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Pat Price of Oakton, whose great-grandmother taught at the Flint Hill Schoolhouse from 1851 through 1854, and **Providence District** Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth, look over the panel depicting the original schoolhouse.

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- Goldy Bears and the Three Locks. 7 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue McLean. Bears, babysitting and magic in this Blue Sky Puppet Theatre show. All ages.
- **Express Lanes Transportation** Event. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 1710 SAIC drive which is at the corner of Greensboro and Solutions Drive. The event will be fun for employees but also include an educational element to ensure employees know how to take advantage of new transportation options.
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#### FRIDAY/JULY 20

Cat Adoptions. 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Every Friday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

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- Week-long Chess Camp. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Learn from Silver Knights chess coaches: basic rules to advanced tournament strategies. All chess supplies provided. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.
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- Tiny Tot Time. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue McLean. Songs, rhymes and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.

#### **TUESDAY/JULY 24**

Creature Teacher. 2:30 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue McLean. Meet and learn about all kinds of animals. All ages.

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# News

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The County has been at odds with the EPA over management of the 52-square mile **Accotink Creek** watershed for years.



Photo courtesy of Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

# Fairfax County, VDOT File Suit Against EPA

"We object to costly

regulations that set

us up for failure and

not get the job done."

— Fairfax County Board

**Chairman Sharon Bulova** 

(D-At-large)

New EPA rules will impact homeowners, developers and could cost taxpayers nearly \$500 million.

> By Victoria Ross The Connection

airfax County and the state of Virginia filed a federal lawsuit Thursday, June 12, challenging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new storm water regulations for the Accotink watershed, claiming the agency's requirements are costly, onerous and vastly exceed its legal authority.

The complaint, filed jointly in U.S. District Court in Alexandria by Fairfax County and by Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli on behalf of the Vir-

ginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), seeks to halt what county officials deem a "massive expansion" of the EPA's regulatory power.

County officials claim the EPA's recent move – to control pollutants in the watershed by requiring the county to further regulate its storm water run off - goes beyond the agency's "legal authority" under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

"The EPA is way out of control," said Supervisor John Cook (R- Braddock). "We have the best storm water program around, and the EPA's (actions) go too far."

**THE BOARD'S DECISION** in a presidential election year to join forces with Virginia's conservative merous new storm water management structures. attorney general – an Obama foe and likely Republican gubernatorial candidate in 2013 - was "politically difficult," Cook said, and shows "just how egregious the EPA's actions are here."

Board Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) said the Democrat-controlled board believed putting aside partisan politics and joining the state in the legal action was necessary to strengthen the lawsuit against the EPA.

The County has been at odds with the EPA over management of the 52-square mile Accotink Creek watershed for years. Meeting in closed session during the board's regular meeting on Tuesday, June 10, supervisors decided to take legal action.

In 2011, according to the lawsuit, the EPA established a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Accotink Creek to improve the health of the creek's aquatic life. Rather than establish a TMDL for one of the pollutants, such as sediment, the EPA issued a TMDL for a surrogate, the flow of water.

"The EPA literally is treating water itself—the very substance the Clean Water Act was created to protect—as a pollutant," the complaint asserts.

According to the EPA, it has approved or established 3,691 TMDLs since 1995 for sediment - the pollutant actually at issue in Accotink Creek.

The Accotink TMDL is one of the first four so-called "flow TMDLs" established by EPA anywhere in the United States. EPA issued the other three flow TMDLs

> for waterways in Missouri. All have been challenged in federal court.

To comply with the new EPAmandated thresholds for water flow means Fairfax County and VDOT would have to find ways to further reduce storm water runoff, in some cases by as much as 50 percent.

Meeting these standards is unrealistic, Bulova said, and could cost Fairfax County taxpayers and

property owners hundreds of millions of dollars. VDOT officials estimate its cost to meet its share of the mandated flow reductions would be \$70 million or more. To comply with the EPA's mandates, VDOT officials said they would be forced to acquire significant amounts of private property to build nu-In addition, county officials said they would have to adopt costly and impractical new standards to reduce storm water runoff, and these measures could

ultimately cost the county \$500 million. County storm water officials said to achieve 50

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**County Park Authority preservation specialist Karen** Lindquist, HMDL historian Charles Balch, greatgranddaughter of first schoolhouse teacher Pat Price, HMDL historian Steve Hull, Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth, County Park Authority **Board Providence District Representative Ken Quincy,** and County Park Authority Director John Dargle, Jr. unveil interpretive panel markers at the Oakton Schoolhouse.

### Markers Dedicated at **Oakton Schoolhouse**

n 2007, a group of Oaktonarea community support ers, along with Chevy Chase Bank and the owners of Appalachian Outfitters, saved the historic Oakton schoolhouse from demolition. With funding from Chevy Chase, the building that once stood on the corner of Hunter Mill Road and Rt. 123 was moved to its current location on Hunter Mill Road, just a few hundred yards from where it originally stood.

Now a Fairfax County Park Authority preservation site, the Oakton Schoolhouse abuts a Fairfax County field. The building and field make up the Oakton Community Park.

On July 14, the park authority, in concert with the Hunter Mill Defense League [HMDL] who researched the history, dedicated two large interpretive marker panels at the site.

"The signs will be here forever and ever," said HMDL researcher Charles Balch, after commenting on the background work that went into the effort.

Providence District Representative of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board Ken Quincy, Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth and Hunter Mill Defense League historian Charles Balch remarked on the history and future of the Oakton Schoolhouse. The vision for the schoolhouse is to open it up to the community.

The HMDL researched and funded the panels. Quincy called Charles Balch and Steve Hull of the HMDL the "cornerstones of this effort."

Speakers recognized Pat Price of Oakton, great-granddaughter of the first teacher of Oakton's first schoolhouse, then called Flint HIll School, after the area that Oakton was then known as.

Mary Holland Bell [Snyder] became Flint Hill School's first teacher in 1851. At that time, it was not legal to teach blacks to read or write. Bell was, Balch said, "before her time." She defied the law to teach a young black boy who waited on the steps of the school every day.

Price lives not far from the schoolhouse where her greatgrandmother taught. Snyder is buried in Flint Hill Cemetery.

The marker panels describe the evolution of the three schools that were identified as Flint Hill and Oakton schools. The extant structure opened about 1873, serving as a schoolhouse until about 1913. As the building was outgrown, it served as a general store, eventually becoming Appalachian Outfitters. When the building was sold to Chevy Chase Bank, the bank agreed to pay for relocation and renovation.

Quincy announced that the schoolhouse is to be repainted in August. Supervisor Smyth, who championed the preservation, recalled the cold January day when the Oakton community came out to watch the move from its previous location to its new home. She credited the HMDL for its dedication to preserving the past and the tranquility of the Hunter Mill corridor. "Thank you for all you do to raise awareness and preserve the history," Smyth said.

— Donna Manz

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# Amanda Tiede of Vienna Named Woman of the Year

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society honors contributions to blood cancer research.

ommy Cleaver, CBRE executive, and Amanda Tiede, a Vice President at Cassidy Turley, were named the National Capital Area Chapter's 2012 Man & Woman of the Year at Saturday's Grand Finale Gala at The Ritz-Carlton in Washington, D.C. The 21st Anniversary campaign featured 18 candidates who collectively raised over \$1,144,000 - the most ever raised in the history of this campaign across all of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) chapters.

The 2012 Man of the Year, Tommy Cleaver, of Washington, D.C. was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) ten years ago while attending Middlebury College. Because of his body's tremendous response to Gleevec, a then-recently approved oral chemotherapy drug, he was able to lead a relatively normal life and keep his diagnosis close, telling only his family and dearest friends. He voluntarily revealed his experience during this campaign explaining, "I realize that I have been blessed with the opportunity to share my story. I want to do everything that I can to help provide that opportunity to others." Cleaver continued, "With the help of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), I have found the perfect way to do so."

Cleaver, a rising-star at CBRE, is now living proof of the difference that can be made through fundraising initiatives and research advancements in science and medicine. First runner-up Michael Effron, of Arlington, and second runner-up Gene Thomas, of Washington, D.C. were also celebrated for their selfless and immense efforts.

The 2012 Woman of the Year, Amanda Tiede, of Vienna, raised more than double her initial goal with the help of a committee of dedicated leaders and the region's high-powered CEOs. After accepting the nomination in honor of James Madison University classmate Patrick Kelly, who lost a seven-year battle with lymphoma brain cancer in January, Amanda rallied the support of her friends, family and the business community to create an enormous impact on blood cancer research.

"We came into this campaign with a challenging

goal," said Tiede. "Our campaign team was over-



**Tommy Cleaver and Amanda Tiede** 

whelmed by the support we received and what we were able to achieve. We never imagined we would reach these heights, and we could not have without the support of our influential networks."

Tiede also drew motivation from Isaac Duck and Sophia Becraft, the 2012 Boy & Girl of the Year, and used them as a constant reminder of those who count their blessings daily because of the progress that has come from fundraising and research. First runnerup Meghan Haven-Buske, of Bethesda, Md., and Erin Kirkpatrick, of Arlington, also raised remarkable funds for the mission of LLS: to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families



Vienna Idol finalist Alex Callsen played the second set to kick off Caffe Amouri's second birthday party.

### Vienna's Caffe Amouri **Celebrates 2nd Birthday**

and the coffeehouse threw a party for the community out front on July 14 to say "thanks" for its support. And the community returned the thanks with their presence.

From 11 a.m. on, throughout the day, coffeehouse Michael Amouri grilled hot dogs and gave them out free of charge. Ditto for the helium balloons, very popular with the younger set. The signature caffe Amouri was half-price. Pretty much everyone, of every age group, stopping by spent some

affe Amouri turned two time listening to the live music set up outside. TBS, one of Caffe Amouri's most popular bands, kicked off the music, followed by "Vienna Idol" finalist Alex Callsen. Later on in the day, Amouri pulled on a guitar and joined TBS for a jam.

> Every hour, the shop featured a new trivia question with the kind of prizes coffee lovers love.

Early evening, Amouri moved the party inside.

"We love being a part of this community," Michael Amouri said. – Donna Manz



Vienna band TBS kicked off the open house party in front of Caffe Amouri.

### Scholarship Promotes Knowledge of History, Government

Ith a seven minute speech about the importance of history and knowledge of government, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) presented the National Heritage Scholarship at Oakton High School in May to kick-off the school's annual award night.

The Scholarship awards \$5,000 each to seniors at three Northern Virginia schools (Chantilly, Oakton, and Westfield). The winners were: Josh Oswalt (Chantilly High), Hayley Anderson (Westfield High), Garrett Allen (Oakton High). Started by Chantilly resident, Rick Dansey and his son, Jake, the educational initiative is designed to reward excellence in U.S. History and Government. The Dansey Foundation's mission is to educate and encourage the next generation to un-

derstand both the operation of government and the history of that government.

Examples from the award winners' resumes include being an intern for a Virginia state senator, supporting a campaign for a Virginia state delegate, being a Boy's State attendee, and serving as Secretary-General of a Model United Nation's team, along with multiple history and leadership awards. More information on these students can be found at www.t2fund.org.

The scholarship will continue at Chantilly, Oakton, and Westfield High Schools with the intent of eventually expanding its impact throughout the area.

Contact Rick Dansey, rick@t2fund.org, if you are interested in getting your high school involved the program.



Award winner, Garrett Allen - of Oakton High - with Rick Dansey (left) and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf.

### School Notes

Send school notes to vienna@ connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Seventeen Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) graduates from the class of 2012 have been named winners of collegesponsored scholarships by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Recipients of college-sponsored scholarships from the NMSC, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

Meron Belayneh of Edison High School (mathematics), National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship.

David Kim of Lake Braddock Secondary School (undecided),

Carolina Scholarship. Nathaniel Banks of Robinson Secondary School (music), National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship. Matthew Ferrell of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (computer science), National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship.

Erika Fitzpatrick of TJHSST (undecided), National Merit Carleton College Scholarship.

Mingming Hu of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Georgia Institute of Technology Scholarship.

◆Jerry Li of TJHSST (engineering), National Merit Washington University in St. Louis Scholarship.





# OPINION Leaving Millions on the Table

### Virginia should embrace opportunity for more health care coverage for poor residents.

hances are that if you are reading this, you have employer-provided health insurance. While you might worry about the young adults in your family or the lower wage workers in your organization, you also know that if you are sick, you can go to the doctor.

Incredibly, 144,873 residents of Fairfax County have no health insurance. That's more than 13 percent of the slightly more than 1 million people who live in the wealthiest county in the nation. Household income in Fairfax County averages more than \$122,000 a year.

Under the health care reform act, many of Virginia's uninsured residents could be covered by an expansion of Medicaid that would be paid for almost entirely by federal funds. But while the reform act itself was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, the court also opened a door for states to opt out of the expansion of Medicaid.

From a practical perspective, declining federal money to provide healthcare to uninsured Virginians makes no more sense than declining federal funds for transportation because you don't like the feds telling you to wear your seatbelt.

But Gov. Bob McDonnell says expanding Medicaid is a terrible idea.

The state's refusal to be included in the program would deny health insurance coverage to a quarter-million Virginians, said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly and others in urging McDonnell to accept the expanded coverage.

Medical care for uninsured Virginian adds up to \$1.65 billion a year in uncompensated

costs. Medicare expansion would help reduce that by \$860 Editorial million per year, according to the Virginia Health Reform Initiative Advisory Council.

Virginia stands to lose more than \$9.2 billion in federal funds over the first five years of the new law if it opts out of the provision that expands Medicaid to individuals and families with incomes up to 133 percent of the poverty level, \$14,856 for an individual; \$30,656 for a family of four, Connolly said.

A revealing look at the possible local role of the health care reform act appears in this week's Mount Vernon Gazette, written by Del. Scott Surovell (D-44).

Surovell represents a district of 80,000 residents with stark differences between wealthy and poor in Fairfax County. The Mount Vernon area district is tied for the highest percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries in Fairfax County. One in seven people in the 44th District receive health insurance from Medicaid; 74 percent of these are children, 5 percent are pregnant, 6 percent are poor adults, with the rest elderly residents and people with disabilities. Surovell reports the largest number of Medicaid births at any hospital in Virginia occurs at Fairfax INOVA Hospital. The 44th District has a higher percentage of uninsured individuals compared with the rest of Fairfax County.

Surovell argues that his district desperately needs the help that would come with the expansion of Medicaid and other provisions under the new law.

Here is how he explains the mechanism: Health insurance reform would expand coverage by two means. First, if states expand their Medicaid programs to all individuals at 133 percent of Federal Poverty Level, the federal government picks up 100 percent of the cost in 2014-2016, and 90 percent after 2020. Second, states are required to set up healthcare exchanges to make more affordable health insurance available for individuals without employer health insurance benefits, and individuals with incomes between 100-400 percent of the federal poverty level receive a tax credit to help with the cost. Coverage was also expanded by banning coverage denials based on pre-existing conditions and requiring companies to cover college students through age 26.

> — Mary Kimm, MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

### Letters to the Editor

Making Care Affordable To the Editor: Many people have personal rea-

sons for being glad that the Supreme Court has upheld President Obama's Affordable Care Act, and for hoping that his opponents will not be able to repeal it. I have a couple of my own:

First, a Virginia carpenter whom I deeply respect came to me as he was battling colon cancer. He had no health insurance. His biggest fear was not death but the debts he had amassed in fighting the disease. He had reached financial ruin and was about to lose his house. There was no job that was too hard or too menial for him to do. In the strength of his manhood he had done them all. Yet he cried like a baby from the shame he perceived in having to ask me for money. It is uncivilized and inhumane to have more than 30 million Americans who have no insurance, cannot get it, and face financial ruin if they get sick like my carpenter friend. President Obama's Affordable Care Act, when fully implemented, will basically solve this problem.

Second, my brother Dr. Donald

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the Virginia House of Delegates some of the first wellness, preventative care legislation some thirty five years ago. The legislation failed, but Donnie went on to write a series of books advocating wellness and health care. Don has now passed away, but President Obama's Affordable Care Act puts into effect wellness and preventative care as a national health priority. My brother would have been proud.

M. Vickery got me to introduce in

I believe that when most Americans think about it, they will have their own personal reasons to be in favor of President Obama's Affordable Care Act. These reason will range from banning denial of coverage because of pre-existing conditions, fixing gaps in prescription drug coverage, ending insurance discrimination against women, to allowing young adults to stay on their parents coverage.

Now that there have been positive decisions from the judicial, legislative, and executive branches of government, it is time to recognize the benefits of President Obama's Affordable Care Act, put partisan attacks behind us, and move on.

> Raymond E. Vickery, Jr. Vienna

### A 'Key Reason' Overlooked

To the Editor:

I was disappointed in Mr. Horrock's commentary on the Silver Line [Silver Line Gets 'Green Light' The Connection, July 11-17, 2012]

I had hoped it would provide more facts, and less opinion.

I support Mr. Horrock espousing his political views, but I'd prefer not to read them as part of a news item

Conspicuous by its absence in Mr. Horrock's piece was one key reason for the hold-up of the Silver Line by both Loudoun County as well as the Governor.

That issue was the requirement that contractors for the construction of the Silver Line extension would have to be Union Shops meaning that companies would have to hire union labor to win their contracts.

Since Virginia's economy has grown quite well without union organizers and the strife which usually attends that process, neither the Governor nor the Loudoun County Board was interested in promoting a union foothold via the Silver Line. Governor

McDonnell ended that problem by firing Dennis Martire — whom his Democratic predecessor [Tim Kaine] had appointed to the WMATA.

Martire was/is the Vice President of the Laborers' International Union of North America and had inserted the "project labor agreement" Union clause into WMATA's requirements against Governor McDonnells's instructions, and in contradiction to Virginia's Right to Work law.

I believe Mr. Martire is still under investigation for his profligate spending [\$38,000] which he charged to WMATA and Virginia; his \$10,586 tab for nine days in Sardinia to attend a one-day conference on airport security caused concern that he was perhaps abusing his expense account.

I, and other readers of the Reston Connection, would appreciate it if your reporters would follow Joe Friday's advice: "Just the facts, ma'am."

If we want a politicized slant on news that affects us, we can turn to the Washington Post.

We expect better from the Reston Connection.

**Greg Davis** 



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- Wilco with Lee Ranaldo Band (of Sonic Youth). 7 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$35 lawn. <u>www.wolftrap.com</u>.
- Wine Tasting. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Come sample Sommelier Vincent Feraud's hand selected wines or create your own seafood tasting. 703-506-4300.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 19

- **Robbie Schaefer.** 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Guitarist from folk-pop group Eddie From Ohio and host of Sirius XM radio's Kids Place Live. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or <u>www.wolftrap.org/TITW</u>.
- An Evening of Women in Music featuring Mama's Black Sheep & Christine Havrilla. 5:30 p.m. - Lobby Bar opens. 6:30 p.m. - Doors. 7:30 p.m. -Show. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Avenue East Vienna. All ages. Tickets: \$15. www.jamminjava.com.
- The B-52s, Squeeze. 8 p.m. 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn.
- www.wolftrap.org **Sushi.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Watch as expert chef creates sushi and enjoy drinks. 703-506-4300.
- **Goldy Bears and the Three Locks.** 7 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue McLean. Bears, babysitting and magic in this Blue Sky Puppet Theatre show. All ages.

#### FRIDAY/JULY 20

Movies in the Park. 8:45 p.m. Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St. N.E., Vienna. "The Lion King." Free. In case of inclement weather, call 703-255-

#### 7842 two hours before show time. Kirov Academy of Ballet of Washington D.C.

- 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The secrets, techniques, and history of one of the art forms. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or <u>www.wolftrap.org/TITW</u>.
- "Legally Blonde the Musical" 8 p.m. McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre-1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean, VA 2210. \$18-\$20. www.mcleanplayers.org.
  Johnny Mathis with Special Guest: Brad
- **Johnny Mathis with Special Guest: Brad Upton.** 8 p.m. 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 inhouse, \$25 lawn. <u>www.wolftrap.org</u>
- **The Christopher Linman Jazz Ensemble**. 8:30 p.m.- 12 a.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tyson's Boulevard, McLean. Enjoy food and wine as jazz trio plays for your musical entertainment. 703-506-4300.

#### SATURDAY/JULY 21

- Kirov Academy of Ballet of Washington D.C. 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The secrets, techniques, and history of one of the art forms. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-
- WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org/TITW. West Coast Swing Dances. 7 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Second and third Saturday every month.
- 703-759-2685 or <u>www.colvinrun.org</u>. Children's Shows: The Diggity Dudes. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna.
- www.jamminjava.com. **"The Prince and the Troubadour."** 2 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. All tickets are for general admission seating. \$10. 703-854-1856 or email
- boxoffice@1ststagetysons.org. **"Legally Blonde – the Musical"** 8 p.m. McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre-1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean, VA 2210. \$18-\$20.
- www.mcleanplayers.org. Colonial Summer Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30
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### Education Learning Fun

# Childhood Hobbies: Finding the Right Fit

Experts offer suggestions for choosing extracurricular activities for the fall.

THE CONNECTION balancing act.

Anna Faust is planning her 5-year-old son's after-school baseball, soccer, gymnastics, and tennis les-

"My plan is to expose him to as many activities as possible and hope that he chooses vary on a case-by-case basis. one and excels," said Faust. "Sometimes, though I can't tell if he's going along happily because all of his friends are doing it or because he really likes it."

Child development experts say deciding which and how many extracurricular activities are best for children is a dilemma that many parents face. Factors such as expense

If a child wants to join a traveling hockey hile many are still basking in team, how does a parent know if his or her the lazy days of summer, desire to play matches the necessary investtoo much when it comes to hobbies? Local child development experts say the answers

> "The key to balancing one's schedule between school work, extracurricular interests, family and friends is reached not so much by seeing these goods as necessarily in competition, but rather in seeing all of the time that we have been given as a great treasure that we have to use in the best possible way," said Michael Moynihan, Upper School Head

of The Heights School in Potomac.

Extracurricular activities are an important part of a child's development, and finding the right fit is worth the effort. "They expose children to a variety of experiences and BY MARILYN CAMPBELL and time can make the process a delicate peers. For older children, they are a venue for healthy social interaction as opposed to participating in undesirable behavior," said Rich Leichtweis, PhD, Senior Director of the Inova Kellar Center in Fairfax, "If kids are ment of pricey equipment? Should a parent on the computer or watching television from coax a reluctant child into taking piano les- the time they get home from school until activity schedule for the fall. On his agenda: sons hoping to transform an unwilling tot dinner and then back on again until they go Health Care Network in Reston, Falls Church and can be stressful," said McLean resident into a musical prodigy? And how much is to bed, they are missing critical social opportunities that extra curricular activities can provide.'

> versus a passing fancy can be tricky. "Parents should first ask their children what they might be interested in before signing them up, and they should be careful in monitoring how their children continue to feel about participating in these activities," wrote Chantilly resident Maria Londono, a mental health therapist for Fairfax Community



Instructor Matthew Gehlhoff leads student at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in an after school fencing class. "If a parent notices that a child has a gift for piano or soccer, they should encourage it," said Rich Leichtweis, PhD, Senior Director of the Inova Kellar Center

and Alexandria, in an email.

While older children are able to express partment of Counseling and Associate Proan opinion about activities, younger children Assessing a true attraction to an activity might need more guidance. "If a child has a sity in Arlington. strength or interest we can build on that," said Leichtweis. "If parents notice that a should encourage it."

One pitfall, say experts, is following the pack. "Parents get pulled into activities be-

fessor of Psychology at Marymount Univer-

How does a parent know if a child is overscheduled? "Some kids are ok with a child has a gift for piano or soccer, they lot of activities," said Leichtweis. "If a child is involved in a lot and they're doing well in school, getting adequate rest and there are no significant disruptions, then it's probably cause they think everybody else is doing it. ok. But if there is a change in behavior, their Before you know it, those activities pile up grades slip, they're not getting enough rest



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Michele Garofalo, EdD, Assistant Chair, De-

Heights students embark on a 30-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail. Experts say children can continue activities like hiking, biking and running into adulthood.

and they're in eight different activities, then it is time to make a change."

Experts say there are warning signs that a parent might be pushing a child too hard. this activity' or 'I don't like the kids there' or Garofalo if they are pouting or agitated when it's time to go, those are signals that they need a change," said Garofalo. "If extracurricular activities are fun and kids enjoy them, they can build a child's self-esteem and give them to shine.

Parents should also consider the family's overall schedule. "Look at your calendar and think about the benefit versus the cost, time and energy involved in the activity. How When a child says 'I don't want to go to much stress will it put on the family?" said

"Parents can set limits and help kids priresponsibility to set limits. A well-balanced child is a healthy child," said Leichtweis.

Make sure to set aside time for rest. "Chila place to shine, and children need a place dren need downtime and a break from organized activity," noted Susan DeLaurentis, Leichtweis.

Director of Counseling, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "I think that is important to recognize that if children have been in school all day they've put in a lot."

Finally, experts say encourage activities that children can continue into adulthood like swimming, hiking or running. "With oritize. We can listen to the kids, but it's our extracurricular activities, what we're doing is setting a foundation for life. It is part of developing well-rounded and balanced community members. We want a child who knows how to work and play," said



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Jessica Shearer Wilson (as Suzanne) lets her lover (Evan Crump, as Bernard) know of her displeasure in the farce "Don't Dress for Dinner" at 1st Stage in **Tysons Corner.** 



Evan Crump (left, as Bernard) confronts Joshua Dick (as Robert) in the farce "Don't Dress for Dinner" at 1st Stage in Tysons Corner.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Focuses on First Opportunities

Tysons Corner theater looks to become 'new theater for new city.'

> By Alex McVeigh The Connection

embers of the Marshall High School community, two teachers and five former students, created 1st Stage Theatre in 2008 in Tysons Corner with an eye on the future. They opened just as the first concrete for the new Tysons Metrorail was being poured, but also at the start of the economic recession.

"We're drawn to firsts. It's our mission to help emerging actors and designers to get their first experience with a professional theatre," said Eileen Mandell, managing director. "Our mission is all about first chances, and we've survived these tough times by sheer, careful operation."

Mandell likes to say there isn't a bad seat in the 110-seat arena, it just depends on the audience member's preference.

"Some people love to sit in the front row, right at the stage, with nothing in between, others like to get more of the whole experience by sitting in the back and taking everything in," she said. "One man sits in the back row in the aisle seat for every show he comes to."

**1<sup>ST</sup> STAGE** is preparing for their fifth season, with a variety of shows designed to show that pays tribute to the films of the 30s and 40s, while "Altar Boyz" tells the story of a fictitious Christian boy band. The



Matt Dewberry, left, as Jeeves, and Edward C. Nagle as Bertie Wooster, his employer, try to untangle a set of multiple mistaken identities in the musical comedy "By Jeeves" at 1st Stage in Tysons Corner.

shows also can take more serious notes, with an upcoming performance of "Never the Sinner," the story of the trial of murderers Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb.

"We're looking forward to another great season, and we'll probably add in another children's show as well," Mandell said. "We try and go with a loose theme for off a wide range of type. "Suite each season, and this one's is spiri-Surrender" is a comical farce tuality. That's not to say it's going to be heavy, but there will be some heavy plays. 'Never the Sinner' is an especially thought provoking play that deals with a lot of tough

Before performances, the theater often hosts art showings when possible, curated by mostly local artists, and most of their shows feature local actors.

concepts in the courtroom."

"Our theatre works like a teaching hospital. Young actors, students, interns, residents, at various stages in their development as professionals are given an opportunity to be surrounded, taught, influenced, protected by some very seasoned professionals," said Mark Krikstan, the artistic director.

THEIR WORK has already garnered some heavy praise in the theater community. Terry Teachout, the Wall Street Journal theater critic, gave them a rave review for their production of "Side Man" in April. Teachout said their production was deserving of comparison to the original New York production.

"1st Stage is not yet on the regional theater map, but the 100-seat theater in which it performs is both comfortable and well equipped, and the plays produced there are a shrewd mix of the surprising ... and the sensible," he wrote. "Judging by 'Side Man,' 1st Stage is well on its way to establishing itself as a significant player on the Washington-area theater scene.

Becoming a significant player, as well as a more convenient, affordable, more accessible version of esteemed venues like the Kennedy Center, is what Mandell says they

are shooting for.

"We want to be a part of Tysons' future. The keyword for the future seems to be 'innovation,' and that's what we're all about," Mandell said. "We hope to be a new theater for this new city."

One of the ways the theater is garnering support from the community is their "Theatre-bythe-square-foot" fundraiser, where donors can underwrite a square foot (or multiple) of the theater for \$20, which is the estimated cost per square foot per season to operate the theater.

1<sup>st</sup> Stage is currently showing a children's play, "The Prince and the Troubador," which was written by two local playwrights. The show, which lasts about 45 minutes, is meant to appeal to children and their parents.

"They really know how to put on a show for the whole family. My wife and I thought the show was very witty, and the kids loved it too," said Meyers Brock of Vienna. "It was so creative of them to do the two programs, the kids loved theirs, and I think they'll hold onto it as a memento from their trip here."

"The Prince and the Troubador" will be shown Saturdays and Sundays at noon and 2 p.m. through July 29.

The theater will also host a free reading this weekend of "Travlin" a musical based on songs of the Harlem Renaissance of the 20s and 30s. Shows will be Saturday, July 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free, but must be reserved on the website.

More information is available at www.1ststagetysons.org.

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**"The Odyssey."** 7 p.m. The Grange Theater, <sup>o</sup>Great Falls. \$10 for students, \$20 for adults. Advance Reservations are needed, tickets will not be sold at the door. 703.790.9050 or Pat@StarshineTheater.com.

#### SUNDAY/JULY 22

- Wolf Trap Opera Company: Aria Jukebox. 3 p.m. Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Opera highlights. Preshow talk one hour before
- performance. <u>www.wolftrap.org</u>. **"The Prince and the Troubadour."** 2 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. All tickets are for general admission seating. \$10. 703-854-1856 or email
- <u>boxoffice@1ststagetysons.org</u>. **"Legally Blonde the Musical"** 2 p.m. McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre-1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean, VA 2210. \$18-\$20. www.mcleanplayers.org
- "Alden Park" Bandshell Concert. 5 p.m. Performance by the Alden Park. 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean
- An Evening with John Tesh: Big Band LIVE! 8 p.m. 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-ĥouse, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org
- Colonial Summer Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Adults \$6; Children 3-12 and Senior Citizens \$3, 703-903-9330.

#### **MONDAY/JULY 23**

- Jackson Browne with Sara Watkins, 8 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$50 in-house, \$30 lawn. www.wolftrap.com.
- Reflect on AIDS with a real-life **hero**. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue E., Vienna. Canon Gideon Byamugisha, an Anglican priest from Uganda and the first African religious leader to publicly declare his HIV positive status, will discuss his human rights advocacy work for people with HIV/AIDS. Free. 703-321-749.
- Tiny Tot Time. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue McLean. Songs, rhymes and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.

#### Foxen 5 Course Wine Dinner with Vineyard Owner Dick Dore. 6:30 p.m. Bazin's on Church, 111 Church St N., Vienna.

\$100 Person (excluding tax and gratuity). Seating is limited and reservations can be made by calling 703.255.7212 or online at www.bazinsonchurch.com

#### **TUESDAY/JULY 24**

- Matthias Kuchta. 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The Brothers Grimm fairytale, The Wolf and the Seven Little Goats. German puppeteer Matthias Kuchta uses lifesize puppets to share the story of seven little goats that let a wicked wolf into their home. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org/TITW
- Rufus Wainwright and Ingrid Michaelson. 8 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40 in-house, \$30 lawn. <u>www.wolftrap.com</u>. Creature Teacher. 2:30 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Ôak Ridge Avenue McLean. Meet and learn about all kinds of animals. All ages.

#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 25

"The Wizard of Oz." 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. This is a non-musical version of the show. sabrina.an wah@fairfax county.gov.

### News

### **County Opposes 'Costly Regulations'**

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percent flow reduction called for in the TMDL rules for a developed watershed such as Accotink, homeowners as well as commercial property owners would be required to capture and retain, or reuse, storm water runoff from their roof, driveway and other impervious areas on their property.

Any new impervious areas, such as home additions or new development, could be required to retain all storm water runoff from any expanded impervious area.º

"This topic is extremely important to both developers of future sites and owners of existing sites in the watershed," said Eric Dobson, director of government relations for the Northern Virginia NAIOP, a national trade association for commercial real estate developers, owners and investors. "Our members are very committed to the environment and continuing to do the right thing."

Dobson said the engineers estimate the cost of meeting the EPA's new requirements, "if even possible to do, is a multiple factor in cost to what is required today."

"We don't want regulations that set us up for failure," said Penny Gross, the board's vice chairman and Environment Committee Chair.

"The county believes that a more comprehensive approach will provide the sustainable improvements needed to improve the habitat of our streams and lead to restoration of the bay," Gross said. "We continue to work together with the environmental community, homeowners and builders toward that."

"This is a new type of storm water enforcement action," said James Patteson, director of Public Works and Environmental Services. "While we are not sure why we and a handful of localities in the country were selected, we feel an obligation to other municipalities, businesses and entities to ensure that enacted regulations are fair, attainable and environmentally sound."

#### FAIRFAX COUNTY'S RECORD includes more than \$300 million in wastewater system improvements and dedicated annual funding for storm water system improvements since 2006. In 2009 the county instituted a dedicated tax for storm water and has since increased it to a current rate of \$.02 per \$100 assessed value, or \$100 per year for the median home. The countywide tax funds the \$40 million budgeted storm water program in fiscal year 2013.

Bulova said Fairfax County has, for the past six decades, "demonstrated a strong and unwavering commitment" to water quality and environmental stewardship. "However, we believe that regulations, whether federally or state imposed, must effectively address the targeted problem and be fiscally sound and realistic.

"To clean up our streams requires long-term sustainable solutions that will enlist the cooperation of everyone," Bulova said in an email on Saturday. "Fairfax County has demonstrated that we are committed to moving forward. We object to costly regulations that set us up for failure and not get the job done."



Marshall Road Elementary School students participated in the **Earth Day** cleanup activities.

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### Marshall Road Elementary **Completes 50 Service Projects**

Marshall Road Elementary School (MRES) met its goal to complete 50 service projects before the school year ends. At the beginning of the school year, the MRES community announced its plan to complete 50 service projects in honor of the school's 50th anniversary. The project - known as "Fifty for Fifty" involved students, faculty, parents, alumni, friends and family partnering to complete community service work.

"It has been such a fabulous year for our school and I was honored to be just a part of it," said Beth Eachus, MRES PTA president. "The Marshall Road community is vibrant with the many volunteers who support the school, the teachers, and the students."

MRES completed a variety of community service projects that included:

McLEAN COMMUNITY PLAYERS

✤ Raising almost \$25,000 to build

a new track for the school and community;

 Collecting 63 bicycles to support Wheels to Africa;

✤ Donating almost 800 pairs of athletic shoes for the Nike ReUSE-A-SHOE project; ✤ Raising more than \$6,000 for

art appreciation and outreach programs at the school Recycling almost 7,000 alumi-

num drink pouches; and Collecting more than 750 pounds of food for local food pan-

tries. "I look forward to next year when we build on this momentum of community service and continue to find amazing ways to give back," said Jennifer Heiges, MRES principal.

For a list of completed community service projects, visit marshallroadpta.org/programs/50for-50/.



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# Sports

River Dogs Make All-Star Team

even members of the Vienna River Dogs, including Madison graduate Casey Turner and Oakton graduate Bret Williams, were named to the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game, which took place on July 11 at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda.

Turner (Lehigh) had a hit for the American League all-stars, which lost, 9-3. Williams (Richmond) started at first base for the American League.

Centreville graduate Connor Bach (VMI) pitched a scoreless inning for the American League and Yorktown graduate Shaun Wood (Evansville) had a hit. Pitcher Joseph Vanderplas (Fairfax High School, University of Tennessee), and infielders Trent Higginbothem (Tallahassee CC) and Bobby Rice (Tallahassee CC) were also named to the American League team.

"It gives me a lot of confidence to move on in the second half of the season," Wood said of competing in the all-star game, "and do a lot better."



Vienna River Dogs outfielder and Madison High School graduate Casey Turner played for the American League all-stars in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game on July 11 in Bethesda.



Pictured is the VYS Patriots Black soccer team. Front row: Grace Fisher, Rachel Jackson, Rachel McFaul, Megan Nayak, Natalie Skigen and Abby Fusca. Middle row: Simmi Cilluffo, Natalie Farrell, Katie Skoff, Sofia Devin, Tracey Mills and Raina Mittal. Back row: Coaches Eric Benson, Ernesto Marquez, Lyndse Hokanson and Nick Carlin-Voigt. Missing from photo is Rachael Kim.

### Vienna Girls Reach Soccer Region 1 Finals

he VYS Patriots Black soccer team was the Finalist in the Girls U12 8v8 Division of the US Youth Soccer Region 1 Tournament held June 28 - July 3 in Lancaster, Pa. Patriots Black is the first Vienna girls team to go to the USYS Region I Tournament in over 25 years and the first girls team to advance to the Finals. The team defeated oppo-

nents from Syracuse, N.Y., Burlington, Vt., and Portsmouth, R.I. by a combined score of 9-0 to advance to the semifinal round. Patriots Black then had a come from behind, overtime 2-1 victory against the Albany. N.Y. Alleycats. This set up a Virginia State Cup rematch against Ashburn Premier. The Patriots took an early 2-0 lead, but Ashburn fought back for a 4-2 win.





Haley Liddell placed with a score of 62.25.

**Mackenzie Brennan placed** third in Freshman Girls, second in Junior Girls, with a score of 102.90.

### **Oakton Otters Lose** To Wakefield Chapel

he Oakton Otters lost to Wakefield Chapel Tuesday evening in this Division 4 dive meet with a score of 22 to 50. This loss brought the Otters' winning record to 1-2. Two sisters for the Otters took first place in their respective categories: Elana Colbert in Intermediate Girls with a score of 144.2 and AJ Colbert in Senior Girls with a

score of 223.8. Other Otter divers that placed were: Haley Liddell (Freshman Girls, 3rd), Mackenzie Brennan (Junior Girls, 3rd), Brad Burgeson (Junior Boys, 2nd), Liam Klopfenstein (Junior Boys, 3rd), Julia Powell (Junior Girls, 2nd), and Gil Osofsky (Intermediate Boys, 3rd). The Otters next meet is on Tuesday, July 17 at home versus Cardinal Hill Swim Club.

### Divers that Placed

Wakefield Chapel (50) vs. Oakton (22)- July 10 Division 4

### Freshman Girls:

1. Bridget Cassata (WC) 69.80 2. Emily Rummel (WC) 65.35 3. Haley Liddell (OAK) 62.25

**Freshman Boys:** 1. Aiden Thomas (WC) 78.40 2. Yonas Amha (WC) 47.15 3. Jake Goodson (WC) 44.10

### **Junior Girls:**

1. Olivia Rummel (WC) 119.25 2. Mackenzie Brennan (OAK) 102.90 3. Carson Goettlicher (WC) 98.65

### **Junior Boys:**

1. Michael Carey (WC) 131.10 2. Brad Burgeson (OAK) 110.95 3. Liam Klopfenstein (OAK) 98.0

#### **Intermediate Girls:** 1. Julia Powell (OAK) 144.05 2. Elana Colbert (OAK) 144.20 3. Anne Carey (WC) 141.90

**Intermediate Boys:** 1. Owen Collins (WC) 150.95 2. Philip Fuentes (WC) 123.20 3. Gil Osofsky (OAK) 122.15

### Senior Girls:

1. AJ Colbert (OAK) 223.8 2. Christine Snyder (WC) 178.35 3. Rachael Allshouse (WC) 157.00

### **Senior Boys:**

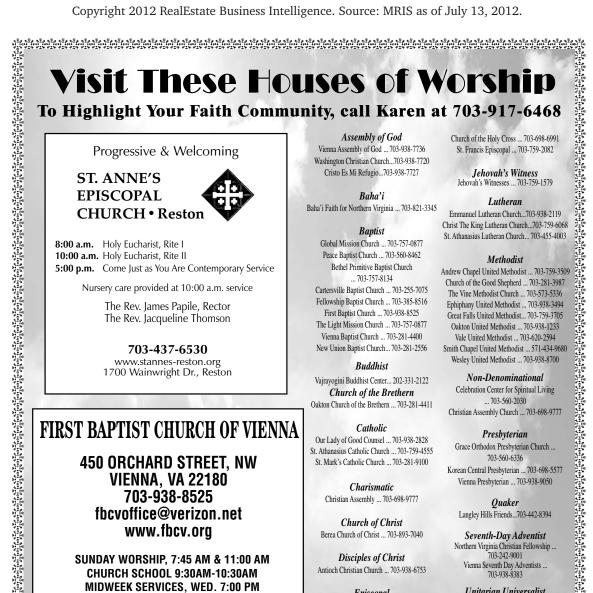
1. Pat McCann (WC) 253.7 2. Paul Helfgott (WC) 188.45 3. Kyle Goettlicher (WC) 162.35

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# HOME SALES in the Vienna and Oakton area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,566,500-\$711,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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### Circumstances Be Damned

#### By KENNETH B. LOURIE

If only it were as easy to actually live it as it is to write it. As much as I believe what I write, it's still difficult to ignore certain facts ("the underlying diagnosis," as I often refer to my diagnosis) and the feelings associated with it. Although I'm very good at pretending and ignoring and making light/poking fun at my "circumstances," there is a certain reality to consider. Aside from my never having pitched at Fenway Park for my hometown Boston Red Sox, I'm probably not getting any younger and apparently, not likely to get as old as either of my parents were when they died, ages 86 and 87.

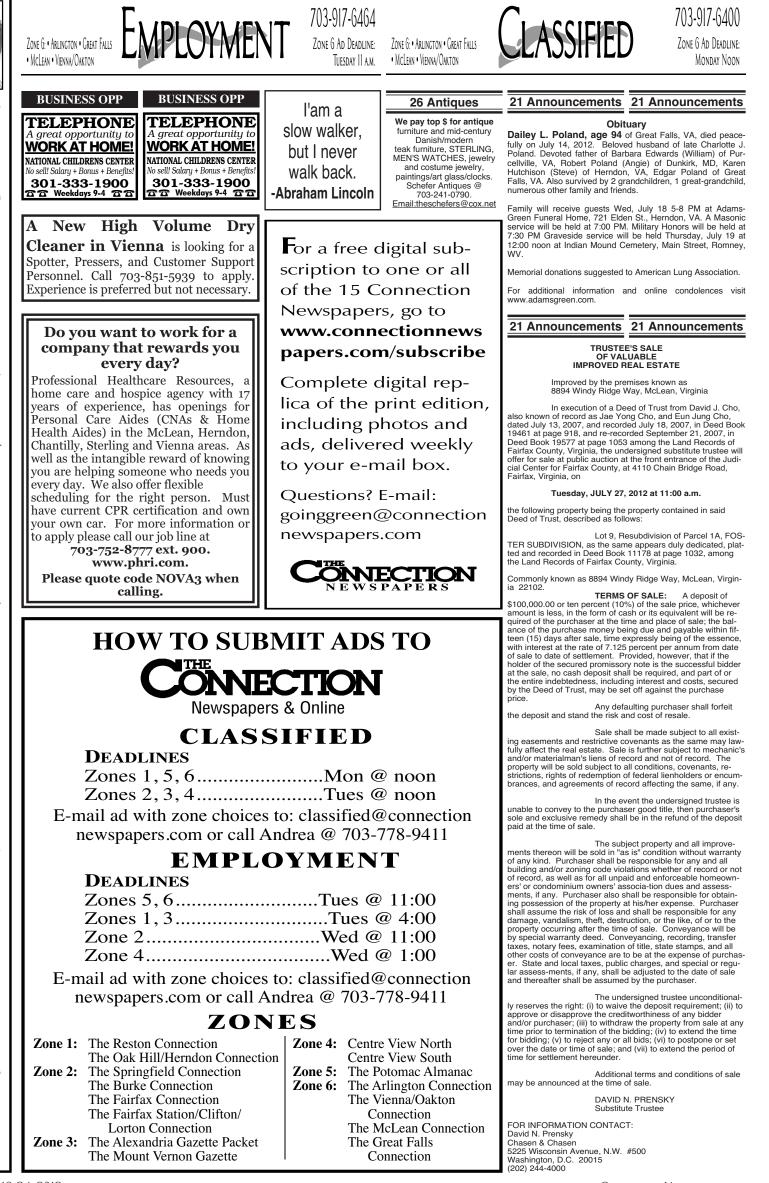
The challenge then, looking forward, is making the best of a bad situation - which is my nature. So on paper, the plan should work, and mostly it does. But occasionally and more so now (40 months post-diagnosis) than ever, there is some seepage; emotions take hold and all the rational, selfhelp-type pep talks I give myself fall on deaf ears; I'm listening, but it's hard to hear. As much as I'd like to mind my own business literally, and steer clear of all this cancer stuff, sometimes I can't. And though I never feel sorry for myself, I do feel a little unmotivated, a bit lethargic and somewhat apathetic. Tasks which once were priorities are now relegated. Maybe not to the dustbin, but low on the totem pole so that I don't even know where the totem pole is, figuratively speaking. But as I'm always myself saying: I have bigger problems, so who cares?

I do, or rather I should, but changing the course of my most recent history, admirable and desirable though it may be, may in turn be creating stresses and unrealistic demands that are counter-productive to who I am and who I want to be. My circumstances/ situation/prognosis is bad enough on its own; I don't need to make it any worse.

There's a fine line between accepting your circumstances (you'll note I didn't say fate) and not giving into them. On the one hand, it's knowing your limitations (so as to not make matters worse); on the other, it's doing what makes you happy. Because being diagnosed with stage IV (inoperable/terminal) is all it's cracked up to be. Finding a way, mentally, to navigate through the slings and arrows of this outrageous misfortune (to turn a phrase inside out) is the order of the day. To be a survivor, one has to have a certain ability to not take personally that which is happening to your person. Moreover, the challenge is finding a balance between living for yourself, living for others, living for today and living for tomorrow (very much easier written than actually accomplished).

Cancer is insidious. It affects you physically for sure, but at least for me, emotionally even more. Generally speaking, the treatments are about the physical (tumors) manifestations of the disease. The mental/emotional effects are less obvious and not usually indicated on any of the diagnostic scans oncologists recommend. Interpreting a scan is one thing; reading a patients' mind quite another. No one said this cancer experience was going to be easy; in fact, a close friend, Lynne (a cancer survivor herself) said to me: "This is going to be the toughest thing you've ever done. And of course, she was right. Unfortunately, the experience hasn't made it any easier. Familiar? Yes. Manageable? Mostly. In control? Not so much.

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Thelma Bowles of Fair Oaks is happy to hear the president speak.

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## 'I Like the Kind of Man He Is'

### Residents flock to Centreville High to hear president Obama speak.

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

hey came, they waited and, more than three hours later, they entered Centreville High's gym. Hundreds and hundreds of people from the local community, as well as from Loudoun and Prince William counties, stood in humid, 96-degree heat Saturday afternoon to see President Barack Obama in person and hear him speak at a grassroots campaign rally.

"We thought, if the president was this close to our house, there was no excuse not to make an effort to be here," said Susan Woodruff of Little Rocky Run. "I have two nephews, 11 and 4, here from Charlotte, N.C., and we're excited for them to have a once-ina-lifetime chance to see the president."

Concerned about "the extremism and the lack of bipartisanship in our government," she said, "I'm definitely going to vote for him."

**SPORTING A T-SHIRT** with several pictures of Obama on it, Centreville High freshman Miles Brooks didn't mind the long wait outside. "It's worth it to see the first black president of the United States," he said. "So far, he's done a good job running this country, trying to keep it together."

Agreeing, Virginia Run's Gay Crosby – whose son Jason teaches history at Centreville High – said Obama "doesn't get enough credit" for all the good things he's done. "I've been involved in politics all my life, working on different campaigns," she said. "But this is the most important election in my lifetime – because it's to save the middle class. It keeps going down, along with the salaries."

Thelma Bowles of Fair Oaks is an Obama campaign volunteer, but she was there last Saturday, July 14, as a resident and a supporter. "I am in – and I was in 2008, too," she said. "I like the kind of man he is – honorable and intelligent, and someone who can talk to all kinds of people. He's also a good, family man."

She said Obama's worked hard to get things accomplished for the country, but "a broken Congress has blocked him from achieving all the things he promised us. But in a second term – which he will get – I do believe he'll come from a different place and push through the things he wasn't able to before."

Fairfax's Paul Burgess wanted "to see and support the president in any way I can. I took off work early, Thursday, and stood in line for two-and-a-half hours to get tickets." He said the economy and jobs are the most important issues in the upcoming election. And, he added, "Hopefully, with the changes in Congress, this time around he can get something done, other

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than executive orders."

But if Republican candidate Mitt Romney becomes president, said Burgess, "My greatest fear is that our country will just go to hell in a hand basket. I fear it'll spread the two extremes even more; and more people will drop out from the middle class into the lower class and we'll be headed for another calamity."

Also looking forward to hearing Obama speak was Ed Neugass, 68, of Herndon. "This'll be the first president I've seen in person," he said. "I think he knows who we are – we have each other's back – which is to say we're connected." And like Bowles, he said the big issue is "getting past Republican blocking on the economy and jobs."

Regarding Romney, Neugass said, "He has a great problem with the truth, so I'm fearful people will rely on what he says and we'll suffer as a result. People will lose their jobs and houses and will be pitted against each other. I'm also concerned that the regulators of our banks will not regulate, and the greedy people within them will figure out a way to bring down our banking system again."

Troy Carpenter of Centreville's Centre Ridge community wanted his children, 16 and 12, to see their president and learn what it's like to be involved in the political process. Saying he shares the same views for this country as Obama does, Carpenter said, "This will be a critical election. The president's trying hard to help the ones who've not been able to get help before. The Democrats tend to have more of those values that I strongly support."

He, too, said jobs and the economy are the crucial issues in this election. "It's not just about Obama getting elected," said Carpenter. "It's about people of like mind also getting into office and being able to move his agenda forward."

**ALSO WAITING IN LINE** was Shannon Mancini of Clifton's Union Mill community. "I think the president's done a great job, these past four years, with the economy and health care, and I want to see him continue for four more," she said. "All around, I think he's brought unity to this country."

If Romney's elected, said Mancini, "I fear that we'll go deeper into deficit and women won't have the rights they deserve. I think this country will just break apart. I don't think Romney cares about people's needs."

Volunteers frequently passed out cold water to the people standing in line in Saturday's summer heat. And now and then, a campaign worker shouted, "Fire up!" through a bullhorn, while Obama supporters responded, "Ready to go!"

The only discordant note for them came from the vocal Romney backers standing across from the school along Union Mill Road. But even their words and presence couldn't dampen this crowd's enthusiasm. When Romney supporters yelled, "Repeal Obamacare," those in line to see the president shouted back, "Four more years!"



President Obama speaks at Centreville High: "We understood that the economy in this country works best when it works for everybody," Obama said.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) addresses the crowd at Centreville High School Saturday afternoon.



President's arrival is greeted with cheers and applause.



Area residents take pictures with the President.