business opportunity."

Alcorn also said that he believed that most improvements inside Tysons will be funded by the private sector, for those outside, like Route 7 beyond the Dulles Toll Road, would be primarily funded by the public sector.

The four Tysons Corner Metrorail stations are an integral part of the new Tysons, aimed at getting people out of their cars and opening Tysons up to the rest of the area when it comes to mass transportation.

"This rail line ties us in with the existing 106 mile Metro system. It gives people who live on the Red Line, in Laurel and Ballston immediate access to Tysons, McLean, the Dulles Corridor," said Marcia McAllister, communications manager for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. "We hope you'll be able to take a train from Ashburn, we hope, or Route 28 Herndon and Reston all the way to Stadium-Armory without transferring."

Construction on Phase One is now 73 percent complete and is expected to be done by Summer 2013, with service starting in late 2013.

**ANOTHER PROJECT** that will be a major part of Tysons Corner are the 495 Express Lanes, two variable-priced toll lanes in the middle of the Beltway going both directions. There will be a sign at each entrance displaying the price to enter. Though the price can change as quickly as every six minutes, drivers who enter at a certain time are locked into that price.

"There will be a continuous change based on real-time traffic data, a fully open road toll, no tollbooths no slowing down, no cattle chutes, it's full highway speed," said Tim Steinhilber, general manager of the project. "It will be separated from the general lanes by a four-foot painted buffer of plastic bollards, which are flexible, primarily to allow first responders to get to places quickly, they can roll right over the bollards and they'll pop back up."

The lanes will be HOV-3, which means vehicles with more than three people will not pay a toll. Vehicles using the 495 Express Lanes will be required to have a new EZ Pass Flex transponder: If drivers want to drive as HOV, they will trigger a switch on the pass to say there are three people in the car, and a toll will not be charged.



Interns Corey Haynes and Rachel Enghauser working front office of Alternative House.



Judith Dittman in front of the Alternative House.

PHOTOS BY KATHERINE HEATH

## Four Decades of Helping Teens

Alternative House helps youth with no place to call home.

BY KATHERINE HEATH  
THE CONNECTION

**D**riving up to the Alternative House, there is already a sense of welcome: as you enter, the walls are decorated with posters made by teens depicting their dreams and hopes for the future, like going to college, having a family, or finding the perfect job, the hopes and dreams that the house strives to help them achieve.

This month marks the 40th anniversary for the Alternative House and in the past 40 years the house has grown and changed.

The Alternative House started in May of 1972 by a group of churches in McLean as a shelter for runaway teenagers. The churches found that the teens running away were trying to find themselves, so they began by putting the teens up in parish halls and volunteers' homes. The churches found that need was much more than they could handle so they decided they were in need of a nonprofit organization which led to the Alternative House.

Judith Dittman, the Executive Director of Alternative House, said, "Kids aren't running away to find themselves anymore, most of the young people that we see at the shelter have run away from home situations that have become unbearable for them. Sometimes they are actually homeless, we have had an increasing number of young people that have become homeless with a single parent."

**THE ALTERNATIVE HOUSE**

offers help to teenagers that no longer have a place to call home as well as teens whose parents no longer have custody over them or have passed. The normal length of stay is three weeks or sometimes less, but they never release a child unless it's in a safe and stable situation. There are so many teens in this situation that the Alternative House is almost always at full capacity.

Dittman says, "We always try to reunite them with family members; if that's not possible we try to find a safe alternative living arrangement."

The Alternative House works closely with the Fairfax county public schools, which is how they started their newest program, the Homeless Youth Initiative. Schools were noticing an increasing number of teenagers that were still in high school but were homeless and lacked any support from a parent or guardian.

Dittman says, "We had one girl that was living with an aunt, the day the girl turned 18 her aunt brought all her stuff down to school and left it with the school counselor saying that the girl was no longer welcome in her home. The girl came to our emergency shelter for a few nights and we were able to help with a rent subsidy and that girl went on to graduate high school and now attends a four year college."

The Alternative House tends to help 60 to 65 teenagers a year in that similar situation. They help in a variety of ways; they can put four young women in a house in Vienna, they have

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# FATHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY



**May 18, 2012- Walk & Bike to school challenge (Vienna Elementary). Alex, 8, Angelo, 7, Anise, 10, and Mike Jreige (daddy) from NE Vienna.**



**Alex Rudin and dad Andrew Rudin on vacation in Nova Scotia, Canada.**



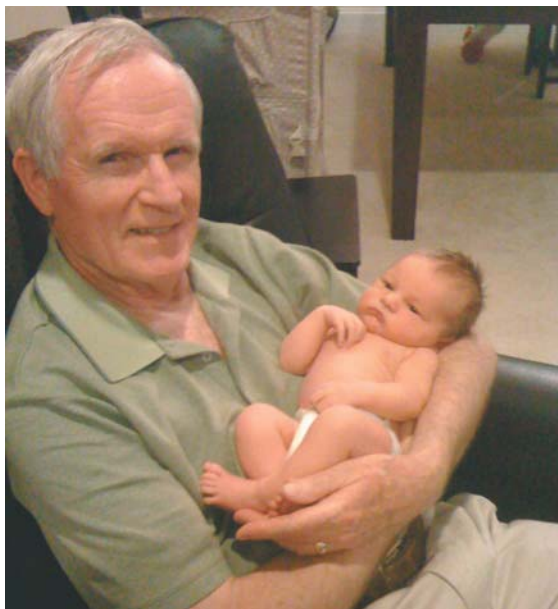
**Dad Brian Butler with Nate Butler, 2, and Emmy Butler, 5. Photo taken in Baltimore's Inner Harbor during spring break 2012. "Enjoying a sweet treat while visiting dad at work in Baltimore during spring break," writes Michelle Butler of Vienna.**



**"Daddy trying to sleep, but we four kids are all wide awake," writes Harry (nearly 8) with Luke, 5, Tommy, 3, and Lissy, 5 months, of Vienna.**



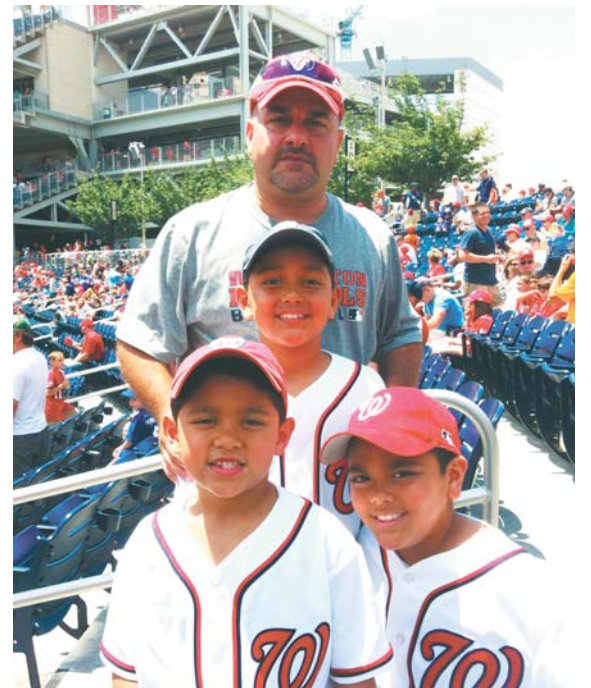
**Sydney Guthrie, now 6-years-old, and her father, Kevin Guthrie, flying a kite together in Anacortes, Wash., in August 2011.**



**Owen James Hill, 3 days old in his papa's arms. Papa is Dan Hill of Vienna. Taken on May 20.**



**"My husband, Joe Cimino with our two children Tony Cimino, 6, and Carrie Cimino, 2. The picture was taken after our Easter dinner (April 2012) at the grandparent's house in Chantilly. It was such a beautiful evening that we decided to head out and enjoy the spring weather," writes Andrea of Vienna.**



**June 3, 2012- Little League Baseball Day at Nationals Park. Mike Jreige (daddy), Alex (8), Angelo (7) and Anise (10). A perfect day for a baseball game with Daddy!**



**"Here is a photo of my son, Adam Cummins, and his son, Dashiell, taken on Dec. 24, 2011 in Toronto, Canada. Dash had just turned 6. Adam is helping Dash 'get the hang of it' in this playground. Our whole family was together for Christmas in Toronto. During the rest of the year, we live in Northern Virginia," writes Kathy Snyder.**



**This photo was taken on Captiva Island during spring break 2012. Pictured is dad - John Perez - with (left to right) Avery, Lexie and Luke Perez.**



## Helping Teens Find New Homes

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rental subsidies throughout Fairfax County, and post homes where people agree to have the teenagers stay with them.

Dittman said, "We help them with making a budget, time management, help with schoolwork and finding a job or making resumes. We help with all the things that they may need to be successful and independent. They are allowed to stay in the program until they graduate, we have seven graduating this year and all planning on going on to higher education."

This program is breaking the cycle of teenagers on the track of becoming homeless. In mostly a year's time, the Alternative House is setting them up to achieve higher education and find fulltime jobs.

For the past ten years the Alternative House has been succeeding in another program, Assisting Young Mothers. AYM is a long-term program that provides training and counseling to pregnant or teenage mothers that are homeless.

Dittman says, "There is no greater predictor of lifelong poverty, than to be a teenage mom. Daughters of teenage moms are more likely to become teenage moms themselves and the sons are more likely to be involved with the justice system."

The AYM helps the teenage mothers to free themselves from the chaos and domestic violence to a more structured environment. They must attend class every evening and meetings with staff every week to check on their progress. One of the main things is they must save half of their income to put towards a future home or to pay off their debts.

After being in AYM for 18 months, the young women can go in to AYM 2 which is a similar program that helps them pay for rent and get their feet solidly on the ground.

**THE FINAL PROGRAM** that the Alternative House offers is their Community-Based Youth Services, which operate predominantly in Culmore and Annandale. It offers teenagers as well as younger children from 4th-6th grade a safe place to go after school with friends as well as help with homework.

Dittman said, "Areas in which these programs are located have some of the highest crime rates in Fairfax, we are trying to prevent kids from getting recruited into neighborhood gangs. We also are

trying to prevent them from becoming sexually active too young and becoming a pregnant teenager going into our Assisting Young Mothers program."

The Alternative House also has helped over 30,000 children with their Street Outreach program simply by providing food, clothing, and counseling to children in need.

Dittman has been with Alternative House for 17 years and the

executive director for 15. She describes her job as an opportunity to make a difference in individuals' lives as well as a community as a whole.

For more information on the Alternative House go to <http://www.thealternativehouse.org/index.htm> or call their hotline 1-800-SAYTEEN which is open 24/7 and will be answered by a counselor or trained volunteer.

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# OPINION

## Partnerships That Make a Difference

Strategic partnerships with businesses, community organizations, benefit public good and fill gaps since government cannot do it all.

A few weeks ago, the Connection was lucky enough to be included in a group of Fairfax County organizations honored for their efforts in giving back to the community.

Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Public Schools recognized their business and community partners for their continued contributions to the community at the Celebrate Partnerships awards ceremonies on May 21 at the Mason Inn. More than 55 businesses and community groups were nominated for these annual awards which focus on individuals and groups who partner with the County and FCPS to give back to the community.

The mission: "The Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) develops partnerships between the business community and local community organizations that address critical

needs in Fairfax County. ... to stimulate positive change in the community and encourage civic involvement and responsibility. One of the goals of OP3 is to bring together resources between the public and private sectors to effectively transform the quality of life in the community."

Those efforts in the county and in the schools were on display at the awards. It was remarkable to hear about how partnerships between organizations, schools, businesses led to thousands of hours of volunteer work and millions of dollars raised. The benefits are tangible, significant and a part of what makes Fairfax County a leader in many areas.

The Connection award was based significantly on our special edition on homelessness in Fairfax County, but also cited the Connection's dedication to covering the com-

munities we serve.

This year Anthony Griffin was given a special award for his work with partnerships. Other business honorees include MV Transportation, Helios HR, Nadar por Vida, Great Falls Friends and Neighbors, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and Doug Brammer of Verizon.

The event was attended by more than 380 people who heard from Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova; Fairfax County Schools Chair Janie Strauss; Jorge Haddock, Dean of the School of Management, George Mason University; Fairfax County Executive Ed Long, and Superintendent of Schools Jack D. Dale.

To find out more, visit <http://www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org>

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### Partnering with Communities

The Connection was nominated by Dean Klein, Executive Director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, and the award springs from the Nov. 13 special edition coverage about the complex challenges of the homeless in Fairfax. Coverage of the issues included a "moving array of impactful photos and informative articles" that conveyed the scope of the challenges faced by those who are homeless in our community and the collaborative work of Partnership to End Homelessness. The award also cited other examples of the Connection's community partnership including "weekly highlights of neighborhood school activities and events, Thanksgiving story called 'Season of Giving' that featured 12 gifts that give back to the community, and extensive coverage of the Stuff the Bus Food campaign."

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# Home Life Style

## Trends in Landscape Design

Local tastemakers offer suggestions for making the most of backyard space.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
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**W**hether creating a tapestry of bold colors, a sanctuary to escape stress or simply a low maintenance landscape, local designers say taking a backyard from dull to dazzling is easier than one might think, and offer insight into hottest landscape elements as well as trends in sustainable design.

"The biggest overall trend is that people are cocooning — that is, people are staying at home and creating multi-use spaces," said landscape architect Mark White, owner of Garden Wise in Arlington. "They want to be able to cook outdoors and have a dining area. They might want a water feature. They are creating a place for a mini-vacation in their backyard."



**Landscape designers say yards that incorporate both edible and decorative plants are popular. Herbs and patio vegetables are ideal for small outdoor areas.**

**WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE.** From custom waterfalls to simple, self-contained systems in an urn, fountains and ornamen-

tal water features are surging in popularity as homeowners strive to create a tranquil oasis in their backyards.

"Given the state of the economy and the



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**Landscape architect Mark White uses ornamental water features to create a soothing space in the backyard of this Arlington home.**

fact that people are leading hectic lives, many are wanting calm spaces in their backyards," said White. "They are using water elements to create soothing sounds."

**LET IT RAIN.** Rain gardens are popular as eco-minded homeowners look for ways to decrease water pollution. Rain gardens allow rainwater runoff from surfaces like roofs, driveways and walkways to be ab-

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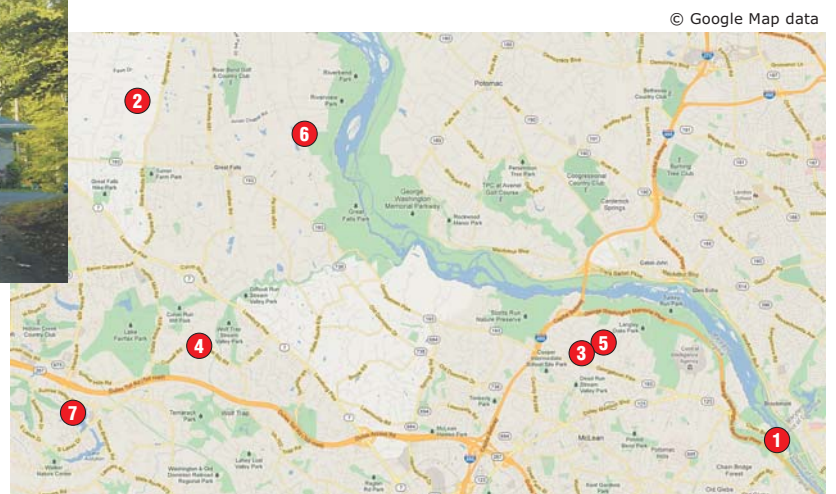
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## Backyard Tips from Local Tastemakers

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sorbed into the ground instead of storm drains.

Landscapers at George Mason University in Fairfax, created rain gardens across campus using water-loving, native plants. The gardens help alleviate storm-water runoff and pollution.

"Also, rain gardens help to eliminate standing pools of water that might otherwise have been the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes," said Archie Nesbitt, landscape supervisor at George Mason.

**HARVESTING RAINWATER.** "Many people are now collecting rainwater in rain barrels and using it to water their plants," White said. "You can connect a hose to the barrel and use it to water your garden."

**HOW DOES ONE'S GARDEN GROW?** Landscapes that incorporate both edible and decorative plants are popular now and serve dual purposes: providing both food and beauty. "There has been a huge interest in vegetable gardens, container gardens and fruit gardens, especially dwarf fruit trees, tomatoes, peppers and herbs," said Sherrye Schenk of Potomac Garden Center in North Potomac.

**MAKING ROOM.** Designers can make accommodations when space is scarce.

"Because many of the yards in this area are small, people don't have the space to dedicate to a larger

garden, so we're putting plants in containers and growing what is known as 'patio vegetables,' which don't get as large," said White. "For example, there are certain varieties of tomatoes and eggplants that are suitable for a smaller space."

**KEEPING BAMBI AT BAY.** Homeowners who live in areas where deer abound also search for plants that don't attract these four-legged friends.

"Anything that is deer resistant is popular now," said Alex Dencker of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac. "Nandina and cherry laurel are deer resistant. 'Green giant arborvitae' works if you're looking for screen plants to create privacy. They grow tall very quickly."

**GOING NATIVE.** Designers say indigenous plants often grow beautifully with little maintenance and no fertilizer. "Whenever possible, allow things to be what they want to be ... the more a planted area can be self-sustaining [and] not require upkeep, the better," said Nesbitt.

Drought tolerance is another bonus that makes native plants favorites among homeowners and landscape designers. "Purple cone flower are popular, as are creeping phlox which blooms early, provides great ground cover and requires little maintenance," said Dencker. "Black-eyed Susans and redbud trees are also native plants that have colorful buds. There are so many birds and other critters that need our native plants to survive. That is another reason why our native plants are so important."

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# Staving Off Mosquitoes

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Nothing spoils a backyard barbecue like a swarm of blood thirsty mosquitoes. How does one keep bugs at bay without harsh chemicals? Local experts offer tips.

**FANS.** Landscape architect Mark White of Garden Wise in Arlington, says installing a ceiling fan on a covered patio is an effective method. "They create enough air current to keep mosquitoes from lighting on top of your skin," he said.

**ALL-NATURAL SPRAYS.** Alex Dencker of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac, says oil-based sprays help keep the mosquito population under control. "Oil-based sprays like cedar oil and clover oil keep

critters off without using nasty chemicals," he said. "Most of these repellants come in sprays or granules."

**LEMON.** White recommends a lemon-scented plant called lemon bomb as a barrier for repelling mosquitoes. "Lemon scented plants do a bang-up job of keeping mosquitoes [away]," he said. "They provide a scent all over your garden and mosquitoes don't like it. I have it planted all over my yard and on Memorial Day we had no mosquitoes,

which is unheard of in Northern Virginia." He added that citronella geranium plants are also effective mosquito repellants.

**INSECTS AS WEAPONS.** Sherrye Schenk of Potomac Garden Center in North Potomac, says that preying insects can keep mosquitoes and other pests under control. "Praying mantis and lady bugs work well."

## Chemical-free methods for controlling backyard pests.

## Herndon to Recognize Yard of the Month

Springtime's rejuvenating spirit is in the air – and the Town of Herndon's Yard of the Month award season is officially under way.

Yard of the Month is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of town residents whose yards contribute to the beautification of the town and its neighborhoods. Citizens may nominate their own or their neighbors' yards for the award. Winners receive gift certificates from Meadows Farms and are recognized by the Mayor and Town Council at public meetings.

Nominations are due June 15 for the July award and September 15 for the October award.

Judges for the Yard of the Month Awards program are members of the Town of Herndon's Cultivating Community committee, a group of citizen volunteers formed to encourage beautification and to enrich the quality of life in the town's neighborhoods.

Nomination forms for the Yard of the Month Awards are available on the Cultivating Community page of the town's Web site, [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov); see the link off of the homepage at "featured this month." Forms are also available at the at the Herndon Municipal Center and the Herndon Community Center. For more information, call 703/435-6800 X2084 or email [information@herndon-va.gov](mailto:information@herndon-va.gov).

## Town Of Herndon Advises On Proper Lawn Care

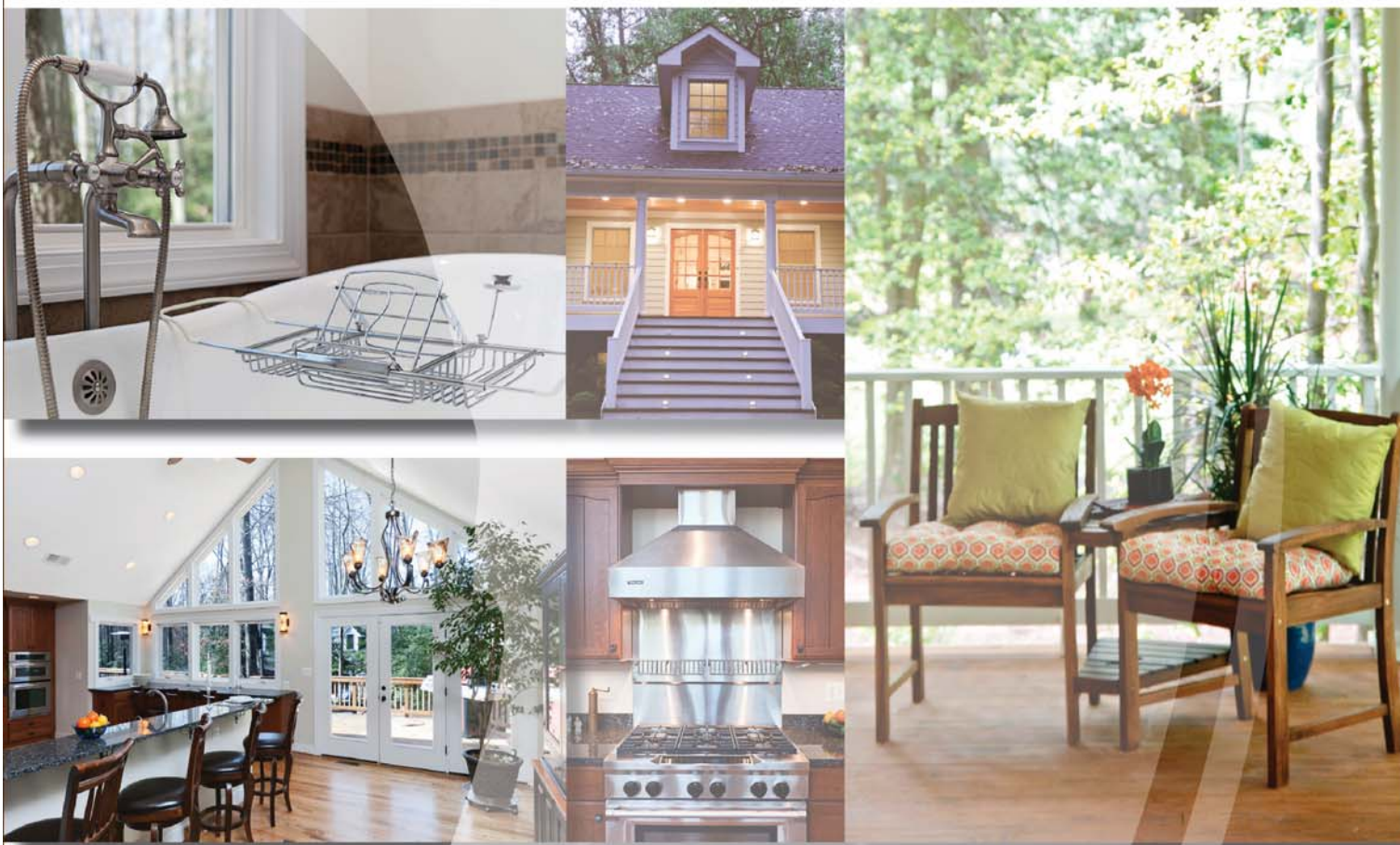
The Town of Herndon's Department of Public Works advises homeowners who fertilize their lawns to wait until fall, the best time to fertilize, when the roots that will sustain the plants through the following summer are actively growing. Spring fertilization should be limited to a light feeding after the initial flush of growth has subsided in May or early June.

"Lime, on the other hand, should be applied in early spring if soil tests show it is necessary," said Bob Boxer, director of Public Works. "Most lawn grasses grow best at a soil pH between six and seven. A soil test report will provide recommendations on how much lime to apply as well as how much fertilizer to apply in the fall. Too much fertilizer, or spillage on sidewalks and driveways, can cause stream pollution."

Soil testing kits may be obtained from all Fairfax County public libraries or from the Virginia Cooperative Extension office in the Government Center (Pennino building, 10th Floor). There is a small fee for the soil analyses.



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# This Time, It's Cougars All the Way

**Oakton girls lacrosse, in return trip to state finals, finishes deal.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** year after losing in the state title game, the Oakton High girls' lacrosse team took the next step and won this year's state crown when the Cougars defeated Langley High, 12-7, in the finals game played last Saturday evening, June 9 at Westfield High School.

It marked the first state championship triumph in the history of the Oakton girls' lacrosse program and came one year after the Cougars had reached the state title game before losing to Vienna cross-town rival Madison.

This time, however, Oakton prevailed, against a Langley squad which was making its first-ever state finals appearance. In the championship game match-up between the two Northern Region teams, the Cougars, who finished the season with an overall record of 18-2, jumped in front 3-0 and never relinquished the lead thereafter.

"Last year we were denied pretty badly, losing by eight or nine," said Oakton head coach Jean Counts, recalling the 2011 state finals loss to Madison.

Now, Oakton has the taste of being on the winning side of the state finals game.

"We worked so hard for this - 70 practices, we count them," said Oakton senior goalie Emily George, with a huge smile, in the moments following the Cougars' victory. "It feels amazing. We didn't get it last year so we worked hard to get it this year. This is what we've been working for."

Counts, in the championship affair with the Saxons, saw her team play a solid, overall strong game in which the Cougars' played suffocating defense while, on the offensive end, running when they could and displaying good passing, ball movement, and patience. Oakton dominated in time of possession throughout the game. Six different Oakton players score goals, with sophomore midfielder Jackie Rupp, celebrating her birthday, leading the way with four of those scores. George, in the net, played a typically solid game with her Cougars' teammates in front of her doing a thorough job of keeping the Saxons at bay.

"I felt great - like my defense had my back," said George, of her play and mindset during the championship game.

**OVER THE GAME'S** first eight-plus minutes, Oakton gained the early momentum with three goals, the first two coming from Rupp. Her close range score of a drive from the left side opened the game's scoring with 22 minutes, 23 seconds showing on the clock. A few minutes later, Rupp, on another Oakton possession, gained open space with



**Oakton Cougars players, including senior attack Carly Palmucci (18), hold up the state championship trophy during postgame festivities. Palmucci had two goals and two assists in the victory.**

a nice move before moving to her right and scoring on a sizzling bouncer shot from 10 yards out at 19:21 to make it 2-0.

"Jackie is our coast to coast girl and plays full tilt the entire game," said Counts, with a smile. "She's really done a great job for us."

The Oakton lead went to 3-0 on a line drive shot from 10 yards off the right wing by senior midfielder Alex Revel (2 goals in the win).

Langley gained momentum over the next three minutes with scores from Kelly Martins and Olivia Sisson, the latter goal coming off a fastbreak to get the Saxons within 3-2 with 13:28 remaining in the first half.

Following a timeout, Oakton came out firing but saw two outstanding close range scoring chances turned away on nice stops from Langley goalie Erin Long. However, the Cougars broke through several minutes later when sophomore attack Tori Anderson, after taking the ball down the left side of the field, made a nifty turn-around move to create space from a defender before flinging a liner in from 18 yards out to five Oakton a 4-2 lead with 7:45 left.

George, the Oakton goalie, came up with one of the game's key plays a minute later when she blocked a penalty shot on goal by Saxon Margo Swomley. That led to Cougars' possession of the ball and an ensuing Oakton score moments later when senior Claire Stikeleather (2 goals), moving left to right with the ball across the Langley goal

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**— Oakton senior goalie Emily George**

give Langley a 5-2 advantage.

Both teams would score again before the end of the half, the final score coming from Rupp with 3:42 left to make it 6-3 Oakton. The Cougars, following Rupp's score, gained possession again on the face-off and worked three minutes off the clock. Langley, following a Cougar turnover, did make a good scoring try in the final seconds of the half but George stopped a Kelly Martins close range scoring attempt off the left side in the final seconds.

**OAKTON** scored three of the second half's first four goals, conversions from Rupp, Revel, and Stikeleather, to surge ahead 9-4. Stikeleather's score came off a penalty shot around the top of the circle with 18:12 left.

Langley showed its resiliency with a couple of scores over the following minute to get within 9-6. The Saxons looked as if



**Oakton's Alex Revel, wearing jersey No. 1, appropriately enough, makes her move with the ball during the Cougars' Virginia State girls' lacrosse championship game win over Langley last Saturday evening at Westfield High School. Oakton had lost in the 2011 state finals but was not to be denied this time, defeating the Saxons, 12-7. Revel netted two goals in the program's first-ever state title win.**

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



**Jean Counts (wearing hat), the Oakton High girls' lacrosse coach, said her team's state playoff experience from a year ago was a huge factor in the Cougars' capturing the crown this season.**

area, roped a hard overhand shot in from 12 yards out to

they might score again off a fastbreak a few minutes later, but goalie George made a nice save to prevent a score and keep Oakton ahead by three.

The Cougars, over the following seven minutes, effectively put the game away with three goals, two coming from senior attack Carly Palmucci. Also scoring during the key stretch was senior attack Allison Turk, who scored from six yards out off a Palmucci pass from behind the net.

Langley, down 12-6, scored with five seconds remaining for the game's final goal.

"We were very patent on offense," said Counts, who added that slowing the pace down is not necessarily her team's style. "We spread it out and were careful about taking good shots."

Langley, which qualified for states last year for the first time, was making its first appearance in the finals.

"Oakton is a great team and we knew that," said Langley's Kelly Martins, a senior midfielder and a Saxon team captain. "We competed and gave it our all."



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**A Night for Americans: The Pietasters and Sunny Ledford.** 8:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.janminjava.com](http://www.janminjava.com).

**"Flora the Red Menace."** 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. A musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, set in the Great Depression. \$15-\$30. [www.1ststage Tyson's.org](http://www.1ststage Tyson's.org).

**Riverdance.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Final performances. [www.riverdance.com](http://www.riverdance.com) or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

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## SATURDAY/JUNE 16

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**Benefit Concert for SHARE.** 4-5:30 p.m. at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Dr., McLean. Donate food and hygiene/household supplies, grocery cards, and funds at the concert. Family friendly vocal and instrumental groups from local organizations and Charles Wesley will perform.

**For Mercy Reunion: Benefit Concert for One Voice** at 7 p.m.; **Defakto, Actual Proof and DJ Mercury** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna.

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**Vienna Idol winner Ethan Schaefer, center, with his \$500 award check, is flanked by first place runner-up Christine Foerster and second place runner-up Alex Callsen. With the super-finalists is Vienna Idol founder Michael Amouri. Vienna Idol raised \$5,000 on behalf of the Khristin Kylo Memorial Fund.**



PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

# Music for Khristin

## Vienna Idol, Kylopalooza benefit Khristin Kylo Memorial Fund.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

For two weather-perfect weekend evenings, the Vienna Town Green thundered in music, from soloists to bands, pop to folk, all in the memory of Vienna student Khristin Kylo.

The Vienna Idol "finals" kicked off the musical extravaganza on Friday, June 8. The Green was a blanket of humanity, with families, teens, seniors and newborns wedging themselves in. Mayor M. Jane Seeman, on the panel of judges, looked out over the enormous crowd and commented, "this is what we had in mind when we thought of the Town Green."

Vienna Idol, patterned after the television program American Idol, was founded by Caffé Amouri owner Michael Amouri to benefit the Khristin Kylo Memorial Fund. Khristin Kylo died on the last day of her first semester finals at Princeton University in December 2010. She was a James Madison High School graduate who Amouri coached in basketball there.

Seven finalists, accompanied by guitar or keyboard, vied for dollar votes.

**THE WINNER** of the debut Vienna Idol, 14-year-old Ethan Schaefer, not only had his own fan club cheering him on, but attracted swooning young women, as well. Some held signs, pledging their devotion, from "Ethan, I love you" to "Ethan, will you marry me?"

Schaefer, a singer, guitarist and songwriter, is a rising sophomore at George C. Marshall High School.

Christine Foerster, first place runner-up, is a Marshall High School senior going on to Florida State University in the fall. Second place runner-up Alex Callsen is a college student.

Rounding out the first-round finalists were folk artists Diane Rosenthal and David Egelhofer, Madison High School seniors Kristen Inglese and Zoey Jeong and Vienna singer, songwriter and keyboardist Polly Lohrmann, and singer, songwriter and guitarist Maya Renfro.

An unofficial tally by Amouri puts the amount the spring-long fundraiser raised at \$5,000, enough to fund a Khristin Kylo "Dream Big" scholarship. The lawn votes alone raised \$3,200. Along



**Khristin Kylo Memorial Fund founders Tom and Julie Kylo with the 2012 "Dream Big" scholarship recipient Kathy Longmire, James Madison High School senior.**

with the jug in Caffé Amouri and personal and corporate contributions, the sum rose to \$5,000. Net proceeds benefit the Khristin Kylo Memorial Fund, its scholarships and donations to Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy [SUDEP].

"I'm so pleased to see so many young people participating," said Frances Brown, a Vienna resident since 1966, who comes to all the Town Green concerts. "It takes a lot of courage to get up there onstage in front of so many people."

Purple Kylopalooza tee shirts swept over the lawn on Saturday night when Kylopalooza took over the Town Green. Kylopalooza is the primary fundraising vehicle for the Khristin Kylo Memorial Fund. Net proceeds fund the Kylo's "Dream Big" scholarship, awarded to a James Madison High School senior in-need who has overcome challenges and setbacks in her life. Khristin's parents, Tom and Julie Kylo, founders of the fund, are donating 10 percent of the net to SUDEP awareness.

**LOCAL BANDS** donated their time and talent. Kylopalooza raises money from the sale of tee shirts and accepts contributions.

Jim Baker, whose wife Elaine Chon-Baker was manning a ticket-vote jar, said the couple likes supporting good causes. "After seeing and hearing the talent at Vienna Idol, we wanted to see the full line-up," said Baker.

The 2012 "Dream Big" recipient, Kathy Longmire, plans on attending the College of Charleston this fall. She is also Vienna's first recipient of the Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Foundation's scholarship program.



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

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**Antique Car Show.** 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. More than 400 antique and classic cars, automotive flea market, live music, food available for purchase and more. \$7-\$10. 703-437-1794.

**"Flora the Red Menace."** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. A musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, set in the Great Depression. \$15-\$30. www.1ststage Tyson's.org.

**Eric Lindell (at The Hamilton).** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.janmmminjava.com.

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**The Dusty 45s.** 6 p.m. Concerts on the Green, Great Falls Village Center, Great Falls. Rockabilly. Free. www.dusty45s.com.

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### MONDAY/JUNE 18

**Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance Golf Classic.** 11 a.m. Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. With former Washington Redskins player Charles Mann. Register at 703-356-5424 or www.mcleanchamber.org.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I last celebrated my father's day six years ago, in 2006. Six months later, in early December, he finally succumbed to that which had been ailing him: old age for sure, the effects of two strokes for certain and the realization that it was, as we like to say in our family: "Enough already." Pain and suffering is all it's anticipated to be, so when my father died in his sleep that early Saturday morning in late fall, 2006, it was a blessing; one occasionally in disguise, but one nonetheless. He wasn't ever getting better, he was already in hospice care, it was time. He was 87.

"Barnet, Barnet, Barnet," I would call out to my father in my best from-Boston accent when I would first enter the residence my parents maintained in Leisure World in Silver Spring.

"Yo! Yo! Yo!," my father would respond, specifically, as he had for as long as I could remember. (I don't think my generation uses the word/expression "Yo" to account for one's presence.) "Barnet," his adolescent given name; "Benet," on his birth certificate; "Barry" (later in life) to his friends, family and business associates; and "Beez," a nickname given to him by a fellow member of a knothole gang in the 1920s/30s (who said everybody had to have a nickname), to me; the name that I respectfully called him my entire life. My brother, Richard and I miss him very much, as we do our mother, Celia, who died nearly two years later, also in early December.

Our parents, and for the focus of this column, our father, was devoted to his children and family. We were very fortunate. Let me try to explain.

My father was the father who, for years, every morning, drove about a dozen Elementary School kids to school, crammed into his Oldsmobile. If I heard the word "laps," once, I heard it a thousand times, maybe literally. My father was the father always present at Little League games, sitting in the grandstand rooting for his son and his son's team (the Little League Red Sox as it happened to be) and behaving. Never once did he engage or enrage an umpire or another team's coach. He did, however, often come down behind the bench where I would be sitting between innings to offer fatherly advice – and encouragement about my pitching: "Don't drag your right leg." "Take a deep breath between pitches." And of course, the constant throughout my entire life: "Stop biting your nails!" My father was the father who played catch with his son – at every opportunity, and on weekends would drive me to the local Junior High School where he would stand me up against the baseball backstop and hit me grounders, fly balls and pop-ups – for practice. My father was the father who took his kids to baseball games at Fenway Park and basketball games at the old Boston Garden. The Red Sox games would usually be on Saturday afternoons (or Sundays, depending on the time of year) so as not to interfere with my mother's standing hair appointment at her Beauty Salon. The Celtics game was typically the first Sunday afternoon game of the season (my father owned a jewelry store in downtown Boston and other than July and August, only had Sundays off), usually against the Philadelphia 76ers, which meant Bill Russell against Wilt Chamberlain; it didn't get any better than that. My father was the father who, after driving his son (yours truly) to my driver's license driving test (which I passed the first time), had me drive him to the subway just so I could drive myself to school that very first day and have a car – without waiting one extra day, despite the obvious inconvenience to him and my mother (there was only one car in the family).

My father was the most positive, supportive, encouraging and enthusiastic person I knew. His influence on his children while he was alive is only surpassed by his continuing influence on us after his death. He lives on in our hearts and minds despite his absence, and so we honor him, especially on Father's day. He is gone, but certainly not forgotten. He was one-of-a-kind, and his two children were lucky he lived as long as he did.

Happy Father's Day, Beez. I'll see you at the cemetery on Sunday.

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



# Book Sale a Big Vienna Draw

**H**istoric Vienna, Inc.'s annual two-day mega-book sale covered all day June 9 and 10. Tents covered the rows and rows of genre-organized books, thousands and thousands of them. Under shade trees behind Freeman House, tables held a couple of dozen boxes of children's books, from classics to contemporary, fiction to non-fiction. Within minutes of opening, a mass of children and adults swarmed the children's area.

The experienced shoppers knew the technique: pull out anything appealing and go through what you've got once you've amassed a pile.

"It's not only the books and the variety of books, but it's the festive nature of it, too, that makes it fun," said Mary Ann Ondrey who has been going to the HVI book fair for about 15 years. She calls it "organized" and "orderly."

"The best thing is you can't beat the last-day sale," Ondrey said. "I tell my friends and they meet me here. It becomes an outing."

For many parents of young children, the mega-book sale is another jewel in the Vienna activity crown.



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**The children's books tables are under shade trees behind Freeman House where children can sit on the patio or the lawn looking through their books. Sometimes, parents sit reading with them.**

Alison French carried her 16-month-old daughter Sarah around as the two looked at children's books. Sarah spotted her favorite, Elmo, featured in a sing-along CD. French lives close to Church Street and they can walk down from their house. "We like to do anything that is fun for the family," French said. "We like supporting the community."

Three-year-old Lily Siddon partnered with her mom, Amanda, looking for books to take home. Lily wore her purple custom-made

Kyllopalooza tee-shirt, planning on stopping by the event on the Town Green late in the day. "We just came for a fun family activity in Vienna on a beautiful day," Amanda Siddon said.

"It's a community event," said Melissa Parham of Vienna. "We like to support the community, we belong to HVI. My husband is nuts about books. 'We get rid of some every year and come back to buy more every year.'"

— DONNA MANZ



**Melissa Parham, Vienna, calls the HVI book fair a community event.**



**Mary Ann Ondrey, Haymarket, formerly of Vienna, meets up with friends at the Historic Vienna book sale.**



**Alison French and her 16-month-old daughter Sarah enjoy the family-friendly Historic Vienna book sale on Saturday.**



**Amanda Siddon and 3-year-old Lily came to the book fair for a "fun family activity in Vienna on a beautiful day."**

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