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# Kincaid Elected First Female Sheriff

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During the sheriff's race, Vienna resident Stacey Kincaid attended the Jeans Day 2013 Challenge Breakfast at Herndon's Deltek. Kincaid (right), is standing with Sharon Bulova (D-at-large), chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

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## Holiday Bazaar Returns to Vienna

80 vendors display their wares at Vienna Community Center.

The Vienna Woman's Club held its 53rd annual Holiday and Harvest Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Vienna Community Center. Some 80 vendors displayed everything from quilts to copper to jewelry. The event attracted about 800 people and the club, active since 1955, awards scholarships to local high school seniors as well as Vienna elementary schools for reading programs.

— STEVE HIBBARD



Show organizers (from left): Peggy Smith, Linda McGuire, JoAnn Kostkan, Diane Abel, and Jo-Lynn Westlund.



Jeanne Jaeschke of Bottled-Up Creations of Oak Hill.



Margaret Payne Raymond with her original photography.

Linda Menke of Flexi Clips gives Jessica Prisbe, 12, of Vienna a hair clip.



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Pictured along with the SCOV Board of Directors, Staff and Presenting Sponsor is headliner Jeanne Robertson (center in pink). Pictured, from left, first row - Bill Farrell; Bob Rogers; Mary Ann Hankin; Julius Hankin; Michelle Scott, Executive Director at SCOV. Second row - William Kirby, Vice Chair; Patti Vaughn; Stephanie Arnall, Treasurer; John Tate; Ms. Robertson; Dr. Robert Benson, Ready Hands Home Care, Presenting Sponsor; Richard Duesterhaus, Board Chair; Keith Bodamer, Fundraising Event Chair.

## Most Successful Event Ever

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's fundraiser nets \$32,000.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's event wowed the crowd at their annual benefit. Headliner, nationally recognized humorist, Jeanne Robertson, brought the house down with her engaging and often hilarious humor for the sold out crowd of more than 1,000 attendees. Thanks to the support of event sponsors and attendees, the benefit raised over \$32,000 to support the mission of the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. SCOV provides opportunities for adults (50+) in Northern Virginia to seek rewarding lives and to live independently in their homes for as long as possible. In 2012, SCOV provided their services and programs to more than 3,000 older adults.

This event was supported by Presenting Sponsor, Ready Hands Home Care. Additional Sponsorship support is provided by The Estate Planning & Elder Law Firm, P.C.; VLP Finan-

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**Louise Archer team (from left) Shaurya Saran; Ben D'Haiti; Christina Lockett; Max Golub; Vani Subramanian; and Christopher Gardner.**

## Archer Fifth Graders Win Robotics Tournament

On Nov. 2, Tidal Force 6—a group of fifth graders from Louise Archer Elementary School— captured the 1st-Place Champions Award at the 2013-14 VA-DC First Lego League (FLL) Regional Robotics Tournament held at Eagle Ridge Middle School in Ashburn. Tidal Force 6 team members are: Christopher Gardner, Max Golub, Christina Lockett, Shaurya Saran, Ben D'Haiti, and Vani Subramanian.

At each FLL Robotics Regional Tournament, one 1st-Place Champions Award is given to the Division

1 (ages 9-11) team that demonstrates high levels of excellence and innovation in the following judging categories: Robot Design; Research Project involving this year's theme of Nature's Fury; Robot Performance; and Core Values including teamwork.

Now, Tidal Force 6 advances to the VA-DC FLL State Championship Tournament to be held on Dec. 7-8 at Harrisonburg, Va. in cooperation with James Madison University. Tidal Force 6's coach is Mrs. Shalini Saran, who is assisted by co-coaches Beverly Jurenko and Elena Strukova Golub.

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### THURSDAY/NOV. 14

**Historical Talk.** 7 p.m., at the Patrick Henry library, 101 E. Maple Ave., Vienna. Susan Gray, curator at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, will discuss the lives of Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, local social activist and founder of the Florence Crittenden Homes for Unwed Mothers, and her daughter, Kitty Barrett Pozer, former Washington Post columnist. 703-321-7499.

**Legal Tools for Caregivers.** 7-8:30 p.m., at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. For work, fun and travel. The introductory course runs for six weeks, and will meet once a week for 75 minutes. Neda Cigar, the instructor will provide the textbooks.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 16

**Future Quest.** 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m., at GMU Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A college and career forum for students with disabilities, their families and educators. Participants can learn about educational and career opportunities for life after high school. Speakers, workshops, and displays will cover all aspects of transition from school to the real world including college application process, financial aid,

strategies for college success, career planning, and career opportunities. <http://futurequest.gmu.edu/>.

**CASA Volunteering.** 11 a.m.-noon at the Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Boulevard Falls Church. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session about advocating for abused or neglected children. 703-273-3526, x22 or [ekosarin@casafairfax.org](mailto:ekosarin@casafairfax.org).

### SUNDAY/NOV. 17

**Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m. to noon at the American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Enjoy omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. at a breakfast open to the public. Adults \$8, children \$3. 703-938-1379.

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

**Using Today's Tools to Tell Your Story.** Malene Davis, President & CEO, Capital Caring, will Speak at Nonprofit Fundraising Development Speaker Series, 8:30 a.m.- 12 noon, at Booz Allen Hamilton's Newman Auditorium, 8283 Greensboro Drive, McLean. Davis will join five fellow panelists to discuss the challenges nonprofits face in reaching their target audiences on a daily basis. Cost \$25. To register go to: <https://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=NONP32E&OID=130>

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# NEWS



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Terry McAuliffe delivers his victory speech Tuesday night.

## Democrats Score Narrow Victory

### Division in Republican Party cited in loss.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

When Jim Dillard first ran to represent Fairfax County in the House of Delegates in 1965, the Republican Party of Virginia was a different animal. Recalling that race on Election Night 2013, Dillard said that was a time when the party welcomed diversity between moderates and conservatives. He lost that first race, but went on to serve in the House of Delegates for more than 30 years. This year, though, he worked for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe in a fierce race for governor against Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

"The party has gone so far to the right, and they are trying to shove all these social issues down everybody's throat," said Dillard, who represented House District 41. "That's turned off an awful lot of Republicans who used to vote for me."

Although polls leading up to Election Day showed McAuliffe with an average lead of six percentage points, the actual vote was much closer. McAuliffe narrowly edged out Cuccinelli 48 percent to 45 percent. State Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6) enjoyed a more comfortable lead against Republican E.W. Jackson, 55 percent to 45 percent. That means Northam will resign his state Senate seat, upsetting the balance between 20 Republicans and 20 Democrats. The special election for Northam's seat is expected to become a hotly contested race because the stakes of the outcome could determine which party controls the state Senate.

"That's a seat that has a split between Norfolk and the Eastern Shore," said Clark Mercer, political director of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "So the key to winning that election will be having a candidate that can draw votes from both of those regions."

IN MANY WAYS, the results of the election have yet to play out. Aside from the special election for Northam's seat, the race for attorney general appears to be headed to a recount. Late Tuesday night, state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) had a very narrow lead and Republican Party Chairman Pat Mullins issued a statement congratulating him on winning the election. State Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) appeared before reporters to say he was not conceding the race.

"Right now, it's basically 50-50 and the numbers have been moving in our direction all night," said Herring. "The race is far from over."

The numbers were, in fact, moving in Herring's direction as votes continued to be tallied. By Wednesday morning, Herring had a very narrow lead over Obenshain. Because the margin of victory is likely to be less than 1 percent, a recount in that race seems likely. For many Democrats who gathered at the Sheraton Premiere in Tysons Corner, it was yet another indication that election 2013 turned out to be much closer than many people had anticipated.

"It turned out to be a race that was so close that in the annals of Virginia history it's going to go down as one of the closest races of all time," said Pat McCune of Centerville, saying the race was closer than expected.

**ELECTION 2013** was a long and bitter slog for candidates, who spent much of the campaign hurling accusations and counter-accusations. Cuccinelli was dogged by his association with a wealthy businessman who made lavish gifts to the governor and attorney general that went unreported on disclosure forms. McAuliffe was haunted by accusations about his relationship to a troubled green-car company. As the race unfolded, it became increasingly negative — especially in television ads that dominated screens across Northern Virginia.

"Election nights are emotional times," said Gov. Bob McDonnell in a written statement. "For the winner there is the thrill of victory, combined with the recognition that the hard work preceding this moment is but a prelude to the tremendous effort yet to come."

## Comstock, Rust In Tight Races

Competitive state races gave voters more choices, but they stick with incumbents.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Every two years, Virginia holds all of its statewide elections. When it's time to elect a new Governor, every member of the Virginia House of Delegates, a 100-seat body currently held by a GOP majority (67 Republicans – 32 Democrats and 1 Independent), is also up for re-election.



Comstock



Rust

While downballot races got the spotlight, Northern Virginia actually saw the most competitive two-party races this year, with 57 contested House seats. This marks only the second time in the last decade where at least half of the 100 House seats had more than one name on the ballot.

"So what?" voters seemed to declare when casting their ballots.

Despite more choices, voters stuck with the politician they knew, giving incumbents in nearly every Fairfax County district a decisive victory.

### District 34

Incumbent: Barbara Comstock (R) narrowly wins over Democratic challenger Kathleen Murphy with 50.66 percent of the vote (14,935 votes) over Murphy's 49.20 percent (14,504 votes).

District link on VPAP at [www.vpap.org/elections/district/](http://www.vpap.org/elections/district/)  
Localities: Fairfax County (69 percent), Loudoun County (31 percent); 2012 elections: Obama 49 percent/Romney 49 percent, Kaine 52 percent/Allen 47 percent

This district tilts Republican.

### District 35

Incumbent: Mark Keam (D) won overwhelmingly with 66 percent of

the vote (14,591 votes) over GOP challenger Leiann Luse with 34 percent of the vote (7,513 votes).

District link on VPAP at [www.vpap.org/elections/district/](http://www.vpap.org/elections/district/)  
Locality: Fairfax County  
2012 elections: Obama 59 percent/Romney 39 percent, Kaine 61 percent/Allen 39 percent

This district remains deep blue.

### District 36

Incumbent: Kenneth Plum (D)  
District Link on VPAP at [www.vpap.org/elections/district/](http://www.vpap.org/elections/district/)  
Locality: Fairfax County; 2012 elections: Obama 63 percent/Romney 35 percent, Kaine 65 percent/Allen 34 percent

Plum is one of two Democrats in a deep blue district that doesn't have an opponent.

### District 86

Incumbent: Tom Rust (R) edged out Democratic challenger Jennifer Boysko by just 56 votes. The final unofficial SBE results, with all precincts reporting, had Rust with 50.02 percent of the vote (10,383 votes) over Boysko's 49.75 percent of the vote (10,327).

District link on VPAP at [www.vpap.org/elections/district/](http://www.vpap.org/elections/district/)  
Localities: Fairfax County (87 percent), Loudoun County (13 percent). 2012 elections: Obama 60 percent/Romney 39 percent, Kaine 61 percent/Allen 39 percent.

This race is still undecided: Del. Tom Rust (R-86) leads Jennifer Boysko by 57 votes, provisional ballots and recount are likely to come.

## Voters Pass \$250 Million School Bond

Fairfax County voters overwhelmingly supported a \$250 million school bond. With 239 (100 percent) precincts reporting, the bonds passed with 214,171 yes votes (73.89 percent) over 75,677 no votes (26.11 percent). In a news release, Fairfax County Public School officials said the money will be used to:

- ❖ Build two new elementary schools
- ❖ Help renovate 22 schools
- ❖ 17 elementary schools
- ❖ 2 middle schools
- ❖ 3 high schools

- ❖ Buy land for the South West County High School
- ❖ Enhance the capacity of one elementary school and one high school
- ❖ Replace or improve infrastructure, such as roofs, major mechanical systems, and parking lots.

For more information, visit the Fairfax County Public Schools 2013 bond referendum web page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>

The site includes bond referendum fact booklet, maps and project details, as well as materials printed in Spanish and Korean.

# OPINION

## Proof Every Vote Matters

Elections have consequences, including very close races.

EDITORIAL

**T**uesday morning, a full week after an Election Day that included races that were more suspenseful than anticipated (and also many races that were foregone conclusions), we are probably more than a month away from certifying the winner of the Virginia Attorney General race.

At press time, the State Board of Elections reported, unofficially, that Mark Herring (D) had 1,103,610 votes with 49.89 percent of the vote; Mark Obenshain (R) had 1,103,493 votes with 49.88 percent of the vote. The 5,152 write-in votes are huge in a race that at one point had Obenshain ahead by 15 votes.

The process of canvassing or verifying the

vote has been revealing, including a malfunctioning voting machine that had more than 2,000 votes uncounted in Fairfax County, a voting machine in Richmond that hadn't been counted at all and many smaller errors. Human error and computer error are to be expected.

It will make a difference which man is elected as Attorney General. The current Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli, demonstrated the influence that office can exert on many fronts, from academic freedom and scrutiny to the challenge of health care reform to implementation of environmental regulations to investigations of the household staff of the Governor's mansion.

Del. Tom Rust (R) won reelection by just 57 votes, with 50.1 percent of the vote over Jennifer Boysko with 49.74 percent. Del. Barbara Comstock (R) won reelection with 50.64 percent of the vote over Kathleen Murphy (D) who received 49.19 percent, a margin of less than 500 votes. All results are still unofficial.

Consider another close race, in November 2007: then state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won re-election by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election.

Retiring Del. Jim Scott was elected in 1991 with a margin of a single vote.

Just a few of many examples that prove that every vote really does matter.

— MARY KIMM,

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## Library Reorganization Deserves More Work

BY SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN/FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS



**I**n September, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors called for the suspension of a major reorganization proposed to our Fairfax County Public Library system. The suspension was requested in order to provide more opportunity for outreach to concerned library employees and patrons so that proposed changes could be explained, evaluated and vetted among stakeholders. The Connection Newspaper has covered this issue.

As our nation and Fairfax County have struggled with the effects of the Great Recession and its lengthy aftermath, we have needed to make reductions to the many services and programs the county provides. Throughout this time, our Board has sought to maintain taxes at a level that is affordable for our community. I applaud our County staff for proposing efficiencies and reorganizations during this time that have helped us maintain high quality ser-

vices that also save taxpayers money.

Over the past few months, I have received a number of letters, emails and phone calls regarding the proposed library reorganization as well as the "floating collection" and issues around the discarding of books. I believe, based on the feedback I have received, that the reorganization as proposed was too much for the organization to absorb. Many of the ideas contained within the plan, however, have value and should continue to be explored. Our shared goal is to make sure our libraries continue to be the vital and vibrant places that our community can enjoy and rely upon well into the future. The quality of our collection and the services we offer should reflect the standards Fairfax County residents expect.

I would like to thank members of the Library Board of Trustees and library staff for their efforts during the past few months as they have conducted a series of discussion forums on the proposed changes. I understand the meetings have been constructive and have included

some spirited debate. I especially want to thank Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany for his personal investment of time and energy to assist library staff with ensuring a thoughtful and insightful process. Our Board has asked for a progress report from the Library Board of Trustees to be presented at our Board meeting on Nov. 19 and I am looking forward to hearing directly from them.

During these recession years, library systems around the country have had to reduce hours, cut services or even close library branches; Fairfax County is not alone in this struggle. Libraries across the country have also been exploring innovative ways to contain costs while at the same time maintaining or even improving services to meet the needs of their residents. I am confident that Fairfax County will prove to be a leader in achieving this goal.

This issue has served to energize those in our Fairfax County community who appreciate the value our outstanding library system affords us. Thank you for rallying to support our libraries!

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Storm Recovery and Resilience in Northern Virginia

To the Editor:

As terrible as this may sound, when I think back on my experiences with Hurricane Sandy I seem to most vividly recall the five-day weekend.

As a senior in high school I was more than thrilled to spend a few extra days at home (granted, without power) and "catch up" on

schoolwork, otherwise known as saving the work for another time. Surely I wasn't the only student with this mentality. However, if I placed the five-day weekend in the back of my mind for a moment, it is evident that Hurricane Sandy tested the resilience of the counties in northern Virginia. It is safe to conclude that we were not prepared for the "Frankenstorm" that sent our trees and power lines crashing down. Now that the anniversary of the storm is amidst us, I pose the question: Have we improved our resilience?

I'm sure we all recall the last

minute scurrying that took place before the storm touched down in our neck of the woods. Virginia residents bustled around running errands just in time for Sandy's arrival: stocking up on groceries, grabbing flashlights and batteries off the shelves of Home Depot, and closely monitoring the constant news reports for any possible updates.

The "Frankenstorm" did in fact strike the area with the roaring gusts of winds and inches of rain that had been predicted.

Power lines and massive tree trunks collapsed onto roads and residential yards. Families re-

mained in their homes for about a week without power, telephones or utilities. Public transportation systems such as Amtrak, Metrobus, Metrorail, and Railway Express Service temporarily discontinued their services. Flights arriving at and departing from Dulles Airport, Reagan National and BWI were all cancelled. Finally, last but not least, the counties of Northern Virginia reported school cancellations.

And recovery was slow.

Tree trunks and power lines remained in streets and yards for

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## PEOPLE

### Vienna Boy Receives Champion of Character Award

Wolfi Gottschalk, a 9-year-old football player for the Vienna Youth Inc. Buccaneers, received the 2013 Fairfax County Champions of Character award for the Providence district male athlete. The guest speaker was former Redskin James Thrash with a reception and ceremony held at the Fairfax County Government Center last month.

Wolfi was nominated by VYI football team head coach Joey Rubin for "demonstrating outstanding character and leadership while maintaining a clear sense of purpose."

"In a world full of distractions," Rubin wrote, "Wolfi's outstanding focus and thirst for understanding of the fundamentals of the game have earned him starting roles as a quarterback on offense and a safety on defense."

In addition to playing football, Wolfi excels in lacrosse and competes in triathlons with his father.

— VICTORIA ROSS



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**Wolfi Gottschalk, 9, of Vienna receives the 2013 Fairfax County Champions of Character Award during a ceremony at the Government Center. He is standing with his father Wolf Gottschalk; former Redskin player James Thrash, his mother Beth Gottschalk and sister Gretchen.**



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# THE COUNTY LINE

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Fairfax Families4Kids coordinates activities mentors and youth in foster care, including outings and community service. Paris, who was recently adopted, visited the honey farm of Dan Price with other young people and mentors, getting to see first hand how honey is made, and picking sunflowers to be delivered to people in nursing homes.



Dan Price of Reston, founder of Sweet Virginia Honey with Dante, a young man who is being mentored by volunteers with Fairfax Families4Kids.



A Sweet Virginia beekeeper makes the bees sleepy so visitors can see inside the hives.

## Sweet Gathering in the Sunshine

**Mentors, foster children and other youth learn about bees; county needs more foster families, mentors.**

**O**n a beautiful day in late summer, a group of young people of varied backgrounds, including some youth in foster care, gathered with their adult mentors under the ongoing auspices of Fairfax Families4Kids on a field trip into the countryside.

Their destination was a farm that is home to bee hives and sunflower fields owned by Dan Price.

Price first got involved with Fairfax Families4Kids several years ago when he contacted advocate Joan Brady of Great Falls after reading about the potential demise of the program due to budget cuts.

Price offered to donate money to help keep the program that matches older foster children with adult mentors going. He funded a trip for the group to go to New York to see the Lion King a few years ago, and has kept in touch since. He was impressed with the program and the long-term connections it created for young people who, by definition, had been through some very tough times.

Several weeks ago, the group visited his farm to see how honey is made.

"It's a very nice program, the mentors are very kind hearted," Price said. "The kids are just terrific, teenagers, they were all just very nice people."

**ON AVERAGE** there are about 300 foster children in Fairfax County during any given month, about one-third of them between 12 and 17.

Because of a shortage of foster families in Fairfax County, about 40 percent of foster children are placed outside of the county, some as far away as Richmond and beyond. This makes it even more difficult for them to maintain any sense of community, and makes it impossible for them to continue in the same schools.

Even within Fairfax County, there aren't enough foster families to ensure that children won't be living an hour away from their homes and schools because the county is so large.

"Removing a child from the home is used as a last resort – whenever possible we try to provide services that allow children to remain with their families or at least to be placed with relatives," said Amy Carlini, communications director for Fairfax County Department of Family Services. "Events leading up to removal are often traumatic, as is being placed with a family the child doesn't know. If the foster family lives far away from the child's original home, it can compound the disruption, making it challenging to remain in contact with friends and relatives, continue with after-school activities and more."

Foster children who reach the age of 18 without being adopted or reunited with relatives is another crisis of foster care in Fairfax County. Last year, 49 foster children in Fairfax County "aged out" of foster care at age 18 because they were not able to return to their families or be placed with relatives, and the county was not able to find adoptive families for them.

**Get Involved:  
Become a Foster Parent**

There is a shortage of foster parents in Fairfax County, and as a result, about 40 percent of the 300 or so children are placed in foster care too far away to stay in the same schools and maintain their existing connections.

Fairfax County holds a monthly orientation session to find out more about being a foster parent; the next meeting is Nov. 18.

To find out more, call 703-324-7639, TTY: 703-222-9452, or attend an orientation meeting. See visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childrenyouth/fca.htm>

Several foster children in Fairfax County are waiting, hoping to be adopted. You can see photos and descriptions at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childrenyouth/adoption-creating-connections.htm>

**Get Involved:  
Become a Mentor**

Fairfax Families4Kids coordinates group and individual mentoring for young people 12 to 21, many currently living in foster care. Opportunities to spend quality time in the community engaged in regularly scheduled, structured group activities and community service projects. Fairfax Families4Kids gives individual adults and groups an important role to play in helping youth and teens find permanent families, and lasting connections with caring, supportive adults. There are many upcoming events. Call coordinator Beverly J. Howard, Ph.D., at 703-324-7518 or e-mail at [beverly.howard@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:beverly.howard@fairfaxcounty.gov)

The stakes are high. A 2010 study at the University of Chicago found that only about 6 percent of former foster children aged 23 or 24 had graduated from college with either an associate's or a bachelor's degree. Several surveys in other parts of the country show that between 18 and 40 percent of former foster children have been incarcerated for at least one night as adults.

**Sweet Virginia**

Sweet Virginia is a Reston nonprofit founded by Dan Price that advocates for honey bees, and provides students a hands-on experiences in world of honey bees and the art and science of beekeeping and honey bee sustainability.

In addition to providing educational opportunities to groups like Fairfax Families4Kids, Sweet Virginia is partnering with George Mason University's New Century College to address the collapsing honey bee population through education and by establishing apiaries. GMU's recent course on beekeeping and sustainability was full and had a waiting list of more than 100. Sweet Virginia is raising money through indie-gogo at [indiegogo.com/projects/hivestarter](http://indiegogo.com/projects/hivestarter) to build more apiaries, expand bee sustainability curriculum into public schools and expand George Mason's university level training to develop more professional beekeepers.

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**IT'S CRITICAL** to increase quality foster care where children and youth can stay connected to support communities, to have long-term mentors for foster youth and to find adoptive families for the children and youth waiting to be adopted.

Mentors can provide a window for foster children and youth to a life beyond foster care.

"They need a connection with a caring adult," said Beverly Howard, coordinator of Fairfax Families4Kids and also an adoptive parent. The organization sets twice monthly up group activities for mentors, prospective mentors and foster children, including sports, visits to places like the Sweet Virginia apiary, community service projects like assembling back packs for school children in Haiti and many others. This group mentoring gives adult volunteers and foster children a chance to get to know each other. This arrangement has led to many long-term mentoring relationships and also quite a few adoptions.



Capt. Stacey Kincaid, a 26-year veteran with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, stands outside the Fairfax County Democratic Committee Headquarters in October.



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# Kincaid Elected First Female Sheriff

**Kincaid, a Vienna resident, pledges commitment to diversity, department's employees and community outreach programs.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**D**emocrat Stacey Kincaid, a 26-year-veteran of the sheriff's department, made local history Tuesday by becoming Fairfax County's first female sheriff.

Kincaid, 48, won in a four-way race with 53.74 percent of the vote against Bryan Wolfe, the GOP candidate, and independents Chris DeCarlo and Robert Rivera.

The contest was the only county-wide office on the ballot this year, a special election to fill the post held by Democrat Stan Barry, who retired midway through his fourth term last July.

Kincaid's decisive victory ends a race that became increasingly rancorous in the past several weeks, with near daily attacks from the Wolfe camp alleging intimidation, vandalism and "hypocrisy" over Kincaid's purchase of firearms.

Kincaid said she would rather focus on the positive aspects of campaigning.

"The way that I've looked at this race, it's a bonus that I've had this opportunity to talk about the department. So many people don't know what sheriff's office does, so it's been a chance to talk about the department and the community outreach programs we have," Kincaid said.

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, the largest in the state with more than 600 employees and a \$63 million budget, has three primary functions: operating the Adult Detention Center, providing security in the courthouse, and serving civil papers, such as eviction notices, child protective orders and subpoenas.

**THE SIGNIFICANCE** of being the first woman in the county's history to serve as sheriff — succeeding 76 men in the department's 271-year history — is not lost on Kincaid.

She began her career with the sheriff's office in 1987 as a summer intern. As she rose through the ranks in the male-dominated profession, Kincaid said she often took inspiration from her mother, who died in 2003 after a long battle with breast cancer.

During an interview in October, Kincaid said her mother was often her biggest cheerleader and her hero.

"I saw the fight she had with breast cancer, the obstacles she overcame. She was my hero," Kincaid said. "And from the beginning, she would say 'you could be the first female sheriff.'"

In 2008, Kincaid received the Distinguished Ser

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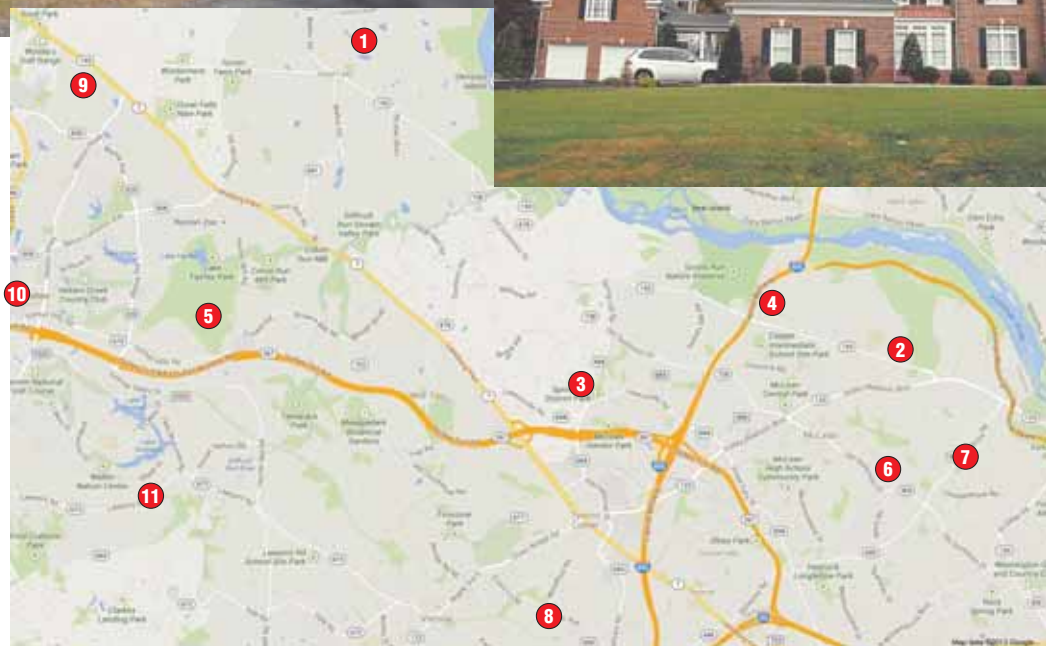
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# Home LifeStyle



Dave and Nancy Mulligan, who have occupied their spacious Oak Hill Colonial for more than 20 years, wanted their kitchen to better accommodate daily needs and social gatherings. Dave, who is passionate about cooking, worked closely with an interior designer at Sun Design Remodeling.

## Home for the Holidays

Amateur chef Dave Mulligan gets the kitchen of his dreams...just in time for Thanksgiving.

BY JOHN BYRD

As Dave Mulligan tells it, he owes the long-coveted “blue eyes” granite countertops now in his kitchen to events that started with a leaking shower one floor above.

“From a few drops a mighty torrent ensued,” Mulligan chuckles, referring to the flood of creativity that eventually transformed his entire house from top to bottom.

But to begin at the beginning...

In the early 1990s, Mulligan and wife Nancy purchased the spacious Oak Hill colonial they still occupy. The house was 2 years old and completely up-to-date in every respect. Moreover, with four bedrooms, a 500-square-foot kitchen with breakfast

zone, a family room, and a 1,500-square-foot lower level, there was more than adequate space for two people.

“About my only peeve was that I *hated* the tile countertops in the kitchen,” Mulligan said. “Otherwise, I saw the interior as completely in vogue...even when friends began telling me it wasn’t.”

The leak, however, was a sign that the house now needed attention — which, in turn, prompted Mulligan to call Sun Design Remodeling, the firm that had executed an award-winning whole house makeover for his brother, Bob, a few years ago.

It is at this point that Craig Durosko, Sun Design’s founder, enters the story.

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To make en suite dining more inviting, seats at the counter are slightly lower than standard height. Mulligan calls this a great spot to sample his dishes.



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# Amateur Chef Gets His ‘Dream Kitchen’

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“As we talked out our visions for a new master bath,” Dave Mulligan said, “I realized that Nancy and I had a lot of ideas for improving the house we’d just been putting off.”

**IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED,** Nancy Mulligan and Sun Design’s Christy Doebel took charge — completely renovating the master bathroom, then the guest bath; then adding a full bath to the lower level.

For Dave Mulligan, who is the family’s passionate cook, the makeover agenda didn’t become really personal until conversation shifted to the kitchen.

“With the holidays coming up, I suddenly saw that our kitchen was stuck in the 1980s,” Mulligan says. “For people who like to entertain as much as we do, the old plan didn’t make much sense.”

Indeed, with its U-shaped counter surfaces, 30-inch cooktop range, limited storage and drab



**Oak Hill Kitchen full view**

PHOTO BY BRYAN BURRIS

lighting, the existing kitchen was a kind of cockpit in which the cook toiled away in self-imposed isolation.

When there was a party underway, it was also up to the Mulligans to regularly convey

edibles between the kitchen and the formal entertainment areas.

“I understood what an open kitchen-centric plan had to offer,” Dave Mulligan said. “But it’s the details that make it work.”

So the question that really un-

leashed Dave Mulligan’s involvement was: “how do you want the new kitchen to *feel*?”

“I pictured a gathering place,” he said. “A lively hub where the entertaining occurs.”

That said, new ovens and cut-

## Details

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lery drawers were less important than welcoming ambiance and uncluttered traffic patterns.

To create continuity with the rest of the house, Durosko and team relocated an obtrusive hall closet, widening an archway so that the kitchen would be in view from the front foyer. Sightlines being critical, ceiling-flush HVAC bulkheads were re-routed to make way for tall cabinets trimmed in crown molding. Other finishwork details — cherrywood cabinet facings, stainless steel appliances, textured marble backsplashes — converge to present a warmly textured, yet visually neutral surface.

All of which inspired kitchen’s *piece d’ resistance*: a custom-designed coffered ceiling.

“I knew right away that this was the magic I’d been looking for,” Dave Mulligan said. “I wanted the ceiling to be just as eye-catching as the walls and counters.”

On the other hand, there’s much to be said for the custom-designed food preparation island and dining counter. With its 6-foot by 6-foot by 8-foot triangular surface, the configuration supports food preparation and clean-up tasks while accommodating place settings for five.

To make the island still more inviting, seats at the counter are slightly lower than standard height, a psychological invitation to join the party reinforced by the soft-leather chairs.

“You’re dining in the chef’s kitchen now,” Dave Mulligan said. “To sample dishes, sip wine...and enjoy.”

On the more functional side of the equation, the new kitchen is also equipped with two microwave ovens, two refrigerators, a convection steam oven and a 48-inch gas range with six burners. With the addition of a walk-in pantry, storage capacity has been increased by 50 percent.

Better yet, the space makes entertaining “pure pleasure,” Mulligan said. “We’re hosting Thanksgiving this season for the first time in years — and it’s wonderful to be so thoroughly prepared.”

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On Oct. 31, the Northern Virginia technology community gathered at TechCelebration, the annual banquet of the Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC), the largest technology council in the nation. The event featured keynote remarks by SAP Co-CEO Bill McDermott and the presentation of the Inaugural 2013 Innovator Awards, a new awards program honoring groundbreaking companies and technologies in our region's technology community.

NVTC also honored Gov. Bob McDonnell with the 2013 Chairman's Award for his leadership in ensuring Virginia remains a top state for business, and presented the Earle C. Williams Lifetime Achievement Award to Former CEO of DynCorp Paul Lombardi in recognition of his exceptional service to NVTC and the region's technology industry.

During his keynote address, McDermott offered insight into

the powerful yet often misunderstood millennial generation, challenging technology companies to channel millennials' passion and engage them through important projects, opportunities to do charity work, and support for their careers. According to McDermott, millennials prefer to work for companies with a purpose than receive personal recognition through raises or promotions. If employers provide an environment with purpose, embrace intellectual curiosity, and create a culture where failure is acceptable, the industry will tap into millennials' considerable power as employees and consumers.

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## Kincaid Elected Sheriff

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vice Award, the agency's highest honor. In 2011, she was eligible to retire, but chose to continue her career.

"Throughout the years, my mom's words had been on my mind," Kincaid said. "I never thought the race was about me. I wanted to run for this office because I care about our 600 employees and the community we serve."

Kincaid, who has worked all four divisions of the department, said her first order of business will be to sign the civil service protection agreement which guarantees due process for department employees.

"I've been on record and said countless times that the primary thing it does it prevents any employee for being fired without just cause and prevents any political retaliation," Kincaid said.

Kincaid also said she was "passionate about collaboration with the community," and enhancing services of the sheriff's department, particularly in the areas of mental health and programs aimed at reducing recidivism.

She said she'd like to expand one of the programs called Project Life-saver, a program that provides

tracking devices for people who tend to wander, such as the elderly with Alzheimer's or children on the autism spectrum.

Kincaid also made diversity a key issue of her campaign, and said she was "deeply committed to equal protection of the rights of all members of our community."

"Diversity is as important to me as it is to the citizens that I will serve. When I became a deputy sheriff in 1987, women were underrepresented in policing. The same can be said of many other underrepresented groups as well," she said, adding that the office must "face up to the evolving needs of the community and the expectations placed upon its top leadership."

**TO RELIEVE THE STRESS** of an intense job, Kincaid said she enjoys working out, watching NFL football and making jewelry that she donates to charities.

"One of my proudest moments was running in the Ovarian Cancer 5K. I had made 112 pairs of earrings with silver and teal. When we started the race, I could see all these silver and teal earrings. That was such a gift to me, to see these courageous women wearing my earrings," Kincaid said.

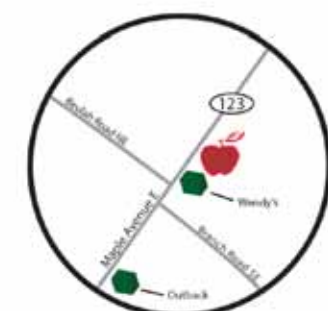
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## THURSDAY/NOV. 14

**Jacqueline Saunders Portrait Demonstration.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, at The Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. Presents award-winning watercolor artist as she captures a person on a piece of paper in a series of brief impressions. 703-319-3971 or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

**The Social, Religious, and Artistic Role of Color.** 7-8 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. With an emphasis on the historical evolution of color in dyes and pigments from ancient times to the present day, Ms. St. Ledger-Roty will discuss what natural materials make what colors.

**"Little Women."** 7:30 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Students put on musical version of Louisa May Alcott's famous novel.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 15

**Andrew Belle.** 7:30 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., McLean. The alternative artist plays songs from his new album, "Black Bear," which debuted at top spots on the billboard. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Creative Framing Featured Artist: Shari MacFarlane.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Creative Framing, 332 Maple Ave W, Vienna. Enjoy original works by water and mixed media artist.

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## SATURDAY/NOV. 16

**"Little Women."** 7:30 p.m. Langley



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**Mike Nadolski performs in "Incidence" with the Jane Franklin Dance, a modern dance company based in Arlington that blends dance, theater and humor. Jane Franklin Dance Will perform on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the fall CAPs showcase and exhibitions.**

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**Landscape Painting Demonstration.** 1-4 p.m., at Color Wheel Gallery 65, 1374 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Gallery 65 hosts Jill Basham at a landscape painting demonstration. She discusses the process of blocking and color, and her signature style of visible brushstrokes and the transference of emotion into her paintings. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP. 703-356-6345 or <http://www.cwgallery65.com/>.

**Cabaret Dinner and Dance.** 7-11 p.m., at the Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Waltz, rumba, tango, foxtrot, cha-cha, samba and swing. "New York, New York" theme. Attire is ballroom casual. \$15 for program and snack bar; \$30 for program and dinner. 703-759-2685 or [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 17

**Sunday Soiree.** 3-5 p.m., in the community hall at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The series of casual, afternoon dances returns for the fall session with an "autumn splendor" themed dance with music courtesy of the Wayne Tympanick Trio. Refreshments are included in the cost of admission. 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, [www.waynetympanick.com](http://www.waynetympanick.com) or [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming).

**A Young Soloists recital** featuring violinist Julia Marie Angelov, 12; cellist Raymond Lin, 15; and duo pianists Emma Guo, 15, and Lyric Yu, 15, 3 p.m. at the Alden Theatre of the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The free concert will include music by Beethoven, Bartok, Mozart, Scarlatti, Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, and Stravinsky. For further information call 703-620-9535.

## TUESDAY/NOV. 19

**The Great Falls Writer's Group.** 12:45-2:15 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Writers of every level discuss and read from their own work. All are welcome.

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

**VPS Photo Competition.** 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Taylor is a nature photographer who has spoken at the Smithsonian National Orchid Show, the US National Arboretum, US Botanic Garden and other mid-Atlantic garden venues. The competition is open to anyone who is a paid member of VPS on the evening of the judging. 703-758-0672 or [www.vpsva.org](http://www.vpsva.org).

## THURSDAY/NOV. 21

**Christmas Craft Show.** 10 a.m.-7 p.m., at Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Variety of hand-made items

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## It Wasn't Fun While It Lasted



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But it was only a week, and I was able to leave under my own power, assisted by a wheelchair, which is of course standard procedure when leaving a hospital after an admission, so it wasn't a total loss. It was three months ago today, Friday, August 2nd that I was "ambulanced" to Holy Cross Hospital where I spent the beginning of my seven, first-ever nights in a hospital; pretty fortunate track record for someone my age. Now, however, with a terminal cancer diagnosis, the tables may have slightly turned (you think?) and hospital admissions may not be so few and far between. Hopefully not, but appointments with oncologists in chemotherapy infusion centers while being I.V.-injected with cancer-fighting drugs have a way of cutting all other extraneous interruptions to the quick. When that needle goes in, the light definitely goes on: pay attention, your life is officially at stake.

Oddly though, this three-month anniversary seemed to grab my attention/focus more than my usual 27th-of-the-month anniversary - of my original diagnosis, always does. The 27th is the anniversary (some anniversary) of when I first met my oncologist and received confirmation that I had a malignant growth in my lungs that had metastasized and when I was given my 13-month to two-year prognosis. That was four years and eight months ago, I'm proud to say. And as such, I note it every month. Not exactly another "notch on my lipstick case" but an acknowledgment nonetheless of how well I've done and how lucky I am. With the help of friends, family and health care professionals, I have survived, mostly even thrived, under these most unfortunate of circumstances. But I digress.

The point of this column was/is that this most recent hospital anniversary completely overshadowed/took mental precedence over my still-being-alive-nearly-five-years-later anniversary on the 27th, which rarely happens. In fact, I completely forgot about it; didn't even note it on the calendar or mention it to my wife, Dina or my brother, Richard - which I always do. It wasn't until a few days later that I realized I had not made my usual reinforcing mention of my status still being quo. Unusual, in that a terminal diagnosis tends to stick with you and occupy lots of mental space, so forgetting about the circumstances that are likely shortening your presumptive, normal life expectancy is perplexing. These circumstances would seem to be a front and center, dominant part of your day that you NEVER forget.

But I did. And I don't know if that's healthy, a sense of accomplishment, a sense of enlightenment, naiveté, delusions of a grander future, mental gymnastics, compartmentalization at work or just plain forgetfulness; as in, even for a cancer patients: life can still be normal. Or maybe, after four and a half years, this whole cancer thing has become sort of ho-hum. Not exactly passé, but certainly familiar and part of my daily routine. But a hospital stay, that was different, that was traumatic, that was scary. The cancer used to be scary. But I've been there and have done that for a while now. I had not been previously hospitalized, however. That may have been when my circumstances again reared their ugly, realistic head. Just another reminder that I didn't really need.

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

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### NOTICE OF WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2013, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2014, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,850 to \$3,950†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,500 to \$9,750.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,050 to \$1,090†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$35 to \$36.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.20 to \$9.80†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.29 to \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.45 to \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
9. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$44 to \$45.
10. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$17 to \$20.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to [PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org) or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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**Penn State Altoona swimming freshman Ashley Nero** of Oakton was selected as the Women's Swimmer of the Week. Against Bethany, Nero helped the team nab a trio of first places. In the 200 Yard Medley Relay, she joined her teammates to post a time of 2:06.12 for first. Individually, Nero won the 50 Yard Freestyle (26.07) and the 100 Yard Breaststroke (1:13.69). At the Bradford Relays, Nero was a part of the squad that won the Mixed 200 Yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:40.41.

**Aline Dolinh**, 15, is a sophomore at Oakton High School in Vienna and has been appointed as the National Student Poet by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. Dolinh will participate in readings and workshops at libraries, museums and schools in Virginia as well as create community service projects to expand their reach while increasing engagement in the literary arts.

**Kate E. DeWeese**, daughter of Randi and Steve DeWeese of Vienna, graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, and first-year student in the Bachelor of Arts Program, has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta honor society at Bucknell University.

On May 11, **Michael D'Onofrio** and **Jill Feroldi** of Oakton and **Charles Schoenthaler** of Vienna graduated from the College of Charleston.

**Patrick Murphy** of Vienna was placed on the president's list in recognition of academic excellence during the spring 2013 semester at New River Community College.

## LETTERS

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quite some time, making transportation, or just leaving the house for that matter, almost impossible. Power, utility and phone companies slowly restored their services while angry residents placed incessant pressure on them. Have we now, a year later, learned from the experience?

To increase our resilience to such inevitable natural disasters, we should always be prepared. Flashlights, batteries and food that does not require refrigeration should be stored in homes to ensure we don't encounter the empty shelves at Wal-Mart in the face of an impending storm. Also, families should establish plans regarding shelter areas, especially those living in wooded neighborhoods. What if the tree that fell in the front yard had fallen a little closer to your home?

In the midst of Hurricane Sandy's anniversary, we should assess our resilience to future storms that may heavily impact us as a community. Are we prepared? Are our homes, buildings and power lines strong enough to endure the wrath of another storm? Or did we simply fix the damage, without taking measures to ensure that this level of destruction does not occur again?

Throughout the observance of Sandy's anniversary, we are reminded of the importance of resilience in our communities and the significance of having a plan in the face of natural disasters.

**Noelle Dorgham**  
Oakton

The author is a student at George Washington University whose relatives were effected by Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

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# NEWS

The Winter Walk of Lights will show many different light displays. Tickets are required to attend.



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## Winter Walk of Lights to Open at Meadowlark

The light show runs Nov. 15 - Jan. 5.

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

On Nov. 1, the Meadowlark Gardens offered a sneak peak at their Winter Walk of Lights lightshow. In the lightshow, a total of about 500,000 LED lights will be on display for about six miles of trail at Meadowlark Gardens Park in Vienna.

"This is our second year, so it is still a pretty new event," said Elise Pittrizzi, a resident of Fairfax and program specialist at Meadowlark Park. "People can bring camera equipment to capture the pictures. Tickets went on sale at beginning of the month and we have already sold a good number." The show will feature two mascots that make nightly visits to the Winter Walk, Flurry the Snowman, and Molasses the Gingerbread Man. Both mascots are willing to pose for photos.

"It is a bigger event than we first thought it would be and we are excited about it. We have lakeside lights, which is our animated light show, and it plays throughout the night. We will have a fire pit and concession stand, where we will have plenty of snacks," Elise said.

Casey Pittrizzi, a naturalist with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and husband to Elise Pittrizzi, was also attending the evening event. "We always appreciate feedback from visitors," Casey said. "There was lots of positive energy from last year's event."

Tim Jordan, a member of the Reston Single Parents Meetup



Elise Pittrizzi, a program specialist at Meadowlark Park in Vienna.



The LED light show of the Winter Walk of Lights at Meadowlark Park will be on display from Nov. 15 to Jan. 5, 2014.

Group was also attending along with some friends. "We had a good time and the kids were able to play in the wide open spaces. I'm sure we will be back later," said Jordan. The Winter Walk of Lights is a ticketed event, with tickets available for purchase both online and on location.

The official opening night for the light show is the 15th of Nov. 15,

and the show will continue until Jan. 5, 2014. Most of the wire light displays are unique, and only exist at Meadowlark. This is a "rain or shine" event and the light show will only closed for extreme inclement weather. Call 703-255-3631 for updates. To learn more about the light show, visit the website at [http://www.nvrpa.org/park/winter\\_walk\\_lights](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/winter_walk_lights).

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## ENTERTAINMENT



Enjoy works of watercolor by Shari MacFarlane at Creative Framing at 332 Maple Ave W, Vienna on Friday, Nov. 15.

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and craft supplies for purchase, plus a soup and sandwich lunch and bake sale. More info: [www.oaktonbrethren.org](http://www.oaktonbrethren.org) or 703-281-4411.

**Opening Reception of Fall Solo Exhibitions.** 6-8 p.m. GreaterRestonArtsCenter, 12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston. 703-471-9242

**“James and the Giant Peach.”** 7:30 p.m. The Langley School, 1411 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Chronicles the adventures of 9-year-old orphan James Henry Trotter who lives an unhappy life with his two greedy aunts in England. Tickets: \$8. [www.langleyschool.org](http://www.langleyschool.org)

### FRIDAY, NOV. 22

**Featured Artist Linda Larochelle.** 10 a.m. - noon at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Linda Larochelle, a printmaker, will demonstrate forming her composition, transfer and carving of linoleum and further use of images. She will also discuss choice and use of tools and equipment. 703-790-0123.

**Mozart Requiem.** 8 p.m., at St. Mark Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna. A performance of the Requiem in D Minor (K. 626), in remembrance of John F. Kennedy, on the 50th anniversary of his death. Free. 703-771-8390.

**Christmas Craft Show.** 10 a.m.-7 p.m., at Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Variety of hand-made items and craft supplies for purchase, plus a soup and sandwich lunch and bake sale. More info: [www.oaktonbrethren.org](http://www.oaktonbrethren.org) or call 703-281-4411.

**Kekuhi & Kaumakaiwa Kanaka'ole.** 8 p.m., at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Hawaiian chanters of the 20th century, this family duo present native songs in a multigenerational performance. Tickets: \$25-\$30. Call 1.877.WOLFTRAP or wolftrap.org.

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**Area-wide Art Exhibition.** 7-9 p.m and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sunday noon-4 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Vienna's largest exhibition of the year features hundreds of original artworks by artists from around the region, to include Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Enjoy music and light refreshments while meeting the artists at two receptions. 703-319-3971 or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 23

**Jonathan Edwards.** 7:30 p.m., at The Barns at

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**Holiday Bazaar.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Paintings, photography, fused glass sculptures, jewelry, bird houses and more. More info contact: [melarkins@verizon.net](mailto:melarkins@verizon.net)

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**“Moments with Alexis,” watercolor, by Jacqueline Saunders, who will demonstrate how she captures portraits in impressionistic watercolors Thursday, Nov. 14 at The Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna.**

## SPORTS



The Oakton girls' cross country team won the 6A North region championship on Nov. 6.

PHOTOS BY  
ED LULL

# Oakton Wins Individual, Team Region Cross Country Titles

**Stoney wins boys' title, Oakton girls win team championship.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Oakton senior John Stoney said he won't be concerned about his time while running in the VHSL state cross country meet on Nov. 15 at Great Meadow. All that matters is the place in which he finishes.

During the 6A North regional meet, Stoney earned the best of both worlds.

Stoney won the boys' individual 6A North regional championship while achieving his goal of a sub-15-minute time on Nov. 6 at Burke Lake Park. Stoney produced a time of 14 minutes, 54 seconds, finishing 11 seconds ahead of Osbourn Park senior Nick Causey.

"This one was more definitely about time," said Stoney, who also won the Conference 5 title a week earlier. "I definitely wanted to go under 15. But next week is just going to be about winning, [not] time. Time doesn't really matter next week."

Stoney's effort helped the Cougars place sixth as a team and earn a berth to the state meet (top six teams advance to states). Stoney, Simon Iyob (33rd, 15:50), Matt McKew (39th, 16:02), Isamu Hosokawa (41st, 16:09) and David Atkinson (44th, 16:14) were Oakton's top five finishers.

"The boys, we definitely want to improve from where we were last year [during the state meet]," Oakton head coach Alisa Byers said. "Last year, we were second in the region and then we went to the state meet and we kind of pooped our pants a bit and we



Oakton senior John Stoney won the individual 6A North regional cross country championship on Nov. 6.

came in eighth, so they want to improve upon that."

Oakton finished with a total of 142 at regionals. Chantilly won the region title with a total of 100, followed by Battlefield (107), Osbourn Park (111), Robinson (136) and Lake Braddock (138).

Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett placed third among individuals with a time of 15:09, followed by Chantilly teammates Ryan McGorty (15:13) and Dakota Lange (15:21).

Madison's Matthew Calem finished ninth with a time of 15:26. The top 15 finishers earned all-region honors.

In girls' action, Oakton won the team championship with a total of 66. Washington-Lee placed second (92), followed by West Springfield (113), Lake Braddock (118), Robinson (148) and Battlefield (192).

The Cougars' performance came one week after winning the Conference 5 championship.

"The goal is always to make it to the next level," Byers said. "The northern region is a tough group of kids with a scrappy bunch of coaches. With the girls' performance last week, I knew there was



Oakton junior Allie Klimkiewicz finished third at the 6A North regional cross country championship on Nov. 6.

a good chance that we could win, but I never sell any of the other teams short because everyone's conferences are small and once you get extra people in there, it really motivates people to run fast."

Allie Klimkiewicz, a junior, led Oakton with a third-place finish. She recorded a time of 17:21, 50 seconds behind meet-winner Caroline Alcorta of West Springfield, whose time of 16:31 was the third-fastest in the history of the Burke Lake Park course.

Hailey Dougherty (17:47), a senior, placed eighth for Oakton. Freshmen Casey Kendall (18:03) and Leya Salis (18:09) finished 15th and 16th, respectively, for the Cougars, and junior Kara Kendall (18:42) finished 26th.

The Oakton girls' team placed second at states last year. Klimkiewicz finished fifth as a freshman and ninth last year as a sophomore.

"Hopefully as a team we can improve from last year," Klimkiewicz said. "We got second, so hopefully we can improve. As an individual, I really hope to PR on [the state] course and place higher up than I have in the past."

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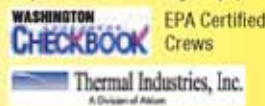
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