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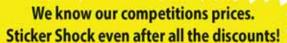
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Patricia Deege greets visitors at the evening reception to her photography exhibit at 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive in Reston. This exhibit is sponsored by the League of **Reston Artists.**

Vienna Photographer's Exhibit Shows Wildlife of Africa

Photo exhibit on display in Reston until Nov. 30.

By Ryan Dunn The Connection

n Nov. 14 there was an evening reception at the Reston Center 1 for photographer Patricia Deege's exhibit "Africa The Living Wild." This exhibit shows photographs taken by Deege during a trip to southern Africa in May 2013. "My serious photographic journey began in 1995 with a seminar in which the pure 'poetry' of the work exhibited inspired me to learn more about the mysteries of the camera and the fascinating art of creating images that 'speak' to the heart," said Deege.

The exhibit is sponsored by the League of Reston Artists. A resident of Vienna, Deege has been active with several photo clubs, including the League of Reston Artists, Northern Virginia Photographic Society, and the Vienna Arts Society. Deege's photo "Pushing Contest," which depicts some baby elephants, won two awards at the 2013 Nature Visions Photography expo, including the "Best in Show" award, and "Best of Category Wildlife Other than Birds".

"Patricia is a phenomenal photographer," said Mary Jane Fish, a resident of Vienna and member of the visit http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org

Vienna Photographic Society. "This exhibit shows if you go to the right places you get amazing photos...Patricia is a great mentor for the club and takes great photos."

The images in the exhibit were shot with a Nikon DSLR camera in different countries of Southern Africa. This included national parks and wildlife reserves in Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Traveling in open vehicles, animals were often encountered in close-up situations and provided opportunities to capture their grace and grandeur. "The images represent just a small example of the wonders that these countries have to offer," Deege said. Her photos at the exhibit are available for purchase.

"I think it is a wonderful exhibit, many of the pictures bring the subjects to life," said Lou Coglianese, resident of Fairfax and member of the Vienna Photographic Society. "They are beautiful pictures, I always enjoy going out to see her exhibit," said Deege's son Bryan Deege, resident of Oakton. The exhibit will be on display at the lobby of 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive until Nov. 30 and is open to the public.

To learn more about the League of Reston Artists,

One of the photos in the exhibit is "Pushing Contest" which depicts some baby elephants. This photo won Patricia Deege two awards at the 2013 Nature Visions Photography



What Are You Thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day?

Wendy Dominguez, Vienna "I'm very thankful for family, health, to wake up in the morning, to breathe another day, and appreciate the world we



Matt Hostetler, Vienna "Family and neighborhood."



"Mo" Mozone Kelly, Herndon "Time spent with my daughter."



Charlotte Potashnik, **McLean** "Family."



Grace Rooney, Vienna "My family."



Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman, Vienna "I am thankful for my family, friends and faith that have supported me these last few months. I am also thankful I live in an area where the medical facilities are so great."

— Donna Manz



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THE COUNTY LINE



Library Board of Trustees Chair Willard O. Jasper (center), along with several other library board members, presented reports from two ad hoc committees appointed by the library board in September to conduct a series of public outreach meetings after trustees suspended the beta plan to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Recommendations included increased funding and discarding the controversial beta plan.

Library's Beta Plan: Dead on Arrival

Supervisors endorse Library Board's recommendations to increase funding, discard beta plan.

> By Victoria Ross The Connection

ou can assume that the BETA Plan is dead. I will make that motion tomorrow." In her email to a concerned library patron the night before the Board of Supervisors Nov. 19 meeting, Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) put to rest speculation that the board would resuscitate the controversial beta plan aimed at streamlining the county's library system.

The next day, the board passed Bulova's motion 8-1 to accept a report from the Library Board of Trustees, effectively killing the beta plan, which included proposals to reduce staff, eliminate the requirement for branch managers to have a master of library science degree, and reduce the number of children's librarians.

Library Board of Trustees Chair Willard O. Jasper presented the reports from two ad hoc committees, appointed by the library board in September to conduct a series of public outreach meetings after trustees suspended the beta plan.

"For starters, there is no sentiment on the committee, the Library Board of Trustees, staff, or the majority of public commenters to move forward with the beta plan, including its reclassification of positions," Jasper told the board in explaining the blanket rejection of the beta plan.

Jasper also said the library system has "suffered demonstrably" from several years of severe budget cuts, and recommended increasing funding library operations.

"The predominant message (from the report) is that the library requires additional funding to maintain its high-quality selection," Jasper told the board. "The library budget has been cut 40 percent ... spending in Fairfax County is the lowest in all eight neighboring jurisdictions."

In addition to accepting the report, the board approved Bulova's motion to add a "consideration item" of \$1 million to the fiscal year 2015 budget. "This additional funding would ... be directed to the acquisition of non-fiction works," Bulova said. "More than 10,000 additional materials could be acquired with this funding."

Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully), who voted no on the motion, said he wasn't pleased with the library's report, and chastised fellow supervisors for distancing themselves from "the reforms we made."

He also praised Library Director Sam Clay for having the courage to "put the (beta) plan out there."

"I really was kind of shocked that the Board of Trustees would come back with a report that essentially says flatly 'no' to all proposed changes and 'give us more money," Frey said.

"Our board has been saying to every department head tell us how you can do more with less, and they came back and said we'll do the same with more. And the supervisors said OK — here's million dollars more," Frey said. "They have seen how to get more money — just turn up the heat on us."

Criticism of the plan has been building since July, when Clay unveiled a program that would test a new organization model this fall at the Burke Centre Library and the Reston Regional Library, the busiest library branch in the county. Clay has defended the reorganization, saying that the goal was to streamline staffing while retaining a high level of service.

Vera Finberg, a librarian who attended the board meeting, said she was disappointed by the board's discussion of funding.

"This is a rich county," Finberg said. "Do not tell us See Beta Plan, Page 9



Wearing purple, about 50 library supporters gathered at the Fairfax County Government Center on Tuesday, Nov. 19, to show their support for the library board's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Library Board of Trustees: Who They Are, What They Do

The Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees, a 12-member, volunteer board is responsible for library policies and for making budget recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month except August. Most meetings are held at 7 p.m. at George Mason Regional Library.

The public is invited to attend. A maximum of ten people may register to speak on library concerns during the public comment period at each monthly meeting.

For information or to register to speak, call 703-324-8324.

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What I Did Last Summer

High School Diplomats program for rising juniors and seniors is a cultural exchange experience.

By Jack Overholt Special to the Connection

very September, as long as I can remember, I have written the age old paper titled "What I did last summer." I have always dreaded this assignment to the point that I would ask my parents in May about our plans for the summer, hoping there might be something special to report in September.

No fear for me this year. This past summer, I was fortunate to be selected to participate in the High School Diplomats program, which brings together 40 American students and 40 Japanese students on the Princeton University campus for a 10-day cultural exchange.

Each day was a new experience, whether discussing ongoing efforts to increase energy resources for Japan, participating as global citizens in the High School Diplomats Talks, or channeling our inner rock star at the High School Diplomats Palooza, everyday was intense, rewarding and fun-filled.

Because I live in Northern Virginia, I was lucky to be a part of a critical component of the High School Diplomats program called Homestay, which took place before our travel to Princeton. Particpants spend three days in Washington, D.C. touring the Nation's Capitol. Following that tour, High School Diplomats places each student in participating American students' homes so the Japanese students can be immersed in everyday American family life. It is a vital and rewarding part of the program, and I was paired with my soon-to-be Princeton roommate Tomoki Hiva and another student Ranmaru Kito.

I CLEARLY REMEMBER the feeling when I saw all 40 of the Japanese students come bounding off that tour bus. Their excitement was infectious, and holding the www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

name placards we made for them, ner Mall, the size of COSTCO, we anxiously waited to meet our guests. Because we had shared contact information in advance. we had all been in communication and could not wait to put faces to names. My roommate Tomoki ran up to me and gave me a hug as if we were long lost brothers, and after this program, I honestly felt this was so. We were paired perfectly. The next three days went by in a flash. My three dogs fascinated Tomoki and Ranmaru. Seeing our grocery stores, Tysons Cor-

riding the Metro, meeting our group at the Zoo, steak and double stuffed potatoes at home, meeting my friends, swimming at their houses - Tomoki and Ranmaru were excited to do anything and everything. They were the most amazing guests and I will never forget their visit, nor this part of the program.

Sunday afternoon, the Japanese students headed to New York City to start the final leg of their US tour before reuniting with us at



Enjoying the rewards of Sushi Rolling class, Meghan Patillo, Nikhil Gargh, Tomoki Hiya, and Mitsuki Fujio.

Princeton where we had our own High School Diplomats orientation.

High School Diplomats is exactly as billed, and so much more. A typical HSD day starts at 7:30 a.m. with a little Rajio Taiso, a traditional Japanese morning stretch intended to invigorate the body and mind. I still remember how to count in Japanese because of this morning exercise - Ichi, Ni, San,

Shi, Go, Roku. Immediately after stretching we had a great breakfast in the Princeton dining hall. Mealtimes were almost a full hour because this time was a great opportunity to get to know each other better and share so much. Both cultures place an emphasis on the importance of sharing meals and this was another favorite part of our day.

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OPINION

Holidays Are About Giving

So many needs, so many great organizations, give locally where your heart leads you.

he holidays are about giving. They are about children. The holidays are about sharing, about joy, about alleviating suffering for others. The holidays are about being thankful and about faith and appreciation.

Most of us live in neighborhoods that are very homogenous. There are exceptions, but most people reading this live in

affluent areas EDITORIAL where the houses are mostly in the

same price range, and while there might be some ethnic diversity, there is little in the way of economic diversity.

It's easy to forget that there are massive unmet needs, hungry children, homeless families most with at least one working parent, homeless individuals with jobs and without jobs, people who don't know for sure whether they will have enough to eat or be able to be warm enough, people who are choosing between medical care and car repair when forgoing the car repair could mean losing a job.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, about 50,000 of the 185,000 students qualify to receive free or subsidized meals, a significant measure of poverty. Many elementary schools staff are discovering that for some of these students, a majority of students in some schools, they only meals the can count on are breakfast and lunch on school days.

Nonprofits, school staff and individuals have been working to send backpacks of healthy, kidfriendly food home with students on the weekend.

It's hard to imagine 50,000 students going hungry; it's obvious that children who aren't sure they will be able to eat when they are hungry are not going to have joyous holidays filled with family meals, gifts and special activities.

Hundreds of homeless students attend the public schools, and their needs are greater.

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season. Here are

a few ideas. We welcome suggestions for other groups.

- MARY KIMM, MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

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Needy families wait on

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Fatal Crash in the Oakton Area

Police are investigating an early morning crash that left one man dead. An investigation has determined that Trung Hieu Tran, 24, of Clifton, was traveling east on Jermantown Road near Borge Street about 1:35 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 25. As he approached a curve, he failed to negotiate the turn and lost control of his 2006 Acura RSX Coupe. The car traveled across a grass median and struck a tree, causing the vehicle to rotate and strike a second tree, where it came to rest.

Tran was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries and later died. Speed appears to be a factor in the crash.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, ewww.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

GriefShare, a weekly support group for adults grieving the death of a loved one, meets Sundays 6-7:30 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Part St., Vienna with a video/discussion format through Dec. 8. \$20 for workbook. GriefShare@viennapres.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/ growth-learning.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

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St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.



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Shooting Hoops for a Good Cause

On Nov. 10, Kate Priester, an 8th grader from Lorien Wood School in Vienna, shot 2,057 free throws in just three hours, raising \$2,287 for orphans in Zambia. 2,057 children are orphaned daily due to HIV/AIDS and thus the significance of the number of free throws. Priester did this project through "Hoops of Hope," a non-profit that runs the biggest basketball shoot-a-thon in the world. She joined thousands of participants and teams from around the world that shoot free throws for children in need. Every dollar she raised will go directly to the Zambia project. Priester was spurred on to do this for her 8th grade capstone: "Do Hard Things" project, a project that is meant to challenge one outside of their comfort zone, and to do something significant for something you care about deeply.





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Beta Plan Discarded

From Page 4

you value libraries and don't have enough money to support them."

Finberg was joined by more than 50 library supporters — employees and volunteers — who attended the meeting to show support for library board's recommendations.

They applauded when Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence), dubbed the "dumpster diving supervisor," spoke. Smyth touched off a furious debate over how the library discards used books when she photographed dumpsters full of books in seemingly good condition that she found behind the library's technical operations center in Chantilly this summer.

On Aug. 29, Smyth recovered dozens of usable books from the dumpsters, and then took them to county officials who ordered an immediate stop to the discarding. Smyth said she learned that more than 250,000 books have been thrown out since October 2012.

"One never knows what this job will bring," Smyth said at the board meeting, adding that she was still hearing concerns about discards.

"We need to be sure books are on library shelves as long as possible. Mending used to be part of process. This is something that seems to have fallen by the wayside, and that's putting it nicely," Smyth said.

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said he supported the library system and the public engagement process, but noted that libraries had to find ways to adapt to a world where the Internet has replaced newsprint and e-books have supplanted paperbacks.

"Libraries everywhere are changing as new technology changes the nature of informationgathering," Cook said. "If the answers were simple, someone would have thought of it already."

Most of the supervisors praised the patrons and staff who participated in the public meetings and committees. "We heard you," Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said. "In my opinion, in two months you've made tremendous progress." Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) said she was grateful that library staff also attended the meetings.

"We should look at who we are and who we should be serving ... Collaboration is important."

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said the library controversy exposed a silver lining.

"Let there be no doubt in the community about the passion that citizens have about their libraries," McKay said. "We should be proud of all the responses we heard."

David Broder, president of the SEIU Virginia 512, said the library board's reports teach two lessons.

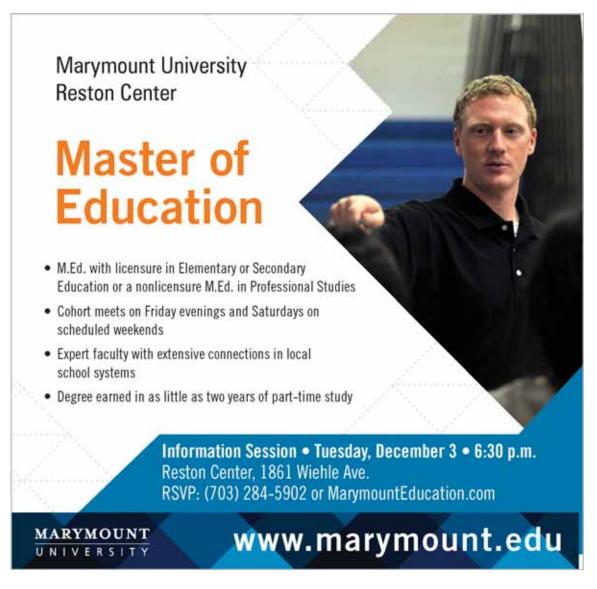
"First, local families love our libraries and library staff," Broder said. "Second, any so-called reforms which don't take advantage of librarians' expertise and which don't reflect the desires of the community are bound to fail. The Board of Supervisors needs to lead the effort to strengthen our libraries for the next generation."

Supervisors asked the Library Board to return in December with a plan for implementing the recommendations.

To read the Library Board of Trustees reports, go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/news/www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/news/communicationandevaluationreport.htm



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Opportunities to Serve Others on Thanksgiving

Local charities in need of help from the community.

> BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

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ahsan Baatin bikes to his Arlington, Va., office on most days. He runs every day. His wife Victoria swims each morning. The two are gearing up to spend Thanksgiving morning running The Trot for Hunger, a 5k race to raise more for the local charity

SOME (So Others Might Eat). "Ninety "This is the third vear that percent of the we've run," said food they Victoria. came up with distribute is the idea together. During donated. Our this season of plenty feed needs are wanted to be mindful of those definitely up who are in need. this time of Those who are interested in year. We ... supporting SOME can doserved 76 nate at: http:// support.some.org/ percent more site/TR/Events/ TCITand 5889 enal 160 emergency When I was a child, my parfood referrals ents took my sisfrom October ters and I to a homeless shelter of this year as to feed others on Thanksgiving, opposed to so it has always been a tradition October of last for me." vear. We've THOU-

ing holidays to Thanksgiving serving others. Some will help dinners.' prepare and serve meals for — Jessica Cogen of the homeless at Food for Others in events such as Fairfax the Salvation

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Army's 2013 Baatins will run in local races such as which is also on our website. the 38th Annual Alexandria Turkey and 2K Walk and the 8th annual Arlington Turkey Trot.



Thousands of people from across the Washington region, like Victoria and Rahsan Baatin, will give up part of their Thanksgiving holidays to serve others by running charity races or by cooking and preparing meals

To Donate to Food for Others:

Donations for Food for Others can be taken to the organization's warehouse, located at 2938 Prosperity Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031, Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For future volunteer opportunities call 703-

Volunteer Opportunities

For a comprehensive list charities in need of volunteer assistance on Thanksgiving and other times of the year, log onto: www.volunteermatch.org/service

Food for Others volunteers collect, sort and package food for those in

Photo courtesy of Food for Others



"In addition to runners, we have a lot of volunteers who do things like man water stations, give out water and pass out snacks after the race," said Joy Sperry, church administrator for Christ Church of Arlington, the sponsor of the Arlington Turkey Trot.

"People can still make a donation through our website at www.ccapca.org/ served 76 percent more emergency food re- and preparing boxes. The volunteer work is turkeytrot.htm or mail a check made out to ferrals from October of this year as opposed gratifying because the clients are here and Arlington Turkey Trot at the church address,

The money we raise will be divided be-Trot, the 25th Annual Virginia Run tween The Arlington-Alexandria Coalition Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K Run for the Homeless, Inc.; Doorways for Women and Families and Arlington Food Assistance

and Outreach,

Food for Others in Fairfax, says her organization relies on the generosity of the community as 90 percent of the food they distribute is donated. "Our feed needs are definitely up this time of year," she said. "We ... for working in the warehouse, sorting food

"We've already started giving out Thanksgiving dinners.

also can distribute fresh food, including pro-sauces.

Jessica Cogen, Director of Development duce, meat, milk and eggs. Our clients like getting fresh produce."

Cogen says Food for Others has a staff of nine and gives out more than 2 million pounds of food each year. "We rely heavily on volunteers," she said. "We use volunteers

For Thanksgiving, the organization's greatest needs are frozen turkeys, canned chili. They typically consist of an uncooked tur- canned fruit, fruit juice, canned meats like key or chicken and vegetables. We have a ham, turkey chicken and beef, soup, cereal, large walk-in refrigerator and freezer, so we dried or canned beans, pasta and pasta

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You Can Make a Difference

BY MICHAEL L. O'REILLY

hanksgiving is right around the corner, a time when friends and families gather to celebrate and give thanks for many things - their health, their jobs, their homes or even the meals that are prepared for them.

As the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, I want to give thanks for those who supported Fairfax County's Third Annual Jeans Day. I am pleased to report that, so far, we have raised nearly \$18,000 with more than 100 businesses, civic and faith based organizations, nonprofits and government agencies participating.

But we can do more. This year, we were fortunate to receive a \$25,000 challenge grant from the Philip L. Graham Fund. If we are successful in raising \$25,000, the grant will match the \$25,000, adding an additional \$25,000 contribution for a total of \$50,000.

Fairfax County is serious about reducing the number of residents who fall into homelessness, and these funds are critical to our efforts. We reject the idea that it is somehow acceptable for anyone to be without a place to call home, to sleep outdoors in the winter, because they have no better option.

Consider these facts:

- ❖ It might surprise you to learn that we counted on one day over 1300 homeless in our community
- ❖ More than 75 percent of children in homeless families are under the age of
- Nearly 60 percent adults in homeless families work. The majority of people without homes in our community are children and working families.
- ❖ Close to 60 percent of homeless persons are in families.

Low incomes and expensive housing are the main reasons for homelessness in our community. It is impossible to pay for an apartment when earning minimum

wage — even if you work 24 hours per day, seven days a week. With \$50,000, we can house some of our most vulnerable citizens who are homeless and in need of assistance.

This year as you sit down to enjoy this

The Philip L. Graham Fund has given us until Dec. 15 to raise an additional \$7,000 to meet our challenge goal of \$25,000. It is a goal we must make and it will take all of us working together and

1. Increase your personal contribution. Include the Partnership to End Homelessness in your year-end giving.

- 2. Help by asking your constituents and business associates. Many of them make year-end contributions and will give to worthy causes when a trusted friend encourages them to do so.
- 3. Contact your business colleagues with a personal call and tell them we are only \$7,000 from our \$50,000 goal and let them know we need their investment in this challenge. Encourage them to match their employee giving. Many businesses already will.

us reach our challenge to help prevent and end homelessness in our community.

On behalf of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Apple Federal Credit Union, Connection Newspapers, Dulles Regional Chamber, Phillip L. Graham Fund, and Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, we sincerely thank you!

Help now by visiting http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/ events/jeansday/2013-jeans-dayevent.htm or contact Dean Klein, director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness for other ways to impact homelessness at 703-324-9492, TTY 711.

Michael L. O'Reilly is Chairman of the

bounty, I would like you to remember the most vulnerable among us.

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Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness

BULLETIN BOARD

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SATURDAY/NOV. 30

American Legion Scholarships. Due Nov 30, at Post 180, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. The Post 180 in Vienna is offering three scholarships (\$1000, \$500 and \$250) for currently enrolled full-time college students who are sophomores, juniors, seniors or graduate students. Recipients will be chosen from eligible apply no later than Nov. 30. 703-938-8535 or www.legion180.net/ Scholarship_Appl_2013.pdf.

Personalized Internet Training. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 1-hour

one-on-one internet training session with a technology volunteer. Can include training on Microsoft Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. Call for tment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

- Legos in the Library. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Come join in the fun and make your own Lego creations! Legos provided. Registration required. Age 5-12. 703-790-8088
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Vienna Youth Soccer players showing their 'Give Cancer the Boot' spirit.

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Vienna Youth Soccer's 'Give Cancer the Boot' Campaign Raises Awareness and Builds Community

ienna Youth Soccer's (VYS) fields were a sea of pink in October as players and their families participated in the second annual "Give Cancer The Boot" campaign by wearing pink during games and practices.

From Oct. 23-31st, VYS players were asked to wear pink to raise awareness on the risks of breast cancer and benefits of early detection. Players and their families

could be seen all over Vienna and surrounding fields sporting their "Give Cancer the Boot" t-shirts and pink gear. Boys, girls, men and women participated - showing that pink has truly become a statement of support.

This year, VYS sold over 560 specially-designed pink t-shirts and PJ's Sports donated 10 percent of all VYS sales for the month of October to the Give Cancer the Boot. The VYS Give Cancer the Boot campaign supports Life with Cancer a local, community-funded organization whose mission is to enhance the quality of life of those affected by cancer by providing information, education and support. VYS and PJ's' combined donation of over \$1700 to Life with Cancer will make a difference in helping families get the support and services they need.

According to Leigh Palmer, VYS Board member, coach and avid soccer player, "I am thrilled to support the VYS community especially when the cause hits close to home. I have been playing in a women's soccer league on the same team for over a decade. Within this small group of women, four have been diagnosed with cancer, including one that was recently diagnosed. We proudly wore our shirts to support her and raise awareness."

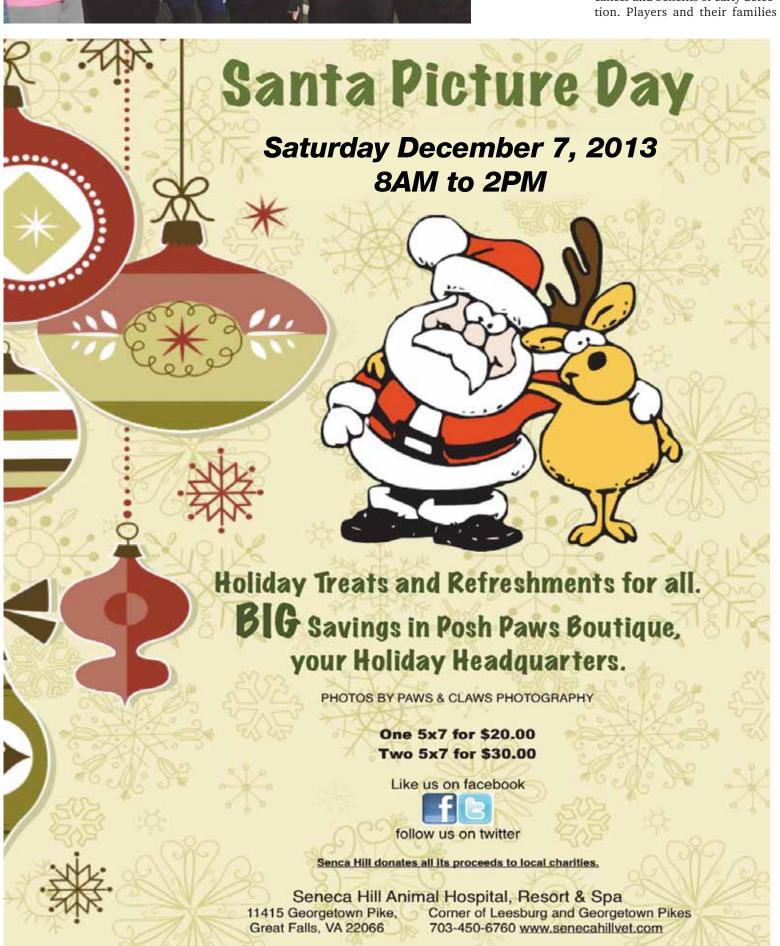


Send school notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com by Friday.

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 firstyear student in the Bachelor of Arts Program, has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta honor society at Bucknell University.



Summer to Remember

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An interesting element to the program were presentations the Japanese and American students were assigned that addressed specific topics within our own cultures such as education, social issues, regional differences in each of our own countries, and our governments. It was eye opening to learn about the differences, but also amazing to see how many similarities there were as well. Mornings tended to be more academic with language and culture classes, and the afternoons were more social and interactive. We learned how to roll sushi, do calligraphy, and we talked about American slang. No two days were the same. We shared our favorite traditions and holidays by recreating Halloween, a Country Fair Day, Olympics, Color Wars, and the Japanese students prepared a culture day that was incredible. The depth and intensity of their talent was inspiring. My favorite day of all was our free day when we went out with our roommates into Princeton, followed by Date Night, where the staff had organized what was similar to an American homecoming or prom. There was never a dull moment at High School Diplomats.

AS THE 10 DAYS CAME TO A CLOSE,

we did not get much sleep. We just did not have enough time left together. As we lined up for our last goodbye, emotions overwhelmed us. The relationships I forged and the memories of this experience will be with me forever. And this is why I am sharing High School Diplomats in America with you.

By now I hope that you will want to apply to High School Diplomats or know someone who should be a part of this opportunity for Summer 2014. The program runs from July 29 to Aug. 9. Sophomores and juniors from all over the US can apply and everyone will have an in-person interview. The best part of all - this program is entirely scholarship based. If you are chosen to be a High School Diplomat, the entire program is paid for. All you need to do is HSD website the www.highschooldiplomats.com, click on the HSD in America tab and begin the process.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Jan. 8, 2014. Once you submit your application, you will be contacted to schedule your interview in March and final decisions are communicated in April. If you look further on the HSD site, you will see that your acceptance and participation in HSD in America 2014 makes you eligible to apply for USHSD to Japan the following year, which is almost a reciprocal extension of HSD in America – a three-week, all expenses paid trip to Japan where the American students will be immersed in Japanese life.

Jack Overholt of Oakton is a student at The Hill School in Middleburg.

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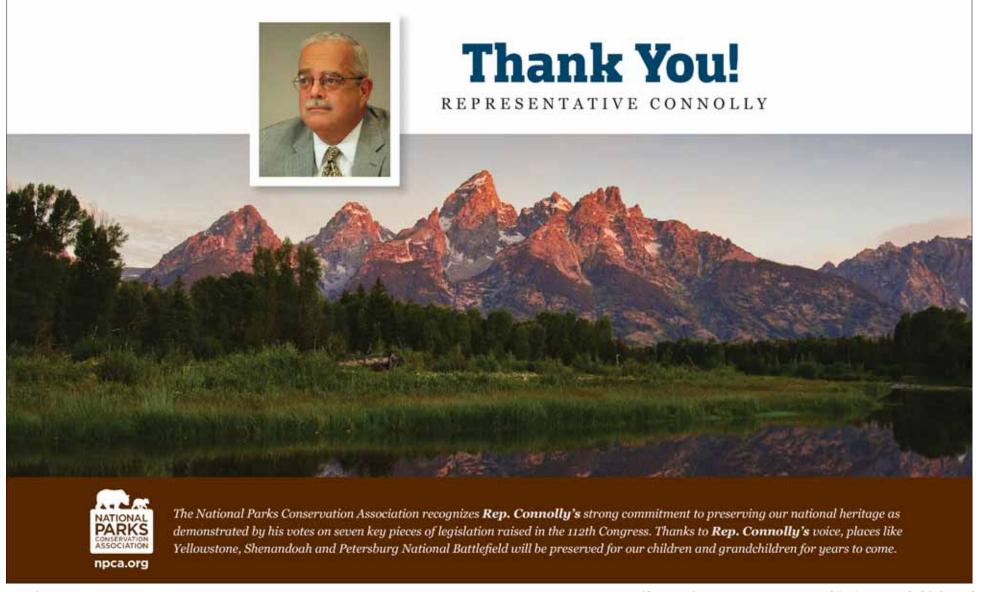


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The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's antique fire truck was the subject of Vienna **Arts Society artist-of**the-year Debi Elliott's painting.

> Painting Self in a Corner, by Ursula Nogic of Reston, took 1st place at the Vienna Arts Society's **44th Annual Treasury** of Art Show and Sale.



Treasury of Art Show and Sale

pieces of art were juried by art specialist Jack Rasmussen for the Vienna Arts Society 44th Annual Treasury of Art Show and Sale that took place Nov. 22 through Nov. 24 at

Pieces of work in the show ranged in price from \$85 to almost \$6,000, and in size from small to substantial. "Not Yet Beaten," a

ore than 150 original raffled off in honor of people fighting cancer and cancer survivors. The raffle funds will be donated to the cancer charity of the winner's choice. Elliott donated a gift basket, as well, for raffling.

> Publicity chair Dore' Skidmore said Friday's award reception drew a large crowd. The hundreds of paintings submitted to be juried came from artists who live throughout the metro-region, from Haymarket to Annapolis. Artists do not have to belong to the Vienna Arts Society to enter the Treasury of Art Show. The annual exhibition typically takes place close to the Thanksgiving holiday. Every piece in the show is available for sale.

> To learn more about the Vienna Arts Society and its events and classes, www.viennaartssociety.org.

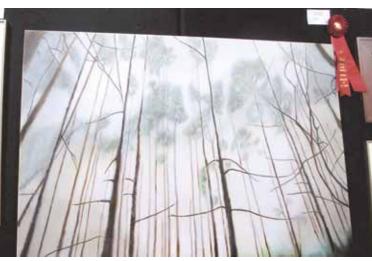
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the Vienna Community Center.

Reston artist Ursula Nogic took 1st place with a complex self-portrait, an oil painting priced at \$1,570. Second place, for Morning Sunrise, went to William Perrella of Vienna. Rasmussen said that Perrella "captured the beauty and danger of nature." Amy McShane's landscape, Embrace, won 3rd place. Five pieces took honorable mention; VAS referred to them as "equal merit."

symbolic piece created by VAS artist-of-the-year Debi Elliott, was



Morning Sunrise, an oil by Vienna artist William Perrella, won 2nd place in the Vienna Arts Society's show the weekend of Nov. 22.

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"Scanticipation"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When I get CT-Scanned on Wednesday, November 27th, it will be nearly four months since my last diagnostic scan. That occurred during my hospital "staycation" during the first week of August, when I was admitted due to the extremely abnormal fluid buildup in my left lung. The surgery to drain the fluid went well, as you regular readers know, but as a consequence of this procedure/hospital stay - and its recovery, my subsequent chemotherapy infusions were delayed for about a month and naturally the follow-up scans were as well. This meant/now means that my everythree-month scan has become at least for this particular set of time circumstances, a fourmonth interval, the longest such interval in my full-time cancer career since I was first diagnosed with stage IV, non-small-cell lung cancer back in February, 2009.

I'm not nervous about the outcome this time, however, as I have written about in previous columns: "Scanxiety," "Scanning the Horizon" and "Scantastic." These are all examples of the emotional roller coaster a cancer patient rides when scans are in the offing. Regarding (you'll note I didn't use "concerning,") this upcoming scan, I feel more curious and calm than I have felt before. Aside from being more experienced with this process/cycle, and continuing as well to be relatively asymptomatic, my most recent lab work has been encouraging or at least not discouraging in that certain results/levels are improving. Now I don't know if these improved results (specifically my creatinine and bilirubin levels as well as my GFR/glomular filtration rate) have any effect on the metastatic tumors in my left lung, but the improving levels do mean that my body is tolerating the every-three-week chemotherapy infusions that I've been receiving since September 20th. And "tolerating" is about as good as it gets, considering there are few drugs still available that my oncologist would feel are suitable for my condition. More to the point, when I asked my oncologist how do I really know (other than the lab results) that I'm tolerating the drug, he said, "You wouldn't be a very happy camper if you weren't." To which I replied, happily: "Well, I'm a long way from that." And not that the camping reference was lost on me, but I've been camping very few times in my life, and on those few occasions, I was happiest when I was leaving the campsite heading home.

Camping experiences aside - and not misunderstood, I am looking forward to the results of this next scan and really not stressing about it, either. Nor am I anxious. If anything, I'll admit to being naive. Moreover, I won't admit to being positive, since there's so much about the human body that I don't understand and after five years of having cancer-type symptoms and/or feelings, or not having cancer-type symptoms and/or feelings, with varying outcomes, I never know what to make of any of it. What I am positive about is how mysterious it all is and how few guarantees there are in any of it. Nevertheless, I'm grateful for a definite maybe; I can live with that, as I have been.

Time will tell, soon enough. Although, a long Thanksgiving weekend might slow down the e-mail which my oncologist will send with the results. But I can't worry about that either. I feel good. My labs were good. My reaction to yesterday's chemotherapy was good. The Red Sox just won the World Series for the third time in 10 years; that's all good, great in fact. For a terminal cancer patient from Boston five years post-diagnosis who wants to live and loves his hometown team, it doesn't get much better, realistically speaking.

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ntion: Mark Steele The CAP was submitted to the Northern Regional Office of the

The CAP was submitted to the Northern Regional Office of the DEQ on November 22, 2013. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed CAP with the staff of the DEQ, please feel free to contact Alex Wardle (Alexander.Wardle@deq.virginia.gov) at (703) 583-3822 after the date of the CAP submittal. The DEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the proposed CAP until December 27, 2013. Due to public interest, the DEQ will hold a Public Meeting on December 10, 2013, at 8:30 PM at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA. The public meeting will follow the Great Falls Citizens Association Monthly Meeting, which will begin at 7:30 PM and include information about the proposed plan. Written comments should be sent to the DEQ at the address listed below. The DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case; PC# 2010-3028.

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Long & Foster's Tysons Office Designated as a Toys for **Tots Collection Site**

ong & Foster Real Estate, Inc., announced that its Tysons Corner office launched its annual toy drive to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign on Nov. 13. Toys may be dropped off seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Long & Foster's Tysons Corner office, located at 8227 Old Courthouse Rd., Vienna. All donations must be made before Dec. 18.

Long & Foster offices throughout the Mid-Atlantic region are participating in the Toys for Tots donation drive. This year marks the company's 23rd year participating in the holiday collection campaign. Between now and mid-December, each of Long & Foster's more than 180 sales offices throughout seven states and the District of Columbia will accept toy donations. Long & Foster employees at the company's home office in Chantilly, Va., will also participate in the annual holiday campaign.

Once the toys are collected and presented to the U.S. Marines, they are distributed through churches and social welfare agencies to the neediest children throughout the community.ºStarted by the U.S. Marines in 1947, the Toys for Tots campaign is an annual toy collecting drive that now reaches throughout 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

Last year, the Marines reported the Toys for Tots campaign realized its greatest revenue ever at \$270 million and enabled them to distribute more than 16.8 million toys to more than 7 million children. Long & Foster contributed to this effort by collecting thousands of new toys throughout the company's Mid-Atlantic footprint in 2012.

For information on this year's Toys for Tots Campaign, call 703-556-8600 or visit www.toysfortots.org.

Week in Vienna

Residents, Business Recognized For **Beautification Efforts**

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses who demonstrate an ongoing effort to enhance the appearance of their residence or business with Beautification and Beauty Awards.

On Nov.18, five families and one business were recognized for their beautification ef-

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SPORTS

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Langley's Rachel Andrejev, seen during the 6A North region championship match, had a team-high 10 kills against First Colonial on Nov. 23 in the Group 6A state championship match.

Langley Volleyball Wins First State Championship

Saxons sweep First Colonial Group 6A state final.

program's first state championship on Nov. 23, beating First Colonial 3-0 in the Group 6A state final at VCU's Siegel Center in Richmond.

The Langley program, which started in 1998, reached the 2007 AAA state championship match, but lost 3-0 to Deep Run. On Saturday, it was the Saxons taking home the title, becoming the first team from Fairfax County to accomplish the feat.

"[It was] awesome. Been chasing it for 16 years!" Langley head coach Susan Shifflett wrote in an email. "... [It was a] very special experience that is a result of every player and coach that has been a part of our program since its beginning in 1998."

Outside hitter Rachel Andrejev led Langley with

he Langley volleyball team captured the 10 kills in the state final. Outside hitter Jessica Donaldson had eight kills and setter/right side Alex Andrejev had seven. Rachel Andrejev and Rachel Donaldson each had two aces, Alex Andrejev had 19 assists and freshman setter Maxine Friedman totaled 14 assists.

Langley finished the season with a 27-3 record.

The 6A state final was scheduled for 9 p.m. The Saxons left for Richmond on a charter bus at 3 p.m., had dinner in Richmond and spent time watching earlier matches and warming up. Langley's match didn't start until 10 p.m., but the Saxons took care of business. "The girls did a great job of staying flexible and kept their focus," Shifflett wrote. "They really wanted it.'



Langley's Alex Andrejev, seen during the 6A North region championship match, finished with seven kills against First Colonial on Nov. 23 in the Group 6A state championship match.



Madison junior Amanda Swaak earned all-state honors by finishing 12th during the Group 6A girls' race with a time of 18:28 at the VHSL state meet on Nov. 15 at Great Meadow.

Vienna Rivals to Face Off in Basketball Openers

The Oakton Cougars and Madison Warhawks will face one another on Dec. 3 to open their respective girls' and boys' basketball seasons.

The Oakton girls' basketball team will host Madison at 7:30 p.m. Oakton, led by head coach Fred Priester, fell one win shy of reaching the state tournament last season, losing to South Lakes 48-46 in the region semifinals.

Two years ago, the Cougars went 31-0 and won the AAA state championship.

Madison, led by head coach Kirsten Stone, won the Liberty District championship last season and reached the second round of the region tournament, where the Warhawks lost to eventual region champion Edison, 63-33.

The Madison boys' basketball team will host Oakton at 7:30 p.m. Oakton, led by head coach Dave Brooks, advanced to last season's region tournament.

Group 6A North Region Football Playoffs

Three of four favorites advanced during the 6A North region football quarterfinals on Nov. 22, with Langley being the lone high seed to fall short.

The Saxons, seeded No. 5 in the region, lost to No. 13 Stonewall Jackson 51-48 in the region's highest-scoring game of the weekend. Stonewall Jackson will travel to face No. 1 Centreville in the semifinals. Undefeated Centreville beat No. 8 South County 55-35 in the quarterfinals on Friday.

No. 2 Lake Braddock beat No. 7 Yorktown 40-7 to earn a trip to the semifinals, where the undefeated Bruins will host No. 3 Westfield. The Bulldogs beat No. 11 Robinson, 21-14.

Lake Braddock and Westfield faced one another during the regular season, with the Bruins winning 28-24 on Sept. 20. At the time, it was Westfield's first regular-season loss since 2010.



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You hear the blaring sirens before the antique fire engine comes into view. Santa Claus arrives in-style to Vienna during the 2012 Church Street Holiday Stroll.

THURSDAY/NOV. 28

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service. 10 a.m. St. John's Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

Thanksgiving Day Brunch. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Take part in traditional Thanksgiving fixings and festive selections of brunch favorites. \$120 per adult; \$40 per child, ages 4-12. Reservations required. 703-917-

Four-Course Thanksgiving Dinner. Bazin's on Church, 111 Church Street, NW, Vienna. Admission: \$39/ person. Kids 10 and under \$15.95. http://www.bazinsonchurch.com/

Thanksgiving with Wildfire. 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Wildfire at Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor. A special family style menu featuring spit roasted turkey and all the traditional Thanksgiving dishes. Cost is \$42.95/person and \$16.95 for children 12 and under. For reservations call (703) 442-9110 or visit wildfirerestaurant.com/mclean.

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

"Annie!" the Musical. 7 p.m. McLean High School Theater, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The popular comic strip heroine takes center stage in the perfect family-friendly musical. Adults \$15 and Students/Seniors \$10. Reserve seats at www.mcleandrama.com

Annual Gingerbread House

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SATURDAY/NOV. 30

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SUNDAY/DEC. 1

McLean's WinterFest. 3:30 p.m., starting from Old Chain Bridge Road. McLean's only community parade. www.mcleanwinterfest.org



Santa Claus hands out candy to children during the 5th Annual WinterFest Parade in McLean last year.

MONDAY/DEC. 2

Annual Church Street Holiday

Stroll. 6-9 p.m. Church Street between Lawyers Road and Mill Street, Vienna. Visitors are invited to stroll along the streets amid the sights and sounds of the holiday season. 703-938-5187.

Breakfast with Santa. 9-10 a.m.
Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor.
Get into the holiday spirit early with a holiday breakfast buffet. Cost: 10.95 per child and \$13.95 per adult. 703-442-9110.

THURSDAY/DEC. 5

John Medeski in Concert, Solo Piano. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Jazz pianist showcases original songs and improvised compositions from his debut solo album. Tickets: \$25. http://www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/DEC. 6

31st Annual McLean Holiday
Crafts Show. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at
MCC, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.
Eighty artisans from across the
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arts, wood, ceramics and pottery,
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MONDAY/DEC. 2

The GoAround. 7 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E., Vienna. An alt-rock/pop duo made up of brothers. Tickets: \$10.

THURSDAY/DEC. 5

An Evening with John Medeski in Concert. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Jazz pianist John Medeski showcases engaging and meditative compositions in this solo debut concert. Tickets: \$25.

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Tickets: Adults \$3; ages 13 and under \$1.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 7

Celebration of Lights. 5:30-8 p.m., at Great Falls Village Centre Hill. Watch Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in an antique fire truck to light the Great Falls Tree. Afterwards, Santa will meet all children who wish to share their holiday wishes. http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org

31st Annual McLean Holiday
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country convene for this highlyregarded and much- anticipated
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Wolf Trap Holiday Sing-A-Long. 4 p.m. Wolf Trap National Park, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. "The President's Own" United States Marine Band Members of local choirs and vocal

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Antigone Rising, the all-female country rock band, will be performing at Jammin' Java in Vienna on Dec. 7. From left: risten Ellis-Henderson, Dena Tauriello, Nini Camps, Cathy Henderson.

Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A combination of avantgarde and post-bop jazz with classical, folk, and country influences. Tickets: \$35.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 7, 14, 21 Gingerbread House Decorating

Class. 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Learn to make your own gingerbread house. \$70 per child, ages 2-12. Reservations required. 703-917-

SATURDAY/DEC. 7, 14, 21

The Nutcracker Tea. 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Watch the ballet production of "The Nutcracker" while enjoying afternoon tea and treats. \$75 per person. Reservations required. 703-917-5498.

SUNDAY/DEC. 8

31st Annual McLean Holiday

Crafts Show. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at MCC, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean. Eighty artisans from across the country convene for this highly-regarded and much-anticipated juried show. This show features fiber arts, wood, ceramics and pottery, jewelry, glass, holiday decor, items for children, gourmet foods, paper art, photography, soft sculpture, paintings and drawings and more. Tickets: Adults \$3; ages 13 and

under \$1. Science Wonderland Workshop

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. ands-on holiday science production where children ages 5-12 will build a Science Wonderland out of recycled and earth-friendly materials, grow crystal Christmas tree, have a a "snowball fight' with dry ice smoke-filled bubbles and Antigone Rising. 7 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E., Vienna.The all-female country rock band Antigone Rising who has shared stages around the world with acts like The Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, The Allman Brothers Band and Rob Thomas.

SUNDAY/DEC. 15

Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St., N., Vienna. Adults \$8, children \$3. 703-938-1379.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 14-SUNDAY/DEC. 15 Great Falls Studios Holiday Show

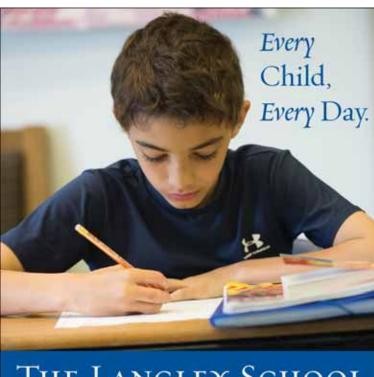
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WEDNESDAY/DEC. 25

Christmas Day Brunch at Entyse

Bistro. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Celebrate the holiday with brunch. Enjoy live musical entertainment and special activities, including face painting and a balloon artist for the children. \$120 per adult; \$40 for children under 12. Reservations required. 703-917-5498.





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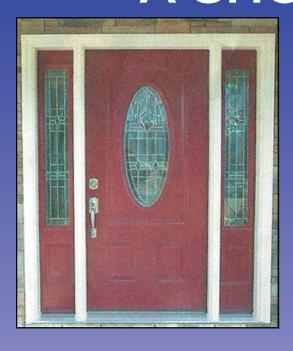
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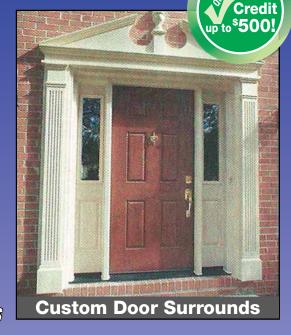


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