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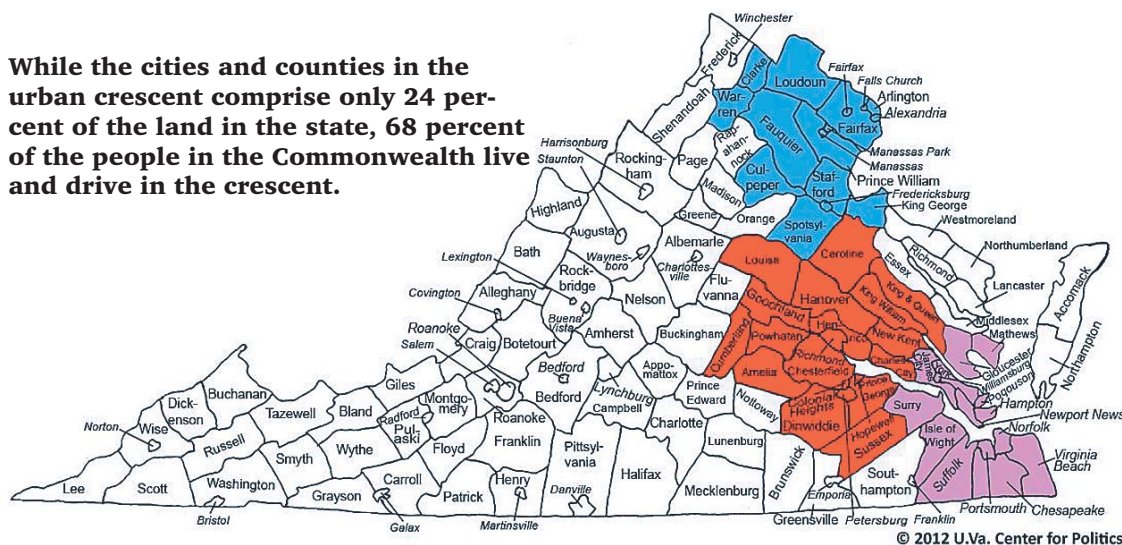


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While the cities and counties in the urban crescent comprise only 24 percent of the land in the state, 68 percent of the people in the Commonwealth live and drive in the crescent.



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## Local Leaders to Virginia Governor: Time to Fund Transportation is 'Now'

Officials form historic 'Urban Crescent' coalition to press governor for transportation funding.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Local government leaders from urban centers across the state joined together last week in an unprecedented effort to pressure Governor Robert McDonnell and the General Assembly to head off the state's looming "transportation crisis."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) led 54 mayors and county chairs of Virginia's "Urban Crescent"—the state's 46 most populous regions stretching from Northern Virginia to Richmond and Hampton Roads—in sending a letter to top Commonwealth leaders on Sept. 4, urging them to adequately fund Virginia's "crumbling" transportation system.

Bulova said state leaders were putting Virginia's business-friendly reputation at risk by failing to meet the state's responsibility to fund transportation.

"This is an economic issue, a jobs issue," Bulova said, referring to the recent CNBC rankings of America's "Top States for Business," which lowered the Commonwealth's overall ranking in state competitiveness from one to three, and dropped its ranking for infrastructure and transportation from 10 to 33.

"The cost of inaction will no doubt be higher than the cost of addressing this crisis now," Bulova said.

**THE COALITION** of Urban Crescent officials is bipartisan, broad and historic, according to county officials. It includes City of Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne; Town of Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman;

Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel; Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille; Prince William County Chairman Corey Stewart and Loudoun County Chairman Scott York.

"I don't think I've ever seen regional cooperation this broad," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "This is unprecedented."

McKay said elected leaders in Virginia's economic heartland formed the coalition this summer, specifically because they were tired of Governor McDonnell and state legislators "pitting regions against one another."

"We all have the same interests, and by presenting a united front, it forces the governor to realize that we can't be manipulated," McKay said. "We want the governor and General Assembly on the hook. We want results. This is a problem the state created and the state needs to fix."

"In a nutshell, the letter makes the case that crumbling transportation infrastructure is harmful to businesses and to commuters across Virginia," said Bulova. "Where the Urban Crescent goes, so goes the Commonwealth."

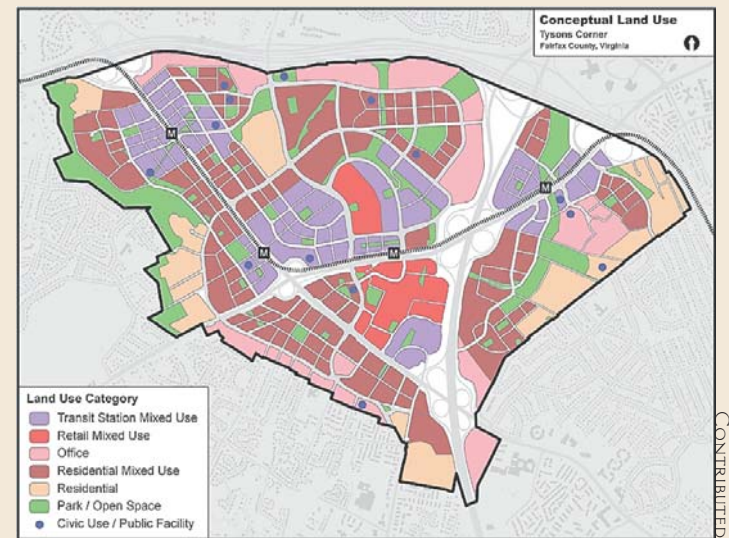
While the cities and counties in the urban crescent comprise only 24 percent of the land in the state, 68 percent of the people in the Commonwealth live and drive in the crescent. They provide nearly 72 percent of Virginia's employment, and generate nearly 80 percent of the state's gross product.

But the state's political clout rests with elected officials in Virginia's rural areas, which encompass a bigger swath of land—nearly 76 percent of the state.

On June 7, 2012, the urban crescent's top elected officials met in Henrico County for the first and only time. They vowed to come together to leverage their considerable economic influence, and pressure state legislators to provide new, long-term funding for the state's aging highways and transit systems.

"The consensus at that meeting was that Virginia's transportation system is significantly underfunded

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Proposed land use of Tysons Corner, after redevelopment.

## 'Strawman' Charts Tysons Future

Potential taxpayer burdens still not defined.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The Tysons Corner Planning Committee has released the fourth iteration of their recommendations for redevelopment. The set of recommendations, nicknamed "Strawman," lay out the parameters for the anticipated 113 million square feet of development that Tysons Corner is expected to undergo by 2050.

"The core of the ideas that will be used to redevelop Tysons are in Strawman, they're early ideas of how things will eventually be implemented," said Committee Chair Walter Alcorn.

The third version was released by the Tysons Corner Planning Committee July 18, which was followed by feedback from various community members.

On Aug. 27, the McLean Citizens Association released a set of comments in Strawman version three, in which they raised about a dozen questions and recommendations.

Most were directly addressed by county staff, except for a major sticking point that has been raised not only by the MCA, but local residents and the mayor of Vienna.

Strawman calls for Fairfax County to "continue proactively searching for federal, state and other funding opportunities not dependent on countywide funding sources."

However, the MCA has wanted more specific language about a cap on the percentage of redevelopment costs that will be going to county taxpayers.

Their Aug. 27 comments call for a new sentence in the Strawman recommendations, one that would ensure "the county funding burden is no more than 25 percent of the total capital infrastructure costs."

The 25 percent comes from the development of the Route 82 corridor.

In a response to the MCA at the committee's Sept. 6 meeting, county staff said they did not add the 25 percent language because it "has been discussed but not embraced by the committee."

Louis Freeman, a McLean resident, submitted comment to the county where he called for a cardinal rule for all Tysons recommendations: that the county does not commit taxpayers to open-ended expenditures.

"When the [Planning Committee Tysons Corner] and [Planning Commission] make its recommendations to the [Board of Supervisors], please do not recommend actions that could leave the county and its taxpayers with potential unlimited funding commitments and unhappy future surprise," he said.

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Guests stand at attention as the colors are presented by the Town of Vienna Police Honor Guard.



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**Vienna's American Legion Post 180 partners with town to honor the dead and the brave of September 11, 2001.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

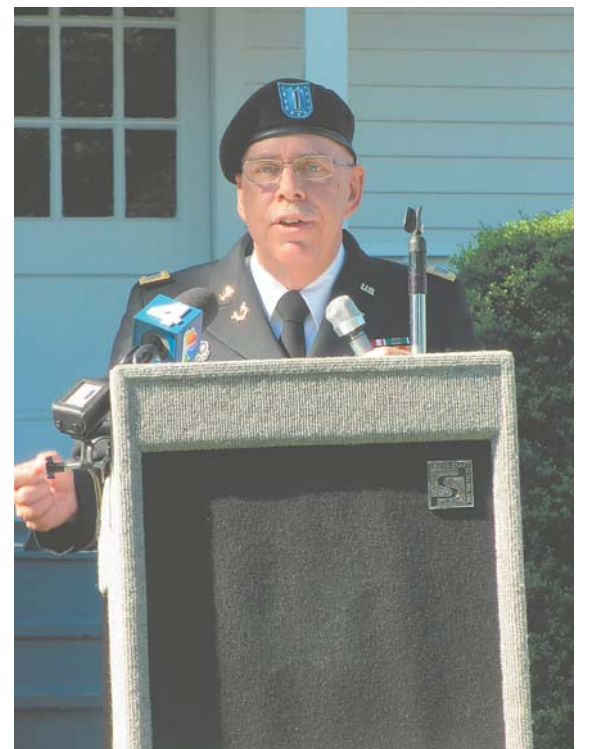
September 11, 2012, was eerily similar to the warm, sunny day 11 years ago when terrorists hijacked four American jetliners, slamming them into buildings and the ground. As much of a day of infamy as was the attack on Pearl Harbor, September 11 is commemorated every year throughout the United States. And every year, Vienna's American Legion Post 180 partners with the Town of Vienna to honor the memory of the dead, the bravery of the day's heroes, and the sacrifices of those Americans actively battling terrorism daily.

Called "A Day to Remember" by order of the town council, the 2012 program began with a brief ringing of the bells at Vienna Presbyterian Church at 9:37 a.m., followed by 13 minutes of bells starting at 9:45 a.m. At ten, a police color guard crossed along Freeman House and presented the colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by the Vienna Choral Society.

Mayor M. Jane Seeman, on behalf of the Vienna Town Council, read the order proclaiming September 11, 2012, as "A Day to Remember."

"We always want to remember what happened that day and how we felt, how we began to think about our family and friends and how much we love them," said Vienna Town Manager, Mercury Payton.

Post 180 Commander Ron Patterson introduced the keynote speaker, Mark W. Mishoe, chief warrant officer five with the Army National Guard. Mishoe focused on personal stories of those working at the Pentagon 11 years ago. A Pentagon colleague of Mishoe's, identified only as "Charlie," brought out an injured co-worker on a rolling chair to be treated by medics. Mishoe's stories reflected the heroics of ordinary people and the humanity brought down by the attack.



**"A Day to Remember" keynote speaker Mark W. Mishoe, chief warrant officer five with the Army National Guard.**

"It's easy to remember the number '3,000' dead, but we need to remember the people who lost their lives and their families," said Mishoe. "Our mission is to continue to remember."

Commander Patterson read an anonymous commentary on the "power of one," emphasizing the unity Americans exhibited after the September 11, 2001, attacks. "We became one family as we mourned together the great loss," Patterson read.

The program closed with "God Bless America," sung by the Vienna Choral Society, and "Taps," played by Post 180 member Joyce Miller.

Commemorative programs, said Shirley Martin of Auxiliary 180, make everyone remember what happened that day, how patriotic everyone was. "We need to keep that togetherness going," said Martin. Hatter added, "So people can remember not only what happened, but to keep it in our hearts that we're all family."



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# NEWS

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**The \$60 million renovation of George C. Marshall High School will be completed by the start of the 2014 school year.**

## Commemorative George C. Marshall High School Christmas Ornament



George C. Marshall High School opened on Dec. 6, 1962 with 1450 students. It is named after the great American statesman and five-star General George C. Marshall who served our country as chief of staff of the U.S. Army, U.S. secretary of state, U.S. secretary of defense, and president of the American Red Cross. Marshall was, according to Winston Churchill, the "true architect of victory" in the West European arena of World War II. He received the Noble Peace Prize in 1953.

## A Little Jewel in Tysons

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy ordered the blockade of Cuba, warning Cuba and the Soviet Union that missile placement there would bring war. In that same year, the first black registered at the University of Mississippi, under the protection of U.S. troops. Astronaut John Glen orbited the earth as the first American to do so. Marilyn Monroe died of an overdose, and Nazi Adolf Eichmann was hanged for war crimes.

And on Dec., 6, 1962, George C. Marshall High School [GCMHS] at Tysons Corner opened to students.

The PTSA is kicking off the 50th anniversary school year with events and programs and is inviting the public to celebrate along with the school. From the homecoming parade and game on Sept. 28 to the ballroom gala, Marshall High School alumni and supporters are welcome to attend.

"The most exciting thing is our guest speaker at the gala," said 50th-anniversary celebration co-chair, Malou "Maria" Rennert.

**THE GUEST SPEAKER** is barrier-breaking runner and Emmy-award winning commentator Katherine Switzer, a Marshall graduate and first woman to run the Boston Marathon. Switzer graduated in Marshall's first

class in 1964 and is among the inductees in the 2012 Marshall Hall of Fame.

"Marshall is such a welcoming home," said Rennert, a Reston resident whose children all graduated from GCMHS in its I.B. program. "When you walk into George C. Marshall, it's a different atmosphere from other places.

"Teachers really care about the students. It's a very diversified population," Rennert said, noting that there are approximately 99 countries represented, and 54 languages.

The next anniversary event following the homecoming celebration is the open-to-the-public golf tournament on Oct. 5 at Penderbrook Golf Course in Fairfax. The tournament is organized in cooperation with the school's girls' lacrosse team. On Nov. 9, the PTSA is hosting a gala dinner at the Fairview Marriott, featuring the induction of six GCMHS graduates into the Marshall Hall of Fame and a silent auction.

Marshall's limited-edition Christmas ornament is available for purchase at [www.gcmptsa.org](http://www.gcmptsa.org) at \$20 per ornament. On this website, Marshall fans can also buy tickets for the gala and register for the golf tournament. Prices for gala tickets are \$90.62 per person or \$175.62 per couple if purchased by Sept. 30.

The PTSA is still looking for sponsors for the anniversary events, and donations to PTSA are welcomed. Silent auction donations are being accepted; the auction takes

## Marshall High celebrates 50 years of academics and sports.

place at the gala. Just in-time for the 50th anniversary, the newly-developed George C. Marshall Museum at the school is expected to be dedicated this fall.

"Marshall is an amazing community of learners," said George C. Marshall High School Principal Jay Pearson. "Our international student body comes from all corners of the world. Marshall is one of the top-performing high schools in Fairfax County, Virginia, and the nation. For a decade, we have been on a journey of continuous improvement as a professional learning community."

Over 50 years, the school has changed demographically, academically and physically. The physical plant is undergoing a \$60 million renovation, remodeling the building and adding new space. The renovation is expected to be completed by the start of the 2014 school year. It's hard to imagine now that it was about 20 years ago there was discussion of closing the school because of declining enrollment. The I.B. program and the inclusion of Chinese helped to secure Marshall's longevity.

"In the coming years, I see George C. Marshall High School as a focal point of the redeveloping Tysons Corner area," Pearson said. "We will maintain high levels of performance as we innovate to meet the needs of our 21st century students."

**THERE IS A MOVEMENT** afoot to change

the school's address to a Tysons Corner one, said anniversary co-chair Sonia Guzman. "We're trying to get it changed. People are confused by the Falls Church address."

Gen. George C. Marshall was a statesman who served under President Franklin D. Roosevelt during World War II, creating the post-war foreign aid reconstruction plan named after him. He was Roosevelt's chief of staff and general of the army, and Prime Minister Winston Churchill called Marshall the "true architect of victory" in the western European theatre. In 1953, Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. After a lifetime of public service, Marshall died in 1959 at Walter Reed Hospital and was buried at Arlington Memorial Cemetery. His Leesburg home is open to the public.

George C. Marshall High School in Fairfax County is the only high school in the country named after the statesman. For the students who come from the pyramid and those who come for the I.B. program or Chinese language instruction, Marshall is a special place.

"We are very lucky all our kids graduated from Marshall," said Rennert. "It's a little jewel in Tysons Corner."

See [www.gcmptsa.org/content.php?102](http://www.gcmptsa.org/content.php?102) to learn more about the 50th anniversary celebration throughout 2012 and spring 2013. You can buy tickets for events, order the commemorative ornament and register for the golf tournament online.

## Used Book Sale in McLean

The McLean Area American Association of University Women (AAUW) is holding its 43rd Annual Used Book Sale Sept. 14-16 at the McLean Community Center to raise money in support of AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The McLean Area AAUW Book sale has

raised more than half a million dollars over the previous forty plus years. The funds will contribute to the 4.3 million dollars the National AAUW has committed this year for women's scholarships, research grants and achievement awards and for legal advocacy against discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace and McLean AAUW local

scholarships for re-entry women students.

The Friday through Sunday, Sept. 14-16, 2012 AAUW Book Sale is well stocked with over forty thousand books plus hundreds of musical CDs as well as DVDs of television series and movies. Recent editions of histories, including many military histories, biographies, political analyses, as well as gardening, health, general literature and business

and economics books are abundant. There are also treasured collectibles and special art books, a huge and complete collection of mystery stories, lots of children's and general interest adult books.

The McLean Area AAUW is grateful for the ongoing support of the SunTrust Bank of East Vienna which has provided facilities to allow AAUW volunteers to spend thousands of hours receiving,

sorting and temporarily storing the more than 1500 boxes of books, CDs and DVDs received this year and also thanks the McLean Community Center.

The McLean Area AAUW Used Book Sale will be at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. on Friday Sept. 14, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Entire bags of books are just \$7 per bag.



# Remembering Those Lost on Sept. 11

## Eleven years after terrorist attacks.

**O**n Sept. 11, 2001, 9:37:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.

The Pentagon's on-site firehouse responded immediately to the crash. Firefighters from nearby Reagan National Airport and Arlington County Fire Department arrived within minutes.

One-hundred-and-eighty-four lives were lost at the Pentagon that day. Nearly 3,000 people died that day in the nearly simultaneous attacks in Arlington, New York and Pennsylvania. Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The following list of people who lived in Connection Newspapers coverage area and died in the Sept. 11 2001 terrorist attacks, is compiled from multiple sources, including news reports, and is likely not complete. The Pentagon Memorial website offers photos and biographies of most people who died at the Pentagon. <http://pentagonmemorial.org/explore/biographies>.

- ❖ Spc. Craig Amundson, 28, Fort Belvoir, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Canfield D. Boone, 54, Clifton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles Burlingame, 51, Herndon, employed by American Airlines, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Rosa Maria Chapa, 64, Springfield, employed by Defense Intelligence Agency, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Eddie A. Dillard, Alexandria, employed by Philip Morris, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Capt. Robert Edward Dolan, 43, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles A. Droz III, 52, Springfield, employed by EM Solutions Inc., died on AA Flight 77

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- ❖ Gerald P. Fisher, 57, Potomac, Md., employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
- ❖ 1st Lt. (Ret.) Richard P. Gabriel Sr., 54, Great Falls, employed by Stratin Consulting, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Diane M. Hale-McKinzy, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Stanley R. Hall, 68, Centreville, employed by Raytheon, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Brady K. Howell, 26, Arlington, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland Jr., 45, Burke, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Bryan C. Jack, 48, Alexandria, employed by Department of Defense, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Steven D. Jacoby, 43, Alexandria, employed by Metrolcall, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Ann Judge, 49, Great Falls, employed by National Geographic Society, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Norma Cruz Khan, 45, Reston, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Assn., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Terence M. Lynch, 49, Alexandria, employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Ada L. Mason-Acker, 50, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, 53, Fort Myer, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Mark McGinly, 26, Vienna, employed by Carr Futures, died in World Trade Center
- ❖ Patricia E. Mickley, 41, Springfield, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Khang Ngoc Nguyen, 41, Fairfax, employed by Navy contractor, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Barbara K. Olson, 45, Great Falls, attorney, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr., 33, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Capt. Jack D. Panches, 51, Clifton, retired

- from U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lisa J. Raines, 42, Great Falls, employed by Genzyme Corp., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Todd H. Reuben, 40, Potomac, Md., attorney, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Charles E. Sabin, 54, Burke, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Marjorie C. Salamone, 53, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Mark E. Schurmeier, 44, McLean, employed by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., died in World Trade Center
- ❖ Janice M. Scott, 46, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Michael L. Selves, 53, Fairfax, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Diane M. Simmons, Great Falls, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ George W. Simmons, Great Falls, retired from Xerox, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith, 55, Alexandria, retired U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, Alexandria, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Lt. Col. Kip P. Taylor, 38, McLean, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Leonard E. Taylor, 44, Reston, employed by XonTech Inc., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Sandra C. Taylor, 50, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Sandra D. Teague, 31, Fairfax, employed by Georgetown University Hospital, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Karl W. Teepe, 57, Centreville, employed by Defense Information Agency, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Meta L. Waller, 60, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Ernest M. Willcher, 62, North Potomac, Md., employed by Booz-Allen Hamilton Inc. died in Pentagon
- ❖ Maj. Dwayne Williams, 40, Lorton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Vicki C. Yancey, 43, Springfield, employed by Vredenburg Co., died on AA Flight 77.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Deliberate Falsehoods' - II

To the Editor:

Margaret Vanderhye's response "Deliberate Falsehoods in Health Care Debate," [Connection, Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 2012] to my letter "Questioning the War on Women," [Connection, Aug. 15-21] unfortunately illustrates my point perfectly. My letter argued that it was unfair to characterize those who oppose the HHS mandate as conducting a war on women. Her answer to that point was to conduct a war on me, accusing me of spreading "deliberate falsehoods" and using "scare tactics" that are "inimical to the public interest." She even compares my words to

those of Congressman Akin. For the remainder of her letter she attacks a straw man, imagining that because I oppose the HHS mandate, I must want the government to come between a woman and her doctor. Ms. Vanderhye never addresses my argument, that when government forces employers to violate their consciences by subsidizing contraception and abortion, religious freedom is trampled.

Though she claims my letter is "replete with inaccuracies," she addresses only one alleged "falsehood" and leaves the rest to our imaginations. Ms. Vanderhye attacks as false the statement that research suggests that contraception and abortion may increase a woman's chance of cancer and heart disease. Actually the state-

ment is true, Ms. Vanderhye's vitriolic tirade notwithstanding. For example, the National Cancer Institute, the Mayo Clinic, and universities including Michigan and Harvard all acknowledge studies showing these risks of oral contraceptives. The Breast Cancer Prevention Institute has compiled a fact sheet listing dozens of studies finding that both oral contraceptives and abortion may increase cancer risk. I did not suggest—as she implicitly does—that the science is settled. But while not everyone accepts the findings of these studies, few people have the audacity to suggest that the research does not exist. To attempt to silence the mention of such research with inflammatory rhetoric is both irre-

sponsible and frightening. In any case, an employer who objects to providing contraception and abortion is not attempting to deny healthcare, but rather choices that come with their own risks.

In the rest of her letter Ms. Vanderhye takes on the straw man, her illogical conclusion that, by opposing the HHS mandate, I would like the government to "dictate...a person's own personal health care decisions." Once again she makes my case for me—by twisting my words beyond recognition in order to demonize me for daring to oppose not freedom, but a mandate. The HHS mandate forces an employer to provide contraception and abortifacient drugs

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## WEEK IN VIENNA

### Town Concil Approves Water Service Agreement

At the Sept. 10 Town Council meeting, the council approved a water service agreement with Fairfax County Water Authority to ultimately deliver up to 2.9 million gallons per day at a rate of \$1.98 per 1,000 gallons of consumption effective Oct. 1, 2012.

At the commencement of the agreement on Oct. 1, the Town will receive approximately 35 percent of its water from Fairfax Water at the new rate and the remaining amount from Falls Church at its current rate of \$2.18 per 1,000 gallons of consumption. A water line connection project, which is included in this agreement and will take approximately 18 to 24 months to construct, is needed in order to complete the connections to Fairfax Water. The Town is expected to receive 100 percent of its water from Fairfax Water by 2015. As part of the agreement, the Town is required to make a \$15,100,516 capital contribution that includes buying capacity in the Fairfax Water treatment plant and the cost of the water line connection project. This contribution will be spread over fifty years as part of the Town's wholesale purchase rate. The Town will continue to own, operate and maintain the Town's water system.

"Throughout this process, the Town Council and staff have focused on doing what's best for Vienna and what's best for our customers," said Mayor M. Jane Seeman. "This agreement allows us to utilize funds more effectively and efficiently when it comes to water distribution."

Water customers will not see an immediate impact to their water bills as the water rates for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 will remain at \$4.75 per 1,000 gallons in

order to address water and sewer infrastructure needs.

### Maplewood Grill Hosting MS Charity

Paul Kuchler, local chef and restaurant owner of Maplewood Grill, Vienna, is participating in the 150-mile bike race MS: Bike to the Bay event being held Sept. 22-23 to support research on multiple sclerosis. Maplewood Grill will be hosting a fundraiser on Sept. 13 to support this cause. Everyone is invited and 7.5 percent of all the sales will be donated to the cause.

### Concert to Benefit the Shepherd's Center

Vienna Presbyterian Church is hosting Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra featuring Chou Chou on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m.. All concert proceeds will benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna ([www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org)), a non-profit, volunteer-based organization providing services, personal enrichment and volunteer opportunities for adults 50 and over, selected as 2012 Nonprofit of the Year by the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Doc and Chou Chou will recreate the music and the ambience of the 20's, 30's and 40's with their authentic costumes and instruments. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE, Vienna.

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#### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12

**Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole.** 7:30 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Treasurer Sean A. Dunn, will lead a meeting about the draft budget to finance center programs and events for the fiscal year 2014, discussing all revisions. [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 13

**AIL Classes Open House.** 10 a.m.-noon, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For a complete listing of classes or to register, visit <http://www.scov.org/ail.htm>.

**Public Hearing on the Dulles Toll.** 5-8 p.m., Spring Hill Elementary School, 8201 Lewinsville Road, McLean. See an informational exhibit about the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and its effects and costs; Airports Authority representatives will be present for open-format discussion. Make public comments online through Sept. 16. [www.mwaa.com/tollroad](http://www.mwaa.com/tollroad).

**GrowthBusters: Hooked on Growth.** 6:30 p.m., at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Water shortages, hunger, peak oil, species extinction, and even increasing depression are all symptoms of a deeper problem—that being addiction to unending growth in a world that has limits; participate in a post-screening discussion of what to do locally. 703-402-9292 or [sbonney001@aol.com](mailto:sbonney001@aol.com).

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**A Capital of Controversy: D.C. Memorials.** 7:30 p.m., at George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. National Park Service Ranger Michael Kelly discusses how many of Washington, D.C.'s familiar memorials provoked passionate disagreement along the way to becoming cherished national icons. Register at 703-256-3800.

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

**Nick Bielamowicz Eagle Project, Troop 1916.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Please donate your used bicycles to Bikes for the World where used bikes are matched to people who need

## Happening Now In A Park Near You: Bow Hunting in Fairfax County Parks



- > Should families, hikers, joggers, cyclists, dog walkers & other park visitors have to dodge arrows intended to kill wildlife for 5 months each year?
- > Should Fairfax County waste our tax dollars on ineffective lethal "deer control" when proven effective humane methods exist?
- > Should hunters be allowed in our parks to exacerbate deer-vehicle collisions, which increase when deer flee in fear from danger?
- > Should we have to witness suffering, dying, or dead deer in our parks or surrounding neighborhoods?
- > Should animals be subjected to suffering & slow death when humane methods exist?

> Should Fairfax County cater to bow hunting special interest groups OR fairly represent the interests of our 1.3 million residents?

Fairfax County has mismanaged the deer issue & used our tax dollars for a one-sided, useless, lethal program for decades. The results? INEFFECTIVE. FAILURE. WASTED TAX \$\$\$.

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to their employees. These products are currently easily accessible, but before the HHS mandate the government did not force employers to provide them. Ms. Vanderhye denounces me because I suggested that this forced arrangement is wrong, unfair and unconstitutional. When the provision of a product or service impinges on the religious freedom of those forced to provide, the responsible citizen should take note and object. Ms. Vanderhye's heated rhetoric obfuscates the issue at hand and unfortunately serves only to further divide.

**Laura Burke**  
Great Falls

## Vienna Youth, Inc. Thanks Area Businesses

To the Editor:

I want to extend my thanks to all the area businesses and citizens who contributed to and cooperated with VYI in what was Vienna Youth's 42nd annual Booster Day. Thanks to your generosity, patience and tolerance, we were able to raise nearly \$50,000.

From some comments I received from area residents I think many may be unaware of what VYI does and why we do this fundraising. Allow me to briefly explain.

VYI sponsors youth basketball, football, volleyball, lacrosse, cheerleading, rugby, wrestling, track and field and cross-country. Since its founding in 1968, VYI has grown to be one of the largest youth sports organizations in the area. Approximately 4000 families have at least one son or daughter participating in one of our sports. Participants come from Vienna, Oakton, McLean, Falls Church, Reston and Fairfax.

Conducting sports programs is very expensive. Not only do we need to provide uniforms and the safest equipment possible but we must hire referees and pay to use fields and gyms. We conduct expensive training and certification programs for our coaches and conduct costly ongoing criminal background checks. We are even assessed a per-player fee by Fairfax County. In addition, we want everyone to benefit from our programs, so we cover the cost for those who may not be able to afford our registration fees. We also have a scholarship program that over the past 17 years has awarded \$400,000 in college scholarships to hundreds of graduating seniors who formerly participated in VYI


activities.

So that we will have safe and sufficient places to conduct our activities, over the past few years we have spent in excess of \$1,000,000 to improve and maintain the athletic infrastructure of the community. Through our partnerships with Fairfax County, the Town of Vienna and other area youth sports organizations, the turf field projects at Marshall and Madison High Schools and Waters

Field were made possible. We have renovated many area school gyms and we partnered with school and PTA to build the new track at Marshall Road Elementary School. In the coming years we will be an active contributor to the new Vienna Community Center and many other field and gym projects.

**Robert G. Forbes**, president  
Vienna Youth, Inc.  
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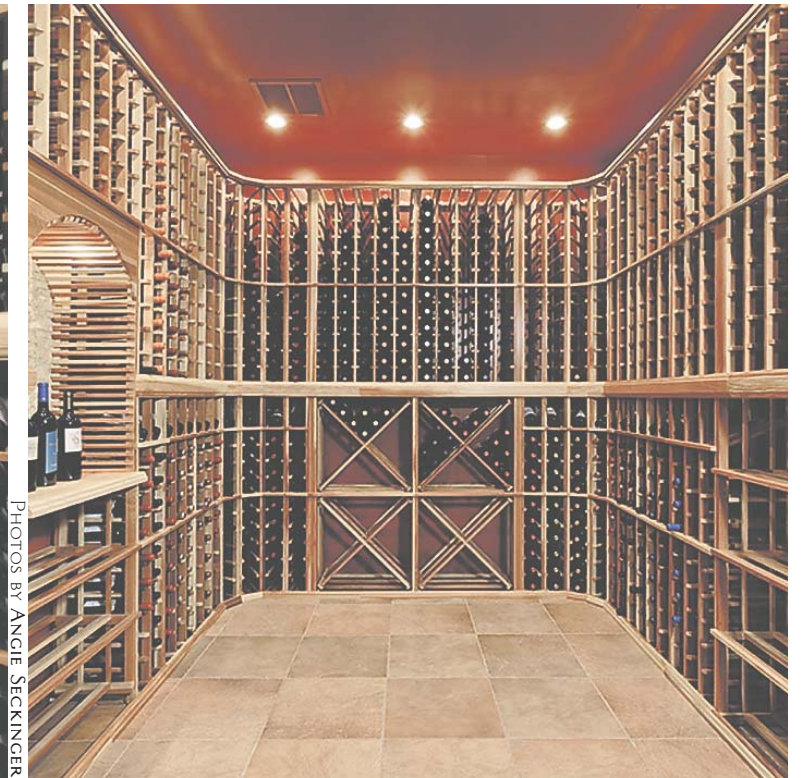
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The wine cellar in this McLean home opens to the adjacent billiard room. Designers say homeowners should create a style for the cellar that is consistent with the rest of the home.

## Uncorking the Possibilities

Local builders say wine storage options are almost limitless.

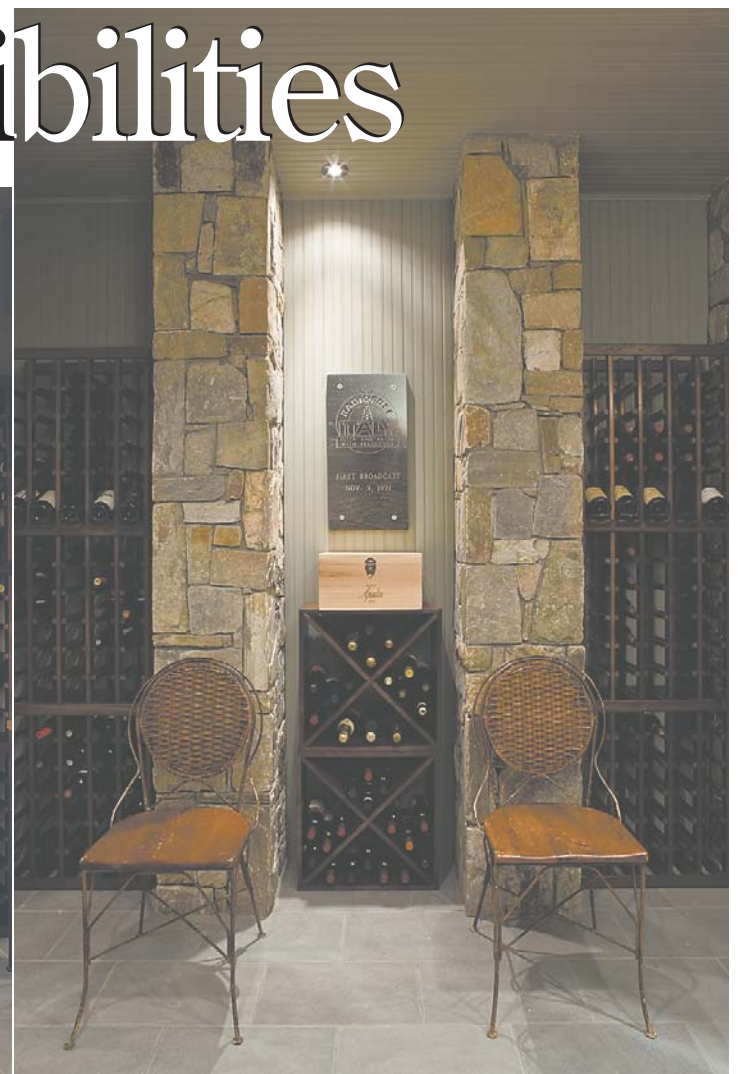
BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

From those who sip an occasional glass of Chianti with friends to enthusiastic oenophiles, the notion of owning a wine cellar is fascinating to many people. In fact, a recent U.S. Luxury-Home Market survey by Wine Trends, a wine consulting firm, showed that 67 percent of respondents were interested in incorporating wine storage into their homes.

“With wine cellar design, the sky is the limit. In fact, the sky is actually the starting point.”

— Jason Kirkpatrick

Local designers say they are now catering to a new breed of wine collector and are creating cellars equipped with perks ranging from full kitchen and dining spaces to rare art and LED lighting. Jason Kirkpatrick, of Kirkpatrick’s Construction in Centreville, says creative options are virtually boundless.



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Jason Kirkpatrick of Centreville-based Kirkpatrick’s Construction won a Contractor of the Year Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for a McLean project that included a wine cellar with a tasting area.

“With wine cellar design, the sky is the limit. In fact, the sky is actually the starting point,” he said. “There are so many neat things that you can do with architecture, racking and lighting. You can turn a rela-

tively small space into a gorgeous wine cellar.”

**DESIGNERS SAY** that when planning a wine cellar, there are a few basic factors to

consider.

The first item that those who want to build a wine cellar should think about is a

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# Limitless Options for Wine Storage

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system of organization. "You have to not only think about how many bottles you have in your collection, but also how much you think your collection will grow over the next five to 10 years," said Kirkpatrick, who lives in Clifton. "You don't want to make this kind of investment in your home and then a year or two later say, 'Gosh, we need to make an addition onto our wine cellar.'"

Local interior designer Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors says homeowners should create a style for the cellar that will be consistent with the rest of the home, something she and the design team did when creating the cellar in a McLean home.

"We ... developed a sophisticated space that was reflective of the home and the collection," she said. "For example, the flooring is the same slate that is used in the exterior patio. We wanted to use the cherry cabinet that is featured in the center of the two front columns, so we designed the room around this piece. Each stone column was designed to work around the room based on the proportion established by this piece of furniture. We also wanted the space to feel open to the billiard room, which is attached. To that end, we widened the door enclosure and added side-lights to make the space open."

**HOW THE SPACE WILL BE** used is another important consideration. "Are you planning to use it for strictly for utilitarian storage or would you like for there to be a space for entertaining in it as well?" said Kirkpatrick, who won a Contractor of the Year Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for a McLean project that included a wine cellar with a tasting area. "Which do you drink more of: White or red? Do you prefer large format bottles or standard-sized bottles?"

Designers say the style and features of the rest of the home should be factored into the cellar's design: "What are the spaces that are adjacent to the wine cellar? You can incorporate them into the design for a better flow," said Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick says he integrated a wine bar into the design of a south Arlington kitchen during a recent renovation. "We used interesting frosted glass cabinets and really designed the space for wine tast-

ing, there was even a space for tasting cheese or chocolate. The plan was integrated into the design of the kitchen and the whole space flowed."

When remodeling a kitchen in Alexandria, Kirkpatrick created two spaces for wine. "We used open storage where wine can be

stored for easy accessibility and built-in wine storage under the cabinets. But one of the most cost-effective things you can do is to buy a glass-front refrigerator that is specifically designed for holding wine with so you can display the wine nicely," said Kirkpatrick.

In fact, Potomac, Md.-based de-

signer Susan Matus of Case Design/ Remodeling says that there are budget-friendly options for wine storage. "[Kitchen] cabinet-makers are now making cabinets that incorporate wine storage in base cabinets or wall cabinets. There are also wine refrigerators that have two cooling zones that

are appropriate for red and white wine, but are not outrageous in terms of price."

According to National Association of the Remodeling Industry spokesperson Nikki Golden, "Wine cellars are still very popular for people to put into their home during a remodel."

## 'Home Energy Makeover Contest' for Area Residents

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Sponsors include—The Dominion Foundation, The Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP), NVRC, Energy Sense: Value Your Power, Arlington County Government, The City of Alexandria Government.

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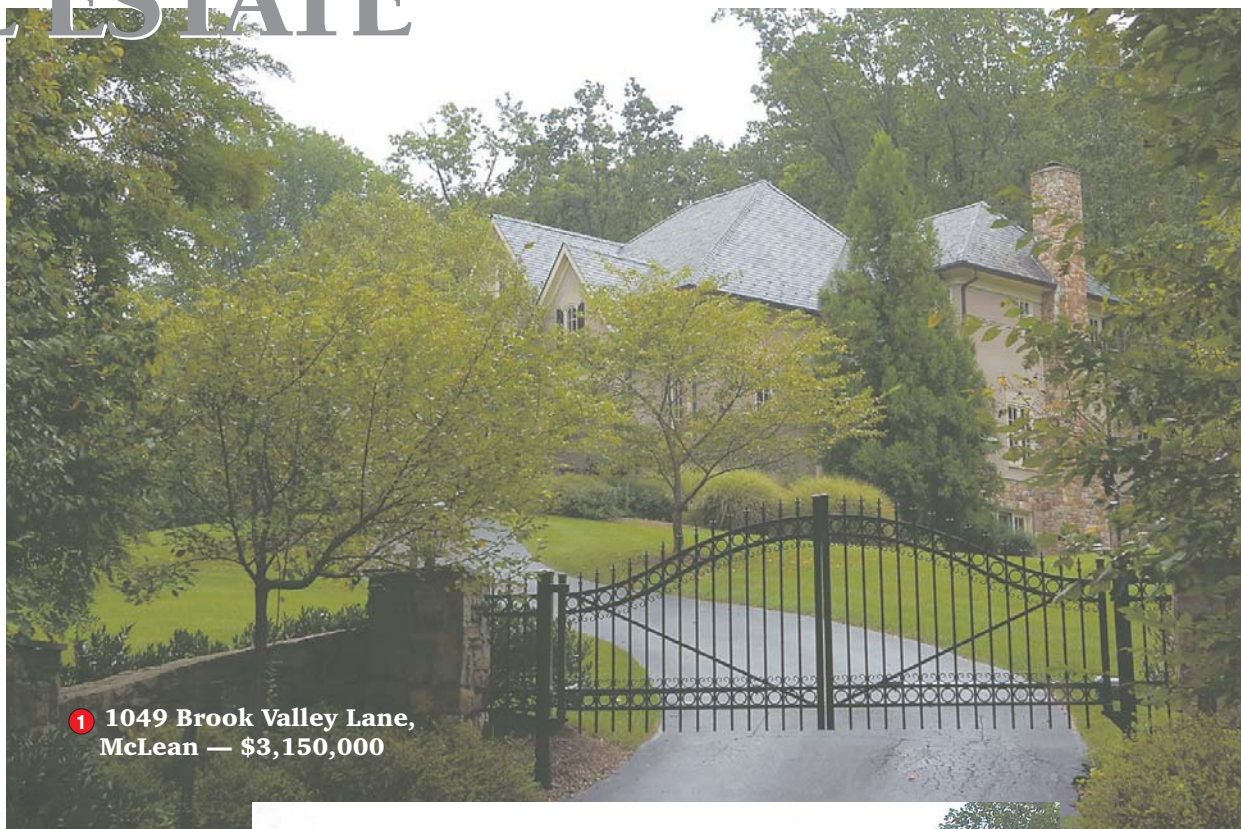
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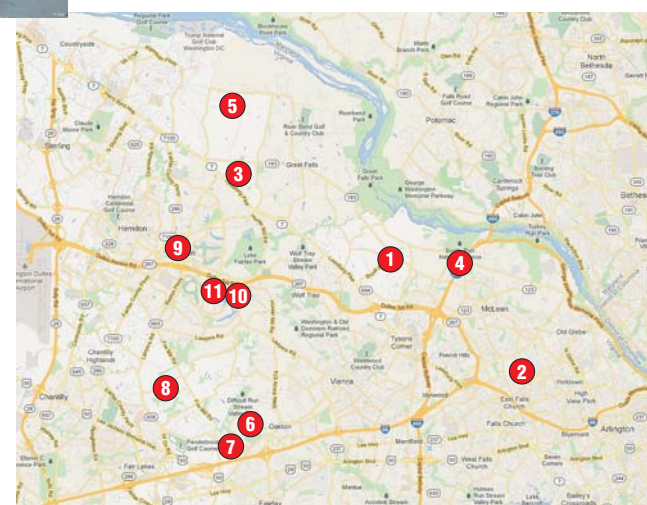
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### THURSDAY/SEPT. 13

**Mixed Media Paintings by Beverly Donnenfeld-Chello Opening Reception.** 7-9 p.m., at the Emerson Gallery, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Exhibit up until Nov. 3. [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 14

**McLean Area AAUW Used Book Sale.** 9 a.m.-7 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A large assortment of books for \$7 a bag. 703-790-5550.

**Spaghetti Dinner.** 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St., N. Vienna. Salad, bread and dessert. \$8, open to the public. 703-938-9535.

**Argentine Tango.** 7 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Every Friday. 703-759-2685 or [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**Sean Rowe.** 8 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Singer-songwriter at the local music hotspot. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**"Suite Surrender."** 8 p.m., at the 1st Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Michael McKeever's comedy, playing Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Oct. 14. \$15-25. 703-854-1856 or [www.1ststagein.com](http://www.1ststagein.com).

**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, wine and jazz. 703-506-4300.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

**McLean Area AAUW Used Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A large assortment of books for \$7 a bag. 703-790-5550.

**Children's Shows: The Great Zucchini.** 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**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 [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**The Northern Virginia Country-Western Lesson and Dance.** 7:30 p.m., at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. VCWDA was founded in 1986 and this dance celebrates their 26th anniversary; dancing from 8:30-11:00 p.m. includes two step, waltz, line, swing, cha cha, and specialty dances. Couples and singles welcome. Members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or call 703-860-4941.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

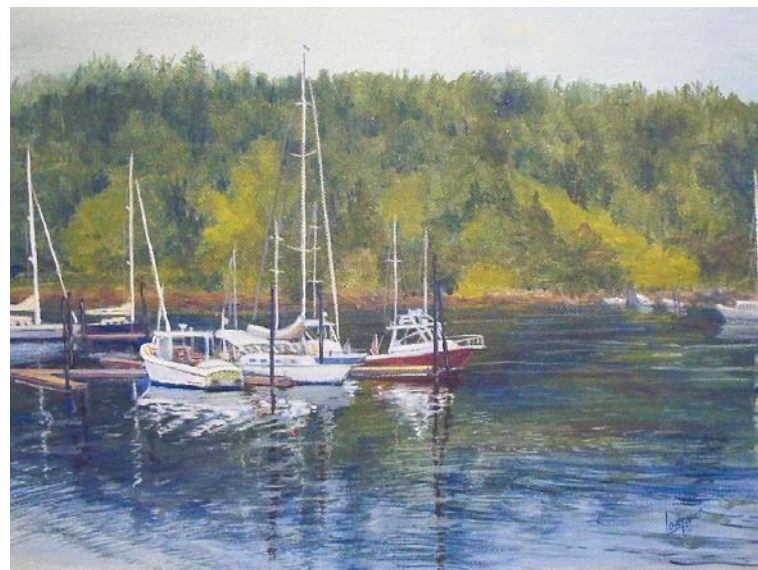
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**Family Dance.** 3-4:30 p.m., at Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Road, Falls Church. Young Rembrandts and Falls Church Community Center host an afternoon of family style circle and line dances, with simple dances learned on-the-spot and a live band and caller. 703-919-1031 or [www.MusicWithMaddy.com](http://www.MusicWithMaddy.com).



## Painting With Paper

A unique art form will be demonstrated by artist Ronni Jolles at the Vienna Arts Society's meeting, Thursday, Sept. 13, 7:30 pm, Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Free and open to the public. Jolles gathers papers from around the world to create her highly textured artwork. 703-319-3971 or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).



**"Quiet, Hear the Loon,"** acrylic by Pauline Lorfano, won first place.

## REFLECTIONS, an Exhibition of Artworks in Many Medias

The exhibition is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays through Sept. 29 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. 703-319-3971 or [www.viennaartsociety.org](http://www.viennaartsociety.org).

**Ascending, Amadeus Orchestra.** 4 p.m., at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Enjoy skillfully played and directed classical music with a reception to follow; free for students 17 and under. \$30. <http://www.amadeusconcerts.com>.

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### MONDAY/SEPT. 17

**HBC Community Charity Champions Fundraising Dinner.** 5-8 p.m., at Pulcinella Italian Host, 6852 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Support McLean Youth Football—just show a flyer and 60 percent of proceeds benefit the league. 703-734-0192 or [www.HBCRealtyGroup.com](http://www.HBCRealtyGroup.com).

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

**Photography Competition.** 7:30-9:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. The Vienna Photographic Society will hold a photo competition; the optional theme of this competition is "Blue," meaning that the main image must focus on the color. Members may

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

**Fifth Annual College Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Church for All Nations, 8526 Amanda Place, Vienna. Korea Daily will host the fifth annual college fair event sponsored by McDonald's. <http://collegefair.koreadaily.com/fair/>.

**Model Railroad (HO Scale) Open House and Display.** 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. The layout depicts the Western North Carolina Railroad (now a portion of the Norfolk Southern) during the period of transition from steam to diesel. Free, donations accepted. [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org) or 703-938-5157.

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks I.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org).

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# Alarm Over Transportation Funding

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and the situation continues to deteriorate, as evidenced by some startling facts,” according to leaders in the Sept. 4 letter.

They painted a bleak picture of the state’s transportation crisis, pointing out that:

\*Within five years, no state funds will be available for highway construction, and the Commonwealth will be unable to fully match federal funds.

\*Approximately 26 percent of roadways statewide are in poor condition, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), which maintains the roads. However, that number jumps to 34 percent for the Urban Crescent, including 39 percent in Northern Virginia, 36 percent in Hampton Roads and 31 percent in Richmond.

\*State secondary and urban system construction funds have been eliminated.

\*Only 66 percent of Virginia’s secondary roads currently meet pavement performance targets. Using VDOT’s estimates, the cost of meeting VDOT’s goal of 82 percent of secondary roads in fair or better condition could be \$1.3 billion to \$1.8 billion.

\*In the Richmond area, commuters waste 20 hours per year stuck in traffic; in Hampton Roads, commuters waste 34 hours; in Northern Virginia, commuters waste 74 hours per year.

\*The morning and evening rush hours in the Urban Crescent last as long as two and a half to seven hours each day.

With nearly 58,000 miles of roads, Virginia currently operates the nation’s third-largest state highway network, and the state government is responsible for virtually all Virginia’s main and local roadways.

The Virginia Department of Transportation’s annual budget for 2012 is nearly \$4.8 billion. However, almost \$1.3 billion of that money is borrowed, according to state officials.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) said state funds for transportation have disappeared in the past 10 years due to a number of factors.

“The most obvious is the fact that we have a fixed 17.5 cents per gallon tax on gasoline,” Petersen said.

According to state officials, every 1-cent increase in Virginia’s gasoline tax would generate about \$50 million for transportation. But state legislators historically have been reluctant to propose new taxes or new funding mechanisms.

**THE LAST MAJOR INFUSION** to the state’s transportation funding stream was in 1987.

That reluctance, Petersen said, is unacceptable.

“Now that cars are far more efficient, less gasoline is purchased at the pump. So less revenue is collected, even though more cars are

on the road. It’s a vicious cycle that won’t be solved until we go to an indexed tax—or simply replace all taxes with tolling,” Petersen said.

Though various efforts have been made in recent years to address the Commonwealth’s transportation needs, adequate and sustainable solutions have not been achieved, according to Urban Crescent officials.

“We believe that the time for action is now, and that inaction is a ‘traffic tax’ on our localities, our residents, our visitors, and our businesses through decreased productivity, diminished quality of life, higher fuel costs, higher maintenance costs, and increased pollution,” the leaders wrote.

The letter isn’t the final product of the Urban Crescent efforts. Bulova said it is part of a sustained effort and a “call to action” for the General Assembly and the administration to provide the funding Urban Crescent leaders say is needed in the Commonwealth to address the backlog of road and infrastructure maintenance needs, and funding for transit and road construction.

“Transportation is one of the state’s fundamental responsibilities,” Bulova added. “By shifting the responsibility to local government, it is essentially a tax increase on localities. When the state doesn’t invest in transportation improvements, it costs the commuting public lost time and productivity.”

## Strawman

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Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman also expressed concerns in comments submitted to the committee Sept. 5.

“Our concerns continue to be about the proposed funding the Federal and State budgets ‘not yet identified,’” she said. “If those funds are not forthcoming or even budgeted beyond the [Congestion Mitigation and Regional Surface Transportation Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program] grants, then are Fairfax County taxpayers responsible for the necessary transportation improvements?”

The Strawman recommendations will be heard by the Fairfax County Planning Commission starting their Thursday, Sept. 13 meeting, and is currently scheduled for a vote on whether or not to send the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

More information, including the complete Strawman recommendations, can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tysonscorner.htm>.

## FAITH NOTES

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

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

**Multi-Denominational Women’s Conference.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at The Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. A women’s conference featuring internationally known conference speaker and author Cheryl Sacks; childcare provided. Register at [tot4given@aol.com](mailto:tot4given@aol.com) or <http://www.antiochdoc.org/> Child care will be provided.

hosts Leigh Kitcher of the Ayr Hill Garden Club with a lecture and demonstration on creating hypertufas. 703-790-0682.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 12

**WFCM Fellowship Dinner.** 6:30 p.m., at Fairview Park Marriott Hotel, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Dinner begins at 7:15; business professional attire. Register by Oct. 5 at <http://www.ministrysync.com/event/home.php?e=3822>.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 28

**Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra.** 3 p.m., at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna. The Shepherd’s Center of Vienna-Oakton presents the benefit performance. [www.GoodShepherdVA.com](http://www.GoodShepherdVA.com).

### Unitarian Universalist

**Congregation of Fairfax,** 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers a rich and unique Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. Registration for the RE program, which offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, is now open by calling 703-281-4230.

**Redeemer Lutheran Church,** 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, offers a 9 a.m. traditional service and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service on Sundays. Also offers two services during the summer – both of which will include children’s sermons. 703-356-3346.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

**Stop Hunger Now.** 11 a.m., at Vienna’s Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. The outreach effort involves assembling 25,000 meals that will be sent to hunger-stricken areas around the world. 703-648-0014.

**Pastor’s Dinner and Worship Service.** 6 p.m., at The Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Cheryl Sacks, guest speaker, talks about healing and encouragement at the dinner to honor all pastors for their service in ministry. Reservations. [office@antiochdoc.org](mailto:office@antiochdoc.org).

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 18

**Bishop Loverade on Modern Christian Life.** 7:30 p.m., at Saint James Catholic Church Hall, 905 Park Ave., Falls Church. 540-635-7155 or [www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org](http://www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org).

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

**Creating Hypertufas.** 9:45 a.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The Holy Hill Garden Club’s meeting

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# Coffee for a Cure at Caffe Amouri

Lymphoma survivor leads team to fundraise on behalf of lymphoma research.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

It's typical of Caffe Amouri on Church Street to host and participate in community fundraising events. On Friday, Sept. 7, Caffe Amouri donated 20 percent of the morning's sales to the Vienna Remission Riders. One of the shop's regular customers, who owner Michael Amouri finds "beloved" and "amazing," is a former lymphoma patient riding to raise money on behalf of lymphoma research. And, for the fourth year, Caffe Amouri is behind her.

In November of 2008, Vienna mother of four Valerie Kappler was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins follicular B cell lymphoma. Today, Kappler is cancer-free, in remission, and her personal mission is to support research funding for the Lymphoma Research Foundation [LRF]. Without their work, Kappler believes she would not be alive today.

The third annual Coffee for a Cure at Caffe Amouri, said Kappler, is "truly a heartwarming community event which once again displays the 'small town' support of the Vienna area."

**THE COFFEEHOUSE** overflowed with customers all morning, many of whom were milling around Kappler. She wore her team jersey and handed out Lymphoma Research Ride registration forms, all the time smiling and greeting supporters. Some supporters were friends, some came as someone touched by cancer in their lives. Some supporters, like Deb Granato, who lost her husband to cancer, stopped by because she supports cancer research completely. Amouri says his business sponsors Coffee for a Cure because that is what the local business should do. "It's our commitment to the community," Amouri said.

Valerie Kappler and her husband did a Google search on the cancer diagnosis after learning of her disease. When they did so, they read the diagnosed disease had a 10-year life expectancy for the patient. The information the Kapplers found was, fortunately, outdated. It was a prominent lymphoma specialist at Georgetown who directed Kappler to a clinical trial in 2009 that has saved her life. The trial was not available five years ago.

Kappler's father, Dr. John Sever, was the chief of infectious diseases at NIH for over 27 years and still sits on the board of the National Cancer Institute for pediatric oncology. He helped the Kapplers understand the cancer and accompanied the couple on each doctor's visit, continuing to do so even now. Valerie Kappler met with two oncologists at NIH before her referral to Dr. Bruce Cheson, lymphoma specialist at Georgetown University. Cheson heads the board of all lymphoma research programs in the country.



Remission Ride team leader Valerie Kappler with Caffe Amouri owner Michael Amouri at the shop's Coffee for a Cure on Sept. 7.

"Until 1995, my lymphoma was a death sentence ... Because of research, there are many of us who are alive. My medicines were not around five years ago, and here I am, cancer-free."

—Valerie Kappler, Vienna, Remission Rider

done by LRF literally saved my life," Kappler said.

**PERSONAL DONATIONS** and community sponsorships, such as those supported by Caffe Amouri and the Oakton Wine Shop Taste for a Cure, car washes, raffles and auctions, support the Remission Riders' fundraising mission. On Saturday, Sept. 15, the Oakton Wine Shop hosts its fundraiser for Remission Riders and everyone is welcomed.

Kappler knows that, to date, there is no cure for her lymphoma and it will return, but she believes that she is living proof that research is the answer to finding a cure for cancer.

The Lymphoma Research Foundation is one of the few cancer research organizations in which funding goes directly to lymphoma research only. The LRF comprises the top lymphoma specialists in the country.

Their research is invaluable, Kappler said.

"Until 1995, my lymphoma was a death sentence," said Kappler. "Because of research, there are many of us who are alive. My medicines were not around five years ago, and here I am, cancer-free."

"The money given to research pays off. I'm living proof."

To donate or sign up as a Remission Rider, go to [Lymphoma.org/ride2012](http://Lymphoma.org/ride2012).

For information on lymphomas, go to the Lymphoma Research Foundation's website at [lymphoma.org](http://lymphoma.org). Kappler refers to their information as cutting-edge, educational and free.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

The following Vienna residents have been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Virginia Tech: **Nizar B. Ajhar** (general engineering), **Olivia A. Arey** (fine arts), **Michael G. Beck** (computer engineering), **Lisa L. Bell** (accounting and information systems), **Chloe E. Benner** (classical studies), **Michael E. Conway** (business), **Allyson M. Cowden** (accounting and information systems), **Elena C. Cox** (animal and poultry sciences), **Shannon E. Dean** (business information technology), **Jennifer S. Felter** (marketing management), **Kathleen S. Felter** (business information technology), **Anne P. Friend** (music), **Mary Claire E. Goodwin** (human development), **Kaley N. Hanson** (business information technology), **Daniel F. Haugh** (aerospace engineering), **Daniel D. Heshmatipour** (biological sciences), **Ashleigh C. Hon** (psychology), **Jace C. Howanitz** (management) and **John L. Hylton** (university studies).

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The following Oak Hill residents have been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Virginia Tech: **Kathryn E. Berlin** (human development), **Adam Q. Binford** (computer science), **Lindsay E. Blassie** (computer science), **Curtis P. Bolduc** (mathematics), **Christopher M. Buck** (general engineering), **Derek M. Cassells** (accounting and information systems), **Jennifer A. Ceh** (industrial and systems engineering), **Kevin Chow** (general engineering), **Brittany T. Dao** (finance), **Catherine P. Do** (international studies), **Daniel S. Drew** (materials science and engineering), **Alexander P. Feldhausen** (business), **Michael L. Greene** (finance), **Kristen L. Harley** (industrial and systems engineering), **Christy M. Hite** (communication) and **Stephen D. Jordan** (general engineering).

**Lindsey M. Joost** of Vienna has won the National Merit General Dynamics Scholarship. The James Madison High School student plans to study journalism.

**Robert B. Mason Jr.** of Oak Hill has won an Honorary Merit Scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, signifying that the Scholar's educational plans or other awards preclude receipt of a monetary scholarship. The student's name is included in the public announcement in recognition of distinguished performance in the competition. The Chantilly High School student's probable career field is in computer engineering.





Marshall's MacKenzie Haight finished 10th at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8.



Amanda Swaak was the top finisher for the Madison girls' cross country team, which placed third at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 at Burke Lake Park.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

## McGorty, Christen Win Monroe Parker Titles

Chantilly boys, Lake Braddock girls win team cross-country titles.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**S**ean McGorty is focused on himself as he enters the 2012 cross country season. But don't confuse the Chantilly senior's mentality for selfishness; he's simply searching for motivation.

McGorty has been one of the top high school harriers in Virginia since his sophomore season, when he finished fourth at the 2010 VHSL state meet. In 2011, he finished state runner-up. Each year, however, McGorty was surpassed by fellow Northern Region runner Ahmed Bile, who won back-to-back state championships as a junior and senior. While McGorty couldn't catch Bile at states, the Annandale harrier pushed McGorty to succeed.

This year, Bile, who is now a freshman at Georgetown, won't be there to motivate McGorty. Instead, McGorty, who was ranked in the milesplit.com preseason national top 10, is looking for drive from within.

On Sept. 8, he put his approach to the test and came out a winner.

McGorty finished first at the Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park, posting a time of 14 minutes, 50 seconds. He finished 26 seconds ahead of his nearest competitor and helped Chantilly capture the boys' team title.

"You have to be very mentally strong," McGorty said of running with no competitors around him. "I've been working on that coming into this year because I really want to be able to motivate myself during races and not rely on other people or other events...It will be a little different not having someone right there with you. Mentally, last year I had to focus on staying with [Bile] or pushing the pace, trying to beat him. This year, it's more pushing myself, keep-

ing myself motivated, so it just takes out the aspect of having someone right there next to you."

McGorty praised Northern Region harriers after the race, but none posed a threat on this day. Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck finished second with a time of 15:16, followed by Edison's Louis Colson (15:18), Battlefield's Haben Zemichael (15:54) and Chantilly's Peter Malander (15:55). Madison's Matthew Calem (15:56) finished sixth, followed by Stone Bridge's Brady Guertin (15:56), Chantilly's Faris Sakallah (15:57), South Lakes' Ashkan Mohammadi (15:58), Marshall's MacKenzie Haight (16:05), Battlefield's Aaron Hill (16:05), Bishop O'Connell's J.J. LaPointe (16:05), Yorktown's Ryan Hart (16:07), Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett (16:07) and T.C. Williams' Anteneh Girma (16:08).

Chantilly finished first as a team with a score of 57, followed by Battlefield (122) and Robinson (134).

South Lakes (258) finished seventh, led by Mohammadi's ninth-place individual effort. Madison (462) was 15th, led by Calem. McLean finished 20th, including a team-best 67th-place finish by Daniel Bachman (17:11). Haight's 10th-place effort helped Marshall finish 22nd. Langley was 27th, led by Jack Flatley (114th, 17:51).

In girls' action, Lake Braddock senior Sophie Chase, ranked in the milesplit.com national top 10, pulled out of the race around the halfway point with lower-body discomfort.

Despite Chase's early exit from the race, Lake Braddock captured the girls' team championship, thanks to Hannah Christen capturing the individual title. Christen, ranked in the milesplit.com national top 15, finished with a time of 17:40. She battled West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta, who placed second at 17:46.

Lake Braddock finished with a team score of 83, followed by Battlefield in second with 108 and Madison in third with 120.

South Lakes finished 13th, led by August Durham (31st, 20:20). Marshall was 15th, led by Zoe Scopa (56th, 21:00). Langley ended the race in 21st, paced by Rebecca Powell (95th, 21:51).



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Oakton senior quarterback Kyle Downer threw three touchdown passes and ran for one during a 28-21 victory against South County on Sept. 7.

## QB Downer Leads Oakton Football Past South County

Senior throws three touchdown passes, runs for one.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**O**akton quarterback Kyle Downer and the Cougar offense were on the field for all of six plays during the third quarter of their matchup against South County on Sept. 7. Meanwhile, the Stallions scored a touchdown, recovered an onside kick and reached the end zone a second time.

The South County football team had seized momentum, using an effective ground game to move the ball, chew up clock and keep the ball out of Downer's hands.

While his opportunities were limited in the third quarter, Downer made up for lost time in the fourth, using his right arm and his legs to assure Oakton remained undefeated.

Downer threw a 40-yard touchdown pass and scored on a 32-yard run in the final quarter, and the Oakton defense forced a turnover on downs in the red zone with 1:04 remaining as the Cougars defeated the Stallions, 28-21, at South County Secondary School.

"[The Stallions] took control of the tempo in the third quarter," Oakton head coach Jason Rowley said. "I think we only snapped the ball on offense [six] times and they got the onside kick... But like I told the players, facing that adversity, that's what they're going to face week in and week out in the Concorde District. This is a great win for our program."

One week after beating Madi-

son, 35-13, Oakton improved to 2-0 with a victory of the nail-biting variety, thanks in large part to the performance of Downer. The Cougar field general completed six of 13 passes for 116 yards and three touchdowns, and carried nine times for 47 yards and a score.

"We'll go as far as Kyle Downer can take us," Rowley said. "He is a great football player. He can do it with his feet, he can do it with his arm, he just does a great job. He is the leader of our team."

Downer found Andy Boone for a 29-yard touchdown late in the first quarter, tying the score at 7-7. Late in the first half, Downer threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Kelly Brooks-Muse, giving the Cougars a 14-7 advantage.

Oakton trailed early in the fourth quarter when Downer and Brooks-Muse connected for a 40-yard score, leading to a 21-21 tie. On the Cougars' next possession, Downer scampered 32 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown with 7:22 remaining.

"That's a great team. They've been tested in battle," Downer said about South County, last season's Division 5 state runner-up. "I have so much respect for that team because they play us hard every single year and it just gives us that much more confidence moving forward."

Oakton's home opener is Friday, Sept. 14 when the Cougars take on Woodson at 7:30 p.m. Oakton opens Concorde District play on Oct. 5 when the Cougars host Herndon.



## Trip Without a Fall

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Recently, for the first time in nearly two years, I took a trip without having my car. Significant to me in that not "having my car" meant not being able to transport/have all my cancer things. And by "things" I mean all the not-prescribed-by-my-oncologist supplements I have assimilated into my treatment regimen. "Things" that are not particularly well-suited or even allowed on an airplane; impractical, but allowed on most other public conveyances, however. Specifically, I refer to gallon containers of my alkaline water (100 oz. per day), pureed asparagus which I refrigerate and "tablespoon" eight portions of a day, organic apple cider (32 oz. bottle) from which I mix a tablespoon in with my alkaline water twice a day, Green Tea extract – another liquid from which I "drop" 4 mL per day, and baking soda (I don't want to bring white powder onto a plane) which I mix with my alkaline water once a day, typically washing down my 10 raw almonds and pancreatic enzyme pill. All part of a routine I have maintained rather assiduously ever since I was diagnosed with stage IV non-small cell lung cancer back in late February, 2009.

Given the fact that I am alive and still writing three and a half years after receiving a "13-month to two-year prognosis," it is a routine which presumably has contributed something (along with the standard "lines" of chemotherapy with which I have been infused and now on to an oral medication) to my amazing survivability (median life expectancy for my type of cancer is eight months; 10 percent survive beyond 5 years). And so, any time the opportunity or even suggestion has been made for me to travel away from home, where the logistics of getting to and from would have prevented me from being able to have my cancer "things," it has been met with very little enthusiasm – by yours truly. I don't know which I've feared the most: starting chemotherapy in early March 2009 or stopping any of the routine I described in the previous paragraph, a routine I truly believe has contributed positively to my overall health. (And there will be no backsliding, either. Perhaps a few modifications. I do remain open to suggestions.)

Nevertheless, a unique set of circumstances presented themselves in July (an invite, actually) and so I decided to fly with my wife, Dina, to Bozeman, Mt. to spend a weekend with a family – the Knightons (former teachers from her high school, along with their three sons,) and a close friend, Jeff (from Pensacola, FL who was traveling with his wife, Sherril), all of whom (save for Sherril) have been major influences in Dina's life, but due to time and distance had rarely been seen over the years. I certainly didn't anticipate dying on the trip simply because I wouldn't be able to drink my normal 100 oz. of alkaline water, with or without all my magic ingredients. However, breaking my routine does give me pause.

And this was the first 'pause' in a long time. And I was anxious, and afraid. But no, I wasn't second-guessing myself. However, I was looking forward to returning home afterward and resuming my drinking (you know what I mean). But given what the reunion (of sorts) meant to Dina, and knowing – from previous first-hand experience, the quality of the individuals involved, we bought the tickets and away we went.

To say that the trip exceeded my expectations would be disparaging to any and all "expectations." I had a great time. My wife, Dina, had a great time. And most importantly, Kenny-with-cancer (one of my handles, unfortunately) had a great time, one I will remember for years to come. The Knightons were beyond gracious and hospitable. Jeff, Dina's friend from high school and his wife were super cool. Montana was magnificent and my routine wasn't so routine. I survived just fine. I suppose now I'll have to live with the consequences of my actions. In fact, I'm counting on it.

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## NEWS

**Class-A Grand Champion, a Kohaku, of the ZNA Potomac 19th Annual Koi Show at Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna.**

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# Koi Show Features the Art of the Species

**ZNA Potomac hosts 19th Annual Koi Show at Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Over the weekend of Sept. 8, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens turned into a nirvana for koi fans. The ZNA Potomac 19th Annual Koi Show returned to Meadowlark for the fourth consecutive year, bringing in koi owners and Meadowlark visitors. The koi show was open to the public and free.

"It's so enjoyable," said koi exhibitor Chuck Lockard, Vienna, who also maintains a saltwater pond. "I have a patio, I sit outside and watch them. It's a fabulous hobby, and it ties into my landscaping and gardening."

Lockard's kidney-shaped pond holds about 18,000 gallons of water and 25 koi.

Vienna was well-represented at the Potomac koi show. Other koi hobbyists from the Vienna area entered their koi, as well, or came to the show to buy koi for their home ponds.

"Raising koi is a lot of fun," said Vienna hobbyist Gretchen Lindsey, who bought her home with a koi pond already in the yard. The previous owners had not constructed their own koi pond in their new house so Gretchen and her husband were left to care for the ones left at the Lindsey home. "All we had to do was feed them. I thought, 'this is easy.'"

**WHILE FEEDING KOI** may be "easy," keeping them is harder and more expensive. Koi ponds take up a large area of space and have extensive filtration systems. The colorful carp live in their pond homes throughout the winter and are not fed by humans from winter to April.

Gusts of wind and rain mid-Saturday afternoon chased guests into cars and shelter but as soon as the storm moved out, the show resumed. A woman's hat blew into a koi pool, terrifying the koi's owner. The koi did not appear to be bothered by the storm.

"This is a very diverse group of people," said Turelle Holmes, vice president of Potomac chapter programs. Of the 206 koi entered in the show, 25 were Holmes'. "You have people of all different kinds of careers and budget raising koi."

Competing were more than 200 koi, owned by 23 hobbyists from the mid-Atlantic region, from Pennsylvania and Maryland to the south of Virginia. The club ran a double-slate, for Class A and Class B entries, the only one of its kind in the country. Judges awarded trophies for grand champion, adult and



**A Ginrin Shoigoi took Grand Champion in the B-class competition at the ZNA koi show held over the weekend of Sept. 8 and 9.**

young koi.

ZNA [Zen Nippon Airinkai] chapters follow Japanese standards for breeding and judging. Head Judge Kunizo Narita flew in from Chiba, Japan, expressly for the competition. The committee, led by Narita, judged the koi on body conformation, skin colorations, patterns and artistic quality.

In addition to the koi pools, there were eight vendors selling pond equipment and filtration, koi and accoutrement of the hobby. Included in the programming were guest speakers and activities. A representative from Novartis pharmaceuticals spoke on the KHV vaccine for koi. The koi herpes virus is deadly and highly-contagious. Exhibitors erected barriers at the show to mitigate contamination.

**MANY VISITORS** to Meadowlark Botanical Gardens wandered over to the grounds housing the koi show. The detour to the show by Betsy and John Knab of Great Falls was not planned.

"We didn't know about the show," said Betsy Knab, strolling around the pools with her husband. "We came over to enjoy them and we're stunned by their beauty."

"We might come back next year. I think they're gorgeous."

The ZNA Potomac chapter holds meetings monthly at members' homes. To learn more about the chapter, go to <http://www.znapotomac.org/> or visit the club's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/znapotomac> for photos from the 2012 koi show.



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**Over 100-year-old tree fell without hitting the church or the house.**

## A Miracle at Antioch Christian Church

Last week the Antioch Christian church on Beulah Road in Vienna experienced sadness and a miracle all at the same time: while Pastor Randy Beeman was in his office, he experienced a giant earth-shaking moment. He assumed it was another earthquake in our area or a possible crash on Beulah Road. As he looked out his window he saw one of the youth of the church, Alex Morabito, running in the yard and the pastor thought that she might have been involved in a car accident or had witnessed one.

But she said that she witnessed one of the over-100-year-old trees on the Historic Antioch Christian Church property at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna fall to the ground. The

pastor was relieved she was safe but was concerned about the damage the tree had either done to the church or the house behind the church. As he observed the over-100-foot tree, which had fallen at its base, he noticed the miracle.

"The tree had fallen in the only and exact location where it would not have hit the house or the church building and it fell on a day when no cars were parked in that area of the parking lot. The damage includes a trailer, storage building, fire pit/picnic area and a basketball goal and driveway. Sad to see a historic tree gone, but miraculously thankful it didn't destroy any buildings and fell in the only spot where only minimal damage took place," Pastor Beeman said.

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### MONDAY/SEPT. 17

**The Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired (VIP) Resource Group Kickoff.** 10:15 a.m., English Pastry and bicycle shop, 131-A Maple Ave., Vienna. The 2012-2013 support group meetings at Sweet City Desserts begin. If you need a ride, contact Steve Sedgwick at 703-255-0515. 703-938-1533.

**Open House Meeting on Changes in Providence.** 7-9 p.m., at Luther Jackson Middle School Cafeteria, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church.

Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth and the Providence District Council are co-hosting an open house meeting on two major changes coming to Providence: The opening of the Mosaic District town center in Merrifield and the new express (formerly HOT) lanes on the beltway. [contact@providencedistrictcouncil.org](mailto:contact@providencedistrictcouncil.org).

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

**Low Vision Support Group.** 10-11 a.m., at Vinson Hall, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. The Prevention on Blindness Society provides a support group for those with low vision. 202-234-1010 or [www.youreyes.org](http://www.youreyes.org).

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