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Ray Bennett, musician and host of the debut of Caffè Amouri's "The Beat," played guitar to a warmed-up crowd at the coffeehouse on Jan. 21, 2012. He will be performing this year on Saturday nights at Caffè Amouri Vienna.

New Leadership for Workhouse Arts Center

Board of Supervisors continues to debate future success of center.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Laura McKie, a volunteer at the Prison Museum at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center, said she doesn't expect the museum's everyday operations to change too much as Fairfax County takes greater control over the center.

"I think everything will carry on as normal," McKie said. He is referring to the Jan. 14 Board of Supervisors' decision, which will abolish the current Lorton Arts Foundation Board. Fairfax County will assume \$30 million in debt, settling the agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, which the Lorton Arts Foundation has entered into a debt of \$60 million.

Still, county officials such as Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity question the Jan. 14 Board of Supervisors' decision. Herrity, who was the only Supervisor who dissented in the decision, said that foreclosure could have been avoided, even without Fairfax County assuming the Foundation's debt. "We had more time and we didn't take it," Herrity said. "This wasn't

our loan. We had no legal obligation to pay off this debt."

Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, however, said before the Board of Supervisors decision that if the decision to assume the loan was not made, foreclosure would have been inevitable. "The fact of the matter is, if this deal was not made today, the bank was going to foreclose on that loan this month, and we had to act," Cook said.

Cook said before the Jan. 14 vote that the Lorton Arts Foundation failed, something Herrity disagrees with.

"The Lorton Arts Foundation didn't fail. They did the best they could with the situation," Herrity said. He added that circumstances were tough, however, especially considering the location of the arts center.

"Even the Torpedo Factory in Old Town Alexandria isn't surviving," Herrity said.

In 2002, Fairfax County purchased 2,440 acres of federal land, which was the site of the historic Occoquan Workhouse Prison, for \$4.2 million. In 2006, the Lorton Arts Foundation renovated the former prison into an arts center after approval from the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Sharon



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Bulova has attended many events at the Workhouse Arts Center. McKie, who organized the "American Women: The Long and Winding Road" lecture series at the Prison Museum, said Bulova attended the first lecture and will participate in the event in March. "She is a big supporter of our program," McKie said.

Bulova issued a statement following the Board of Supervisors decision, stressing the economic difficulties faced by the Lorton Arts Foundation.

"However, like many nonprofits and businesses alike, the LAF has not been immune to the economic recession and slow recovery. Simply put, the past few years have proven an intensely difficult time to raise money for the arts, and the Workhouse Arts Center's operations have not generated enough revenue to cover expenses, especially debt it incurred for capital renovations," Bulova said in the statement.

Herrity said he is opposed to spending \$30 million of taxpayer's money, and believes Fairfax County should look at longer term solutions. "We shouldn't be bailing out a bank because it made a bad loan," Herrity said. "We should be looking at monetizing the surrounding land."

Cook, however, said that nobody is being bailed out with this agreement, and that the agreement was necessary to avoid litigation. "It is not true that there was no potential legal liability to the county. We own the land. We own the buildings," Cook said.

Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay supported the decision in order to protect the county's investment in the Workhouse. "This is a county with over a million people. We ought to have an arts center in this county, but we ought to have one that is fiscally well-managed and controlled, and one that we have some lever of oversight with," McKay said.

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Winter Fun Guide

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THE CONNECTION

From theatre to cooking to music and the arts, Vienna-Oakton offer diversity of pastimes.

Maybe there is not a plethora of outdoor activities — there are some — but there are a myriad of indoor activities and events that appeal to adults and to children. Chances are you will find something here to do next week ... and the week after.

THE VIENNA THEATRE COMPANY presents “This,” a humorous take on the tribulations of friends of a certain age — 40-ish.

The five characters face great changes in their lives, from the birth of a child to the death of a spouse to the search for love, with infidelity thrown into the mix.

“This” has adult language and is not appropriate for children under 16. Tickets are priced at \$13 each for adults and are available for purchase at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, or at the door on performance day. Shows are on Jan. 24, 25, 31, and Feb. 1 at 8 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 and 9.

Call the community center at 703-255-6360 for weather cancellations. For more details on the production, go to www.viennatheatrecompany.org/

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW TRIP sponsored by the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation, Wednesday, March 6.

A charter bus leaves the Vienna Community Center at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 7 p.m.

The 2014 Flower Show is a collaboration of flower show designers and the nation’s great art museums, turning the Pennsylvania Convention Center into a 10-acre can-



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Culinaria Cooking School offers children’s cooking classes on weekends and during school breaks. The youngsters pictured here participated in a summer camp program in 2013.

vas of landscapes, gardens and floral arrangements.

The cost of the day trip is \$69 for Town of Vienna residents and \$86.25 for out-of-town participants. Cost includes transportation and admission to the show with all-day re-entry privileges. Registration required.

For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 or register online at www.viennava.gov.

“SOUVENIR: A FANTASIA ON THE LIFE OF FLORENCE FOSTER

JENKINS” opens at 1st Stage on Feb. 7 and closes on March 2.

The production centers on the life of an eccentric real-life heiress who could not distinguish fantasy from reality. As bad as her voice was, she packed recital halls. She even performed at Carnegie Hall in 1944.

Show times for “Souvenir” are Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. General admission is \$27. Student and military tickets are \$15. Group discounts are available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.1ststagetysons.org or by calling the 1st



Reinhardt Liebig plays piano at the bar at Maplewood Grill.

Stage box office at 703-854-1856. “Souvenir” is appropriate for all ages.

1st Stage, a professional theatre, is located in an industrial center in Tysons, at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. For the season’s schedule of plays, go to www.1ststagetysons.org.

CASINO NIGHT to benefit The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Fairfax County region.

The Ritz-Carlton of Tysons Corner is hosting a benefit on behalf of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Fairfax County Region, on Friday, March 7, from 6:30-11:30 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Casino night admission includes an open bar, dinner buffet, gaming, and dancing.

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Vienna-Oakton Moms Run This Town

Local running group has more than 600 members, is growing.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

While most of local life was inside trying to stay toasty-warm during January’s big freeze, one group of Vienna-Oakton women braved the frigid temps, the snow, the ice, to maintain their daily runs. Vienna-Oakton Moms Run This Town, a group of 600-plus “moms,” ran as many as 18 miles in a single day. Sarah Talley founded the Vienna-Oakton group, an arm of the free-to-join international network of Moms Run This Town.

“The power of a group is motivating,” said Talley, who belongs to several running groups. “We are having fun. Because if

you’re not having fun, why do it?”

THE DRAW of the Vienna-Oakton Moms Run This Town Facebook page is that individuals post requests for partners or to create a scheduled run. Unlike many Facebook pages, the page for www.facebook.com/groups/vienna.va.mrtt/ is constantly interactive.

“You can catch a run any day of the week,” said Talley. “Different times, different pace groups.”

“The key is that you, as a member, have to be proactive.”

Talley extols the virtue of safety in numbers. “Be an advocate of running safely, toward traffic, with a partner.”

Her husband’s job with Exxon-Mobil moves the family about every three years. Talley moved to Vienna in 2011 and will be leaving the area for Houston in 2015. Her co-leaders, Beth Graham and Lynn Collins,

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MRTT FILE PHOTO, MARCH, 2013

Vienna-Oakton Moms Run This Town has more than 600 members. The “moms” group breaks down into pace groups for large runs and, some-one in the group is offering a run each day.

Board Cites Lack of Funds for School Renovations

Aging schools collide with increasing student enrollments.

BY LISA SPINELLI
THE CONNECTION

While the 2015 to 2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) passed at the Fairfax County Public School Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 3, many board members expressed concerns with the program.

“Our funding is inadequate and has been inadequate for many years,” said Mount Vernon district school board member Dan Storck about the school’s capital improvement budget — which has an annual cap of \$155 million by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. “This program takes us to the next step, but we still have a long way to go.”

Fairfax County public schools are bursting at the seams. An influx of 20,000 school-aged children enrolled in the system within the last eight years and there is no end in sight to the growth rate. With many buildings reaching 50-plus years old and enrollment projected at 184,500 for next school year, overcrowded schools are becoming a mainstay.

The CIP five-year plan includes a queue of which schools have planning funds and construction funds approved, and includes the construction of two new elementary schools as well as one new high school. The total bill for this CIP is \$697.7 million, with \$371.7 million of that unfunded.

One of the major sticking points among board members was the treatment of legacy high schools: Falls Church, Herndon, Langley, Oakton and West Springfield. All these schools were built in the 1960s, and none have received a full renovation. Some are still not in the queue to receive funds for upgrades as of this CIP.

“We’re stuck between a rock and a hard

Final Rankings								
School Name	Rank	Score	School Name	Rank	Score	School Name	Rank	Score
Clermont ES***	1	52.23	Mount Vernon			Bren Mar Park ES	46	70.28
Terraset ES**	2	54.18	Woods ES*	24	63.81	Brookfield ES	47	71.29
Sunrise Valley ES**	3	56.77	Herndon HS*	25	63.84	Lees Corner ES	48	72.40
Garfield ES**	4	56.81	Rocky Run MS*	26	63.88	Armstrong ES	49	72.53
Terra Centre ES**	5	57.65	Belle View ES*	27	64.06	Willow Springs ES	50	73.33
Thoreau MS**	6	58.05	Annandale Terrace ES	28	64.19	Centreville HS	51	73.63
Westgate ES**	7	58.14	Clearview ES	29	64.21	Herndon ES	52	73.68
Haycock ES**	8	59.00	Oakton HS*	30	64.54	Dranesville ES	53	74.97
Langley HS**	9	59.14	Hughes MS	31	64.66	Cub Run ES	54	75.27
Ravensworth ES**	10	59.96	Silverbrook ES	32	64.83	Franklin MS	55	75.74
Woodlawn ES**	11	60.25	Hybla Valley ES	33	64.87	Union Mill ES	56	76.29
Forestville ES**	12	60.28	Cooper MS	34	65.90	Centre Ridge ES	57	76.64
North Springfield ES**	13	60.41	Frost MS	35	66.06	Poplar Tree ES	58	76.86
Springfield Estates ES**	14	60.88	Washington Mill ES	36	66.12	Waples Mill ES	59	77.30
Keene Mill ES**	15	60.89	Braddock ES	37	66.17	Sangster ES	60	77.39
Bucknell ES**	16	61.60	Fox Mill ES	38	66.51	Twain MS	61	78.38
Cherry Run ES*	17	61.78	Oak Hill ES	39	66.63	Saratoga ES	62	78.84
Waynewood ES*	18	62.17	Wakefield Forest ES	40	67.47	Virginia Run ES	63	83.13
Stratford Landing ES*	19	62.50	Louise Archer ES	41	68.24			
Newington Forest ES*	20	62.52	Crossfield ES	42	68.98			
Hollin Meadows ES*	21	62.59	Mosby Woods ES	43	69.96			
White Oaks ES*	22	62.70	Bonnie Brae ES	44	70.03			
West Springfield HS*	23	63.10	Falls Church HS	45	70.11			

* Planning funds approved

** Construction funds approved

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Schools’ final ranking for renovations

Table 1								
Projected Elementary School Capacity Utilization of 115% or More In 2018-19								
Capacity Utilization			Capacity Utilization			Capacity Utilization		
School Name	2013-14	2018-19	School Name	2013-14	2018-19	School Name	2013-14	2018-19
Bailey's	130%	154%	Forestdale	93%	131%	Lorton Station	122%	134%
Belvedere	99%	115%	Franconia	102%	128%	Lynbrook	92%	118%
Bren Mar Park	99%	151%	Freedom Hill	102%	134%	McNair	125%	166%
Cameron	76%	117%	Glen Forest	104%	132%	Mosby Woods	104%	116%
Cardinal Forest	94%	117%	Graham Road	107%	121%	Mount Eagle	95%	159%
Chesterbrook	109%	118%	Greenbriar West	121%	125%	Pine Spring	101%	133%
Coates	106%	181%	Groveton	96%	123%	Shreveewood	106%	125%
Columbia	102%	140%	Hybla Valley	124%	135%	Westlawn	101%	116%
Eagle View	87%	118%	Lake Anne	92%	136%	Willow Springs	107%	124%
Fairhill	98%	123%	Lane	91%	128%	Woodburn	111%	131%

Schools’ capacity

place,” said Providence District Representative Patty Reed citing not enough funding and too many schools in need. “And Falls Church is no further along than it was before.”

The CIP did not list Falls Church in the queue for high schools needing renovation — which many members felt was a gross oversight since the school was built in 1967 and is without science and computer labs — putting its students at a severe disadvantage to remain competitive for jobs and

acceptance into top colleges, said Reed.

At the meeting last week, an amendment to the CIP passed to further examine renovations needed at legacy high schools.

While the CIP focuses on renovating/enhancing existing schools and building new schools, the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee — and some members at the board meeting — suggested examining the entire process for which the board determines the renovation priorities.

The facilities planning committee sug-

gested in a January report that an overarching study on school boundaries and changing those boundaries by 2018 could help alleviate much of the overcrowding in schools across the county — especially high schools. With the current CIP, Facilities Planning Advisory Committee wrote that in just five years 45,397 children will be attending schools at more than 115 percent of capacity — approximately one in four students. Currently, there are no ongoing or planned boundary studies in place, said John Torre, public information officer with FCPS.

“Our funding is inadequate and has been inadequate for many years.”

— Dan Storck, Mount Vernon district school board member

Another measure At-Large Member Ted Velkoff suggested to ensure schools were receiving a more adequate amount of capital improvement funds was to integrate the county government and the school’s capital funding plans and have criteria set by both boards for which facilities would enter the list.

Currently government-related buildings — including fire departments, detention centers, courts etc. — receive 58 percent of the county’s capital improvement funding while taking up 19 percent of the total county facilities square footage, whereas the school system receives 42 percent of the money with 81 percent of the square footage, cited Braddock District Representative Megan McLaughlin.

“I have grave concerns,” said Mason District Representative Sandy Evans about the CIP. “It’s not just about needing a new funding stream, but how we approach it.”

Town Buys De-Icing Salt, OKs Drainage Contract

The many times snow has fallen this winter has prompted the Vienna Town Council to order nearly \$60,000 worth of road de-icing salt to keep the local roads as safe as possible in inclement weather.

“The past light winters lulled us into a false sense of complacency about the need for salt,” Director of Public Works Dennis Johnson told the Council during its Monday night, Jan. 27, meeting.

As a result, he didn’t bring a request to the Town Council to fund this item in its budget. Otherwise, it would have been a routine renewal of the contract.

So on Monday, Johnson formally asked the Council for permission to purchase 1,100 tons of road de-icing salt from Inter-

national Salt Co., LLC in the amount of \$59,048. The Council members approved unanimously.

Johnson also noted that, so far, the town has used 63 percent of its money budgeted for overtime snow removal and 37 percent of what it had on hand for operating supplies (de-icing salt and magnesium chloride to treat the roads). So, he said, “We’re in good shape.”

In other business, the Council members also unanimously approved a request to award the Meadow Lane SW and Gibson Drive SW drainage-improvement contract to American Contractors Inc. The contract amount is \$198,066.

— BONNIE HOBBS



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Collecting Coats

Several volunteers help process the coats at the Lamb Center. Delivery took place on Jan. 21. The collection continues.

What's Next for I-66

VDOT will hold a public information meeting on the next steps to identify potential traffic improvements in the I-66 Corridor. It's set for Thursday, Jan. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road in Vienna. (If cancelled due to weather: Tuesday, Feb. 4). VDOT and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation have identified 10 concepts to increase capacity within the I-66 corridor, plus options to increase travel-mode choices, improve individual interchanges, address spot safety needs and enhance travel efficiency.

Greater Vienna Babe Ruth Baseball Registration

Registration is now open for the spring 2014 season: Offering Prep League for 13's, American League for 14's and 15's, Senior League for 16-19's, and Senators travel teams. Returning players, register online at gvbri.org. New players must register in person on Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. Early-bird discount applies to everyone registering in person. More information at gvbri.org.

Beware of Scam Callers

Town of Vienna police say a resident on Ware Street SW reported that, on Jan. 23, he received a telephone call from someone claiming to be his grandson. The caller said he'd been arrested and was being held at a detention center. The resident informed the caller that he didn't have a grandson, and the caller then hung up. The resident did not provide any personal information to the caller. According to

police, town residents have reported receiving telephone calls by individuals claiming to be a relative who's been arrested. The caller states the relative is in jail and need money to get bailed out. The caller requests credit-card information and/or asks the victim to wire funds via Western Union or other transfer company. Police warn that these types of calls are scams and that people should never send a payment unless they've verified the caller's identity.

New Businesses Host Open Houses

Downtown Vienna Dental, one of Vienna's newest businesses, will be hosting a ribbon-cutting and open house with support from the Town/Business Liaison Committee on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 115 Park St. S.E., Suite 201. The open house will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., with the ribbon-cutting at 6:15 p.m. The public is encouraged to stop by and meet the staff, tour the facility and learn about the services they provide and the technologies they use. Light refreshments will be served. Visit www.downtownviennadental.com.

Total Health Concepts, at 402 Maple Avenue W., will host an open house and ribbon-cutting on Thursday, Jan. 30, with support from the Town of Vienna's Town/Business Liaison Committee. The open house will be held from 5-8 p.m., with the ribbon-cutting at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend and participate in a series of free workshops during the event, including keeping resolutions, weight-management plans and stress-reducing strategies. Pre-registration for the workshops is encouraged; RSVP at 703-255-7012 or contact@totalhealthconcepts.net. Visit <http://totalhealthconcepts.net>.

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OPINION

For Nonpartisan Redistricting

Virginia is a purple state, gerrymandered to bleed red.

Consider that in statewide elections, Virginia voters have chosen Democrats in the last two presidential elections, for U.S. Senate, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

Almost none of these elections was by a wide margin, but it's clear that Virginia is a purple state leaning blue.

Here are the actual numbers:

2013
McAuliffe (D) 1,069,789; Cuccinelli (R) 1,013,389
Northam (D) 1,213,155; Jackson (R) 980,257
Herring (D) 1,103,777; Obenshain (R) 1,103,612

2012

Obama (D) 1,971,820; Romney (R) 1,822,522
Kaine (D) 2,010,067; Allen (R) 1,785,542

It's reasonable to assume that a state so evenly divided would be about evenly divided in political representation.

How is possible then that Virginia House of Delegates consists of 67 Republicans and 33 Democrats?

Why is it that Virginia's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives consists of 11 Republicans and three Democrats?

The split in the Virginia Senate makes sense, a 20-20 split with a Republican Lieutenant Governor breaking tie votes the last four years and a Democratic Lieutenant Governor poised to break ties in the coming four years (pending this week's recount in the special election in District 6 to replace Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam).

Virginia's 11 Congressional districts should

be split about evenly. You could understand a split five Dems and six Republicans; or five Republicans and six Democrats. A four and seven split would smack of some unusual circumstance. But three and eight?

The answer is gerrymandering.

Both political parties have been guilty of this when in power, although new technology and better data have made the process more egregious, the effects more damaging.

Political parties should not control the drawing of political districts. Gerrymandering thwarts the will of the electorate. It is especially damaging in a Dillon rule state, like Virginia, where localities have only the power explicitly granted to them by the General Assembly,

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EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

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For the first time in a history that goes back to Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, a Virginia governor has been indicted on federal corruption charges. Although information on the activities of the federal grand jury had been leaking out for many months, the former governor and his wife who was indicted with him and their stable of taxpayer-paid-for attorneys were able to stave off the formal indictment until he left office. But

the alleged wrong doing took place while he was in office during which time he and the first lady accepted at least \$165,000 in cash, loans and lavish gifts from the CEO of a diet supplement company. A review of the particulars of the indictment reveals a picture of a family that was in financial trouble with huge credit card debt but with a taste for designer clothing and accessories.

The former governor who worked as a criminal prosecutor, who served in the House of Del-

egates as a member of its Courts committee, and who was Attorney General of the state before becoming governor acknowledges the loans and money that he has paid back and the gifts he received, but he continues to maintain his innocence despite federal law that makes it illegal to use a public office to enrich oneself. The governor was clever in using his intimate knowledge of Virginia law to escape reporting the gifts by having them go to family members rather than to himself and by sell-

ing stock before the end of a reporting period and buying it back after the reporting deadline to escape disclosing it.

The entire episode is a huge tragedy for the McDonnell family and for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The former governor and his wife may go to jail. The "Virginia way" that has always prided itself on clean government has been sullied. Committees in the House and Senate are at work to tighten up ethics laws for the legislative and executive branches of government. I participated in a bipartisan panel to get the process underway. Reporting requirements for anything of value received will be expanded to include family members and will be required at least twice a year. An ethics commission is likely to be established to rule on the appropriateness of activities of members of state as well as local government. As part-time legislators who live in the local community much more time than in the capital city, legislators need to be able to participate in the activities of the local community as long as they do not conflict with their legislative duties. The new ethics rules and the commission should help clarify which activities and expenditures are acceptable.

The presence of laws does not completely stop wrong doing. It is up to individuals to first police themselves and to act in an ethical way. Ultimately it will be the voters who decide if their elected representatives are adhering to the common-sense ethical standards that they expect.

Overdue Ethics Reform



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WINTER FUN

More Nearby Winter Fun

Stay active with a variety of events around McLean during the colder months.

BY ETHAN MCLEOD
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www.mcleanplayers.org.

It's easy to stay in during the colder months, but every once in a while families need to get out and have fun. McLean has plenty to offer, with plays and musicals, teen dances, and even a few chances to get out of town with neighbors to ski resorts and museums.

Here are some ideas to get you started for your winter fun plans:

McLean Community Players presents "La Cage aux Folles" at The Alden Theatre

The McLean-based theater group will be performing this French musical, whose title literally means "the cage of mad women," about a gay couple living in the southeast of France. The original production from 1984 won six Tony Awards and is an international hit. This production will be directed by Hans Bachmann, with help from musical director John Edward Niles. Shows run from Jan. 31 to Feb. 16; tickets cost \$20 per adult, \$18 per student/senior resident. For more information go to

Teacher Workday Ski Trip to Massanutten Resort

Go for a day of skiing with neighbors through the McLean Community Center on Thursday, Jan. 30. Cost is \$110 for McLean residents, which includes skis/snowboard rental, lift ticket and transportation via charter bus, though discounts are available for those who bring their own skiing or snowboarding gear. Make sure to bring extra warm clothes and money for food and souvenirs. Call 703-790-0123 to register.

A Day in Baltimore at Shake and Bake Family Fun Center

Spend the second teacher workday with the family roller skating and bowling at Shake and Bake Family Fun Center. On Friday, Jan. 31, the McLean Community Center will host a trip via bus to Baltimore for a day of fun as well as lunch at Hibachi Japanese restaurant, where chefs prepare the meals right before your eyes. Cost is \$42 (\$48 for non-residents); call 703-790-0123 to register.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Earrings and all sorts of jewelry will be for sale at the McLean Community Center's annual Jewelry Showcase Feb. 1.

Waste in Contemporary Art – Lectures by Artist Eric Celarier McLean Project for the Arts

Learn how artist Eric Celarier, whose work is currently featured at the McLean Project for the Arts in the Wasteland Series exhibition, utilizes trash and refuse in his creations. Celarier will be hosting lectures all day Feb. 22, the first from 10-11:30 a.m. for children ages 4-8 about multi-media mobiles, and another from 1-4 p.m. for ages 11-14 about weaving waste materials into a full work of art. Cost is \$10 per family for the first class and \$10 per person for the second; register at www.mcleancenter.org.

First Fridays! Dances at the Teen Center

Bring your teens to the Old Firehouse Teen Center for First Fridays! dances from 7-10 p.m. in February and March. The dances for middle school students will include the Sweetheart Dance on Feb. 7, where teens can make their own customized wristbands, and the St. Patty's Day Dance on March 7. Free food available, as well as game rooms with video games, table tennis and air hockey. Parents or guardians must accompany teens into and out of the building; cost is \$5 for residents, \$10 for non-residents.

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Live and silent auction prizes include weekend get-a-ways, dinner at award-winning restaurants, hotel-dinner-limo packages, sporting event tickets and more.

Guests receive funny money and a bidder number. Use the winnings from Black Jack, Texas Hold 'Em, Craps towards raffle tickets for prizes.

Tickets are priced at \$95 per person or \$175 per couple. The Ritz-Carlton offers a Casino Night overnight room rate specially-priced at \$119.

FREE ARTIST DEMONSTRATION sponsored by the Vienna Arts Society on Thursday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Prominent artist Chica Brunsvold creates her whimsical, colorful and complex paintings on yupo paper. The March exhibition at the arts center highlights "Great Escapes," featuring paintings inspired by her travels.

Enjoy light refreshments served. The Vienna Arts Center is located at 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna.

Phone 703-319-3971 or see www.ViennaArtsSociety.org for information and schedule of events.

VIENNA CHORAL SOCIETY sings lullabies from around the world on Saturday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church. To set the sleepy-time mood, VCS singers will perform in pajamas. The performance will appeal to children and grown-ups alike.

Tickets are priced at \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors (65+) and for students (15 - 18); free for youth 14 and younger with a pay-



VIENNA ARTS SOCIETY

Artists from the Vienna Arts Society volunteer with children at the printmaking workshop it sponsors in cooperation with Patrick Henry Library. The next free workshop is Tuesday, March 25.

ing adult.*Purchase tickets at door.

Vienna Baptist Church is located at 541 Marshall Rd., SW, Vienna. For more information, see www.viennachoralsociety.org.

ONGOING

Culinaria Cooking School

From hands-on workshops of the foods of the world to children's cooking classes and wine-pairing dinners, Culinaria embraces the fun and diversity that is food. On most Saturday mornings, a kids' class is offered. There are couples-dinners, ladies' night out, themed ingredients and a romantic Valentine's Day wine dinner. Feb. 6 features



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Patrick Henry Library in Vienna hosts events during the week for preschoolers. Even popular kiddie-rock stars Rocknoceros appeared there in 2012.

a chocolate-making class, while Feb. 12 features healthy eating. Culinaria is "recreational" cooking instruction at its most sublime. Prices for individual classes begin at \$65.

Culinaria Cooking School is located at 110 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna. For more information on classes, go to www.culinariacookingschool.com/ or e-mail info@culinariacookingschool.com. The school's phone number is 703-865-7920.

Live music at Maplewood Grill

Jazz, pop piano, and blues music are performed at Maplewood Grill in the bar. Tuesday through Saturday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m. Maplewood Grill is at 132 Branch Road S.E. in the Danor Shopping Plaza. Phone 703-281-0070 for dinner reservations.

Weekend "jams" at Caffe Amouri

Neighborhood coffee house Caffe Amouri hosts "The Beat" on Saturday nights with scheduled musical artists. Admission is free. Friday night is "club night." Caffe Amouri



PHOTO COURTESY OF WOLF TRAP

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center performs at the Barns of Wolf Trap in this file photo.

Oakton chapter dedicated a run to her.

To join, go to www.facebook.com/groups/vienna.va.mrtrt/.

THE BARNs AT WOLF TRAP offers musical programming through the spring. Artists range from the jazz pianist John Eaton to world music and oldies singers such as Chad & Jeremy. The Oakridge Boys, Hapa and David Crosby are counted among the headliners.

Ticket prices vary.

The Barns of Wolf Trap is located at 1635 Trap Road, Vienna, in a rustic setting.

Visit www.wolftrap.org for schedule and ticket sales.

Vienna-Oakton Moms Run This Town

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will take over. Talley said she could not run this alone.

"I had always used running as a way to settle in to a community," said Talley. "What I like is meeting people and making all these different connections."

The Vienna-Oakton MRIT is one of the largest Moms Run This Town chapters in the nation.

Group runs are, typically, broken down into "pace" sub-groups. Faster runners are not held back and slower runners are not frustrated. "It works," said Talley, who noted that the group has walkers to elite runners. In each large group-run, every runner is paired with, at least, one partner for safety reasons.

Talley credits her "very supportive husband and family" for appreciating her passion. Like most of the running moms, Talley runs when her children are in school.

"We very much want to be involved with the community," said Talley. "We'll run the W & OD, meet at Caffe Amouri after Saturday runs. Michael [Amouri, Caffe Amouri owner] is very supportive

of us."

More than a half-dozen groups have splintered from the Vienna/Oakton Group, counting Gainesville, Herndon/Reston, McLean/Tysons, Falls Church/Annandale, Woodbridge/Manassas, Fairfax/Chantilly, Ashburn, and Moms Tour de Town cycling group.

Additional Northern Virginia chapters include Alexandria/Arlington, Springfield, South Riding/Stone Ridge and Winchester.

"ONE THING I would like to add about MRIT's community involvement that is very important to me is to bring our running communities together," said Talley. "We work closely with Pacers, Athleta, Gal-lowsay DC, Road Runner, Potomac Running, VA Runner, DC Capital Striders, all of which have their own running programs. In my mind, we have made those friendships and are all working together to help our members reach their personal goals.

"MRIT is a network and support system to help women become the people they want to become."o For information on Vienna-

Especially for Children

JAMMIN' JAVA

Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings — and, occasionally, on Sundays — Jammin' Java hosts children shows with performances by the region's most favorite performers, from Rocknoceros to The Great Zucchini and a multitude of popular artists in between.

Tickets are \$5 each for guests over two years old and a \$1 service charge applies on internet reservations. 227 Maple Ave E., Vienna. For schedule of shows, go to <https://jamminjava.com/kids-shows> or phone 703-255-1566.

PATRICK HENRY LIBRARY offers programming for pre-schoolers, from storytime to music and dance.

**101 Maple Avenue East
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Telephone: 703-938-0405

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/> for hours and event schedule.

OAKTON LIBRARY offers storytime and activities for preschoolers.

**10304 Lynnhaven Place
Oakton, VA 22124-1785**

Telephone: 703-242-4020

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>

CULINARIA COOKING SCHOOL offers Saturday morning children's cooking classes: Pasta-making, tapas, global cuisine and baking. Mexican food and pizza are popular with the youngsters.

Prices range from \$60 per student to \$95 for both parent and child.

Culinaria Cooking School is located at 110 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna, in a low-rise brick building. The facility is state-of-the-art.

For more information on classes, go to www.culinariacookingschool.com/ or e-mail info@culinariacookingschool.com. The school's phone number is 703-865-7920.

THE VIENNA ARTS SOCIETY AND PATRICK HENRY LIBRARY co-sponsor the Annual Free Children's Printmaking Workshop on Tuesday, March 25, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the library's conference room.

A dozen local artists will assist children ages 7 - 12 as they print a fish, create relief prints, mono-prints, and other prints.°

Contact the Children's Librarian to register: 703-938-0405.

Patrick Henry Library is located at 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna



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Sarah Talley founded the Vienna-Oakton chapter of Moms Run This Town when she moved to Vienna in 2011.

Oakton Moms Run This Town, emai1vienna0aktonmrtrt@yahoo.com.

The Vienna-Oakton MRIT Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/vienna.va.mrtrt/, is a closed-group Facebook page but Vienna-Oakton running "moms" are invited to join the group. To find the nearest chapter, see www.momsrunthistown.com.



Here's What's Happening at MCC

McLean Jewelry Showcase



Just in time for Valentine's Day!
McLean Jewelry Showcase

Saturday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.
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Spring Kids Show Auditions
Miss Nelson is Missing!
Tuesday, Feb. 11, & Wednesday, Feb. 12
7-8:30 p.m.

Studio Rep "Code 20: Proceed to Improv"
Thursday, Feb. 13, 7-9 p.m.
Old Firehouse Teen Center
Free admission

The McLean Community Center
www.mcleancenter.org
Home of the Alden Theatre
www.aldentheatre.org

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 29-SATURDAY/FEB. 1

Winners' Wall. Tuesday-Saturdays. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. A selection of artworks by award-winning artists on display. Vienna Community Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. ViennaArtsSociety.org

THURSDAY/JAN. 30

MPA Cocktails and Creating. 7-9 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. MPA will provide everyone with a variety of items for you to use in your creations. You can make a collage, or a sculpture or whatever your little heart desires. Tickets: <http://mpaart.givezooks.com/events/cocktails-and-creating>

FRIDAY/JAN. 31

Natalie York + Dave Farah Album Release Show. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. Jamminjava.com

"THIS." 8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. "THIS" is a bright, tart, and melancholy comedy that captures the uncertain steps of a circle of friends entering the choppy waters of middle age. Contains adult language; for theatre-goers over 16. www.viennatheatrecompany.org/

Schooner Fare. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The Maine-based band Schooner Fare is known for its unique repertoire of songs and its energetic concerts.

Tickets \$27-\$32. www.wolftrap.org/

FRIDAY/JAN. 31-SATURDAY/FEB. 1

La Cage aux Folles. 8 p.m. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Book by Harvey Fierstein, music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, based on the novel by Jean Poirer. Georges, the owner of a popular drag nightclub in San Tropez, and Albin, the club's star, have lived in unwedded bliss for 20 years. Jean-Michel, the son they have raised together, throws the happy household into hilarious turmoil by announcing that he is going to marry the daughter of an ultra-conservative politician. www.McLeanPlayers.org or 866-811-4111.

SATURDAY/FEB. 1

Ballroom Dance. 8-9 p.m. Samba lesson, 9-11:30 p.m. dance. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Live music from Mike Surratt & the ECB playing favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual, no partner or experience is needed. \$20 for the evening. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

Arts for Autism Gala. 6:30 p.m. Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, #1700, Vienna. An evening that brings together the arts, fashion and autism communities to benefit individuals and families affected by Autism. Festivities include a reception, dinner and silent auction. www.arts-for-autism.org

McLean Jewelry Showcase. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. A collection of more than 30 skilled jewelry designers and artisans, makers of unique earrings, bracelets, necklaces and other



The Maine-based band Schooner Fare is known for its repertoire of songs and its energetic concerts. See them live on Friday, Jan. 31 at Wolf Trap in Vienna.

products. **Arts for Autism.** 6:30 p.m. Tower Club Tysons Corner, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive #1700, Vienna. A gala dinner reception celebrating the autism experience with an art show, a series of brief performances and remarks by people in autism community and local elected officials, and a New York-style fashion show featuring model fundraisers walking a runway wearing the latest fashions. www.arts-for-autism.org

SATURDAY/FEB. 1, 7, 8

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SUNDAY/FEB. 2

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SUNDAY/FEB. 2 & 9

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FRIDAY/FEB. 7-SATURDAY/FEB. 8

La Cage aux Folles. 8 p.m. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Georges, the owner of a popular drag nightclub in San Tropez, and Albin, the club's star, have lived in unwedded bliss for

twenty years. Jean-Michel, the son they have raised together, throws the happy household into hilarious turmoil by announcing that he is going to marry the daughter of an ultra-conservative politician. www.McLeanPlayers.org or 866-811-4111.

SUNDAY/FEB. 9

Joshua Redman Quartet. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. One of modern jazz's most heralded saxophonists, Joshua Redman will be performing alongside jazz pianist Aaron Goldberg, bassist Reuben Rogers and percussionist Gregory Hutchinson. Tickets \$42-\$45. www.wolftrap.org/

La Cage aux Folles. 2 p.m. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Georges, the owner of a popular drag nightclub in San Tropez, and Albin, the club's star, have lived in unwedded bliss for twenty years. Jean-Michel, the son they have raised together, throws the happy household into hilarious turmoil by announcing that he is going to marry the daughter of an ultra-conservative politician. www.McLeanPlayers.org or 866-811-4111.

TUESDAY/FEB. 11

1964 The Tribute. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Salute the 50th anniversary of The Fab Four's first live U.S. performance in D.C. with some "Rock and Roll Music" from the "Best Beatles Tribute on Earth" (Rolling Stone). Tickets \$38-\$42. www.wolftrap.org/

THURSDAY/FEB. 13

Buckwheat Zydeco. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Free.

THURSDAY/FEB. 13-SUNDAY/FEB. 16

Wildfire's Special Valentine's Menu. \$85 per couple. Wildfire Restaurant, Tysons Corner, 2001 International Drive, McLean. Guests can indulge in all of their Wildfire favorites, including Crab Stuffed Mushrooms, Spinach & Artichoke Fondue, Wildfire Chopped Salad, Roasted Prime Rib of Beef or

Parmesan Crusted New York Strip. Call 703-442-9110 for reservations.

FRIDAY/FEB. 14

Chaise Lounge: A Valentine's Day Celebration. . 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. D.C.-based Chaise Lounge is known for its smooth '60s-inspired big-band jazz. Tickets: \$25. www.wolftrap.org/

FRIDAY/FEB. 14-SATURDAY/FEB. 15

La Cage aux Folles. 8 p.m. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Georges, the owner of a popular drag nightclub in San Tropez, and Albin, the club's star, have lived in unwedded bliss for twenty years. Jean-Michel, the son they have raised together, throws the happy household into hilarious turmoil by announcing that he is going to marry the daughter of an ultra-conservative politician. www.McLeanPlayers.org or 866-811-4111.

SATURDAY/FEB. 15

Valentine's Ballroom Dance. 8-9 p.m. Tango lesson, 9-11:30 p.m. dance. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. DJ music from Craig Bukowski playing favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual, no partner or experience is needed. \$15 for the evening. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

John Eaton: The Fabulous Forties. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. This renowned jazz pianist showcases a reverent and inventive take on the Great American Songbook. Tickets: \$25-\$27. www.wolftrap.org/

SUNDAY/FEB. 16

La Cage aux Folles. 2 p.m. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Book by Harvey Fierstein, music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, based on the novel by Jean Poirer. Georges, the owner of a popular drag nightclub in San Tropez, and Albin, the club's star, have lived in unwedded bliss for twenty years.

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Jean-Michel, the son they have raised together, throws the happy household into hilarious turmoil by announcing that he is going to marry the daughter of an ultra-conservative politician.

www.McLeanPlayers.org or 866-811-4111.

Breakfast Buffet.

Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St, N, Vienna. Adults \$8, children \$3: omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. Open to the public. Proceeds benefit Girls State. Call 703-938-1379.



Unleash your creative side while sipping on cocktails at McLean Projects for the Arts Thursday night event, "Cocktails and Creating."

SATURDAY/FEB. 22

Winter Wine Tasting. 7 p.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Rd, Great Falls. Great wines, hors d'oeuvres, cheese and company. \$45 per person, tickets available online until Feb. 18. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/Tickets.html

SUNDAY/FEB. 23

Chili Cook- Off. 5-8 p.m. Vienna's American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St, N, Vienna. \$8.

SATURDAY/MARCH 1

Ballroom Dance. 8-9 p.m. Merengue

lesson, 9-11:30 p.m. dance. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Helmut & Andre playing favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual, no partner or experience is needed. \$20 for the evening. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

ONGOING

Straight Ahead Jazz. 8 p.m., at the Maplewood Grill, 132 Branch Road, Vienna. Every Monday drummer Karl Anthony hosts a night of straight ahead jazz featuring guest musicians and open to sit-in musicians. www.maplewoodgrill.com.

Personalized ebook/e-Reader Instruction. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Learn about your e-reader and downloading eBooks; event continues through March 31.

SATURDAY/MARCH 8

Mardi Gras Party. 8 p.m. Vienna's American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St, N, Vienna. Tickets \$25 before February 23, \$25 after. Contact 703-938-9535 or www.Legion180.net.

ROMANTIC VALENTINE'S

Here are some ways to wax romantic or celebratory on a Valentine's outing:

❖ Saturday/Feb. 9

Balducci's Wine Day. 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at Balducci's, 6655 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Prep for the big day as you join professional winemakers, importers and aficionados as they sample various wines, trade recommendations and share stories; 25 percent off 12-plus bottle purchases. www.balduccis.com.

❖ Tuesday/Feb. 12

Martinis and Manicures. 5-9 p.m., at the Day Spa at The Ritz-Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Celebrate friendship at the girls-only event with a cocktail, sweet treats from the pastry chefs, estheticians providing manicures, petite facials and mini massages. Reservations. 703-744-3924.

❖ Wednesday/Feb. 13

Sealed With a Kiss. 10:30 a.m., at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Valentine's stories and activities for children ages 3-5 accompanied by an adult. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dm/.

❖ Thursday/Feb. 14

Valentine's Day Dinner. 5:30-9:30 p.m., in Bistro, at The Ritz-Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. An elegant evening of gourmet culinary creations in an intimate

setting with live music duo accompaniment—or eat at the Sushi Bar where chefs prepare a customized meal. \$125 per person for gourmet dinner. www.ritzcarlton.com.

Wildfire Valentine's Day Weekend. 5-10:30 p.m., at Wildfire, 1714 International Drive, McLean. For a romantic dinner in a cozy booth or a special treat while celebrating with the family, the four course menu offers gourmet choices in the starter, salad, main course and dessert portions of the meal, offered every evening through Sunday, Feb. 17. Reservations. 703-442-9110.

❖ Friday/Feb. 15

Chocolate and Jazz. 8:30 p.m.-midnight at The Ritz-Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. An evening of live jazz, rich chocolate from the Chocolate Buffet Bar and a bottle of champagne. \$25 per person or \$85 per couple (champagne included). www.ritzcarlton.com.

❖ Saturday/Feb. 16

Chef Matt's Cooking Class. 5-7 p.m., at The Ritz-Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. An evening of gourmet cooking classes for two teaches couples how to make a full Valentine's Day dinner. \$150 per couple. www.ritzcarlton.com.

Chocolate Bar and Live Music. 9 p.m.-midnight at the Entyse Wine Bar & Lounge at The Ritz, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Live music and rich chocolate for the evening. \$25 per person or \$85 per couple. www.ritzcarlton.com.

Be Part of The February Pet Connection

Send Your Photos & Stories Now to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com or complete our online form at viennaconnection.com

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number, and identify all people and pets in photos. Submission deadline is February 20.




Save the Date
A Casino Night to Benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Fairfax County Region

Save the Date!
Friday, March 7th, 2014
6:30pm- 11:30pm
The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner

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Use your winnings from Black Jack, Texas Hold 'Em, Craps towards raffle tickets for fabulous prizes. The more chips you accumulate at the gaming tables the better your chances to win GREAT RAFFLE prizes at end of evening

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Oakton Boys' Basketball Falls Short Against Herndon

Cougars cut Hornets lead to five but get no closer.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Oakton boys' basketball team trailed the talented Herndon Hornets by 13 points early in the fourth quarter when the Cougars made their final push.

A three-pointer by Josiah Walker, a bucket by Robert Bacon and a three-point play from Jarrett Bacon during a two-minute stretch trimmed Herndon's lead to five with less than six minutes remaining. But each time the Cougars had a chance to cut the Hornets' lead to a single possession, Herndon found a way to get the job done.

The Hornets pulled away and won 81-66 on Jan. 24 at Herndon High School. Oakton cut the lead to five points on three occasions in the fourth quarter, but failed to become the first Northern Virginia team to beat Herndon this season.

"We competed and I was proud of our boys for that," Oakton head coach Dave Brooks said. "We couldn't get a stop. Every time we got it to five, they got it to seven. Very simple. They were able to get to the basket on us. ... When we ... needed to come up with a big stop, it didn't happen. And the once or twice that it did happen, we didn't corral a rebound that possession."

The loss dropped Oakton's record to 9-6, while Herndon improved to 13-1.

Oakton's Robert Bacon led all scorers with 24 points. Will Smith finished with 13 points, including a trio of 3-pointers. Walker totaled 12 points and Dale Good added nine.

Oakton started strong in each half, opening the contest with an 8-2 run and starting the third quarter by scoring eight of the first 11 points. But thanks to senior Kent Auslander, it was Herndon that finished with a flash as he dunked four times and scored 15 points.

Hornets head coach Gary Hall said Auslander in the past shied away from finishing strong at the rim. Against Oakton, No. 23 dunked once in each quarter, each time throwing it down with one hand.

"Tonight, what I was happy about [was] so often he'll be right there with the ability to dunk and he'll lay it in or be a little bit softer and try to be a finesse player," Hall said. "It's like, Kent, just [dunk the basketball]. ... I just don't like him to be soft."

There was nothing soft about Auslander's emphatic, crowd-pleasing dunks. His fourth slam came during the final minute of the fourth quarter during a 12-2 Herndon run.

"My dad always told me [to] try to dunk everything and if you have to adjust it, then adjust it at the end," Auslander said. "If you go

hard like that, you'll get a foul call a lot."

Seniors Delontae Wingfield and Deandre Thomas each scored 16 points for Herndon. Senior Dorian Johnson finished with 15 points and senior Malcolm McKenzie added nine.

Oakton faced Westfield on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Cougars will host Chantilly at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

"We competed and I was proud of our boys for that."

— Oakton boys' basketball coach Dave Brooks



Oakton senior Michael Procinsky dives for a loose ball against Herndon on Jan. 24.



Oakton boys' basketball coach Dave Brooks talks to the Cougars during a game against Herndon on Jan. 24.

SPORTS BRIEFS



Oakton's Laura Branton competes in the 100-yard butterfly against Westfield on Jan. 24.

PHOTO BY KATIE PIERCE

Oakton Celebrates Senior Night with Win Over Westfield

Oakton swim and dive finished out the regular season Friday night at Cub Run RECenter with a win over Westfield. The girls scored 189 points over Westfield's 123. The score for the boys' side was 186-129. The girls closed the season with a record of 6-1; the boys' season record is 5-2.

Oakton's seniors were honored during the meet, making a double win extra meaningful for 21 members of the team who are seniors. Mary Arscott, a captain and senior on the team, shared her senior experience on Oakton swim and dive: "It feels so surreal being leaders of the team because it seems like a couple of days ago we were looking up to our seniors. It's always fun talking to the freshmen and teaching them our traditions and cheers. This team has

made the past four years so special, and I know I'll miss it next year."

Oakton's divers had a solid performance with Bennett Fagan placing first for the boys' event. Julia Powell, Corina Gribble, and Neda Noori swept the top three places, respectively, for the girls.

Both the boys' and girls' 200-yard freestyle relay teams finished first. Denny Nguyen, Michael Ambrose, Nathan Pawlowicz, and John Shebat made up the boy's relay team. Elise Bourdelais, Sarah Sheridan, Megan Byrnes, and Laura Branton swam for the girls. The 400 freestyle relays were successful in taking first place, as well. Michael Ambrose, Mason Hawkins, Michael Pettinichi, and Nathan Pawlowicz swam on the boys' side. Megan Byrnes, Elise Bourdelais, Caroline McCleskey, and Branton raced for the girls.

Janet Hu came in first in the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. Branton finished first in the 200 individual medley and the

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THE COUNTY LINE



Janet Laubgross and Fairfax County Public Schools student Stuart Orloff spoke in support of later high school start times at the public hearing.



Dr. Lolita Mancheno-Smoak of Coalition of the Silence speaks at the Jan. 27 public hearing on the proposed budget.

PHOTOS BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

Debate Over School Budget Continues

Later start times, class size among topics at School Board Public Hearing.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Later start times, class size, and cuts to needs-based staffing were major themes of the testimony given at the Jan. 27 public hearing on Superintendent Karen Garza's proposed budget.

Members and representatives of SLEEP in Fairfax, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, Coalition of the Silence, and many other groups spoke at the public hearing.

"School is a great idea. Sure there are flaws, but it is an important part of growing up. The problem is, I'm only half awake to experience it. In class, I can hardly focus because I'm trying too hard to stay awake."

— Stuart Orloff, a tenth-grader in Fairfax County Public Schools

Several SLEEP advocates at the hearing said that Fairfax County should follow the example of other school systems in the area and adjust middle and high school start times, beginning in Fall 2014.

Catherine Pournelle, an eighth-grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School, said most teenagers only get around seven hours a sleep per night, which leads to several problems while

in school.

"I know from experience that this then causes us all to feel drowsy and not pay attention as well during morning classes. It especially becomes hard when homework piles up, causing us all to get to bed later and creating a spiral of sleepiness until the weekend," Pournelle said. "Overall it does not create a healthy environment for learning."

Stuart Orloff, a 10th-grader in Fairfax County Public Schools, agreed. "School is a great idea. Sure there are flaws, but it is an important part of growing up. The problem is, I'm only half awake to experience it. In class, I can hardly focus because I'm trying too hard to stay awake," Orloff said.

Another concern several speakers have with the budget is the cuts to need-based staffing.

Coalition of the Silence co-founder and vice chair Dr. Lolita Mancheno-Smoak stressed the importance of closing the achievement gap in Fairfax County, which she said cannot be done with the proposed budget.

"We all accept the premise that education is the great equalizer. However, over the years, we keep seeing budget cuts that weaken the progress towards leveling the playing field for all children," Mancheno-Smoak said.

COTS co-founder Avis Catchings also spoke, and said that while COTS supports some aspects of the budget, including the decision to pay teachers fairly, she is disappointed with some of its other aspects.

"This is about life choices for COTS kids. When COTS kids fail in school, too often they also fail in life," Catchings said. "Proposing any cuts to needs-based staffing



Ryley Bendewald, a freshman at Langley High School, spoke about diversity and inclusion at the Jan. 27 public hearing.

dren who are underrepresented and disadvantaged. Alanna Brown, a ninth-grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School, spoke about the digital divide in Fairfax County.

Brown said she thinks that while digital textbooks are helpful, it is unfair for poorer students who don't have access to the internet at home.

"Although there are low-income students at Lake Braddock, I don't believe there are that many, but there are other places like Alexandria and other areas in Virginia that have many more poor students," Brown said. "Many of these students may not have access to the internet at home, and I don't believe it is fair that they may get bad grades because they can't do their homework because they don't have access to the internet at home."

Ryley Bendewald, a freshman at Langley High School, believes it is wrong to cut class sizes in one area of Fairfax County, but not in another.

"Every student in Fairfax County, no matter what their facial features, height, family, house size, or academic advancements, deserves the opportunity to learn and to better themselves in the public schools in this county," Bendewald said.

At the hearing, Steven Greenberg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, praised Garza for her budget proposal.

"Dr. Garza's budget is the best lemonade anyone could possible make, considering the rotten lemons we've been given," Greenberg

said.

However, former school board member Tina Hone, a founder of Coalition of the Silence, said that the organization is struggling with the proposed cuts to need-based staffing.

"Even Jack didn't cut needs-based staffing," said Hone of the former Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale.

when the FCPS student population has increased by the thousands, and when most of this growth is in our neediest communities, is just not a good choice. It means larger class sizes in needier schools and fewer teachers to give these children the extra help they need to transition successfully in school."

Several students also advocated for chil-

Confused and then Infused

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Since March 6, 2009, nearly five years now, save for nine months when I was taking an oral chemotherapy medication at home, every three weeks I have been infused with some sort of chemotherapy drug. In that time, I have certainly become familiar and fairly well-known to the various staff at The Infusion Center. What follows is the most recent exchange with the receptionist in Oncology, as best as I can recall it.

Receptionist: "Hello, Mr. Lourie. How are you?"

Me: "Lovely. Happy to be here."

Receptionist: "That's nice."

Me: "Actually, I'm not happy to be here. I mean I'd rather not be here. But since I'm here, it's better that I'm here than not here, as in unable to get here because I'm not here anymore."

Receptionist: "I understand."

Me: "Really? Because I'm not sure I understand. I know what I'm thinking, but...What I mean to say is that I don't want to be coming here to the Infusion Center, because that means I'm being treated for cancer. But if I do have cancer, I guess I'm happy to be still alive, in order to be able to get here for treatment."

Receptionist: "I understand."

Me: "I think I'm confused. I don't want to be coming here because I have cancer. I'd rather not be coming here at all. But since I have cancer, I suppose I'm glad I'm able to still get here. I think I'm going around in circles."

Receptionist: "No, you're fine. I understand completely."

Me: "Really. 'Cause I'm not sure I do. It seems like I'm talking to myself, repeating myself. I'm a writer and often I use double-entendres in my column, which seems sort of what I'm doing here. Although I'm not intending it. I was more realizing/thinking aloud as to why I was here, whether I wanted to be here and the reasons why I was fortunate – so to speak, to even still be here and/or how unfortunate I was to be here being treated for terminal lung cancer – as opposed to being healthy and not needing to be here. I feel as if I'm rambling here. Am I making any sense?"

Receptionist: "Not to worry. (Smiling, laughing.) I do understand exactly what you're saying."

Me: "I'm not sure I do. Maybe I should just stop talking and sit down and wait for Ron (my oncology nurse) to come and get me."

Receptionist: "Ron's running late. He's stuck in traffic. He'll be here soon."

Me (to myself): Great (chagrined.) I suppose I should probably stop pacing then and just sit down and try to relax. I'm here. I'm checked in. Besides, I have to be ready for my blood pressure check. If my vitals (and/or lab results, appearance, etc.) are not normal, protocols will prevent any infusion today (which has happened to me twice; very disappointing, especially considering that you think your life depends on receiving the treatment that day). If the patient doesn't pass muster, however, the oncology nurse has no choice: there will be, to invoke the "Soup Nazi" from "Seinfeld": "No chemo for you."

Fortunately, for this infusion, I have once again managed to "Pass the audition," as John Lennon so famously joked at the end of the live roof-top version of The Beatles' song "Get Back" at the end of the "Let It Be" album.

Life goes on though – for me, thank God!, despite my confusion. Thanks to the staff for continuing to take me in stride.

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

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100 butterfly. Kendall Lawhorn finished second in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breast-stroke.

Denny Nguyen came in first in the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle. Shebat placed first in the 50 freestyle as well as the 100 backstroke. Tom Hallock came in first in the 500 freestyle and second in the 100 backstroke. Michael Ambrose took second place in the 200 freestyle and third place in the 100 freestyle. Mason Hawkins placed third in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke.

Oakton swim and dive will be back for the Conference 5 meet on Friday, Jan. 31 at 10:45 a.m. for boys' diving, 2 p.m. for girls' diving, and 5:30 p.m. for swim prelims. Swim finials will take place on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. all at Cub Run RECenter in Chantilly.

Flint Hill's Schwien Commits to Play Lax for Navy

Flint Hill junior Elizabeth "Lizzy" Schwien on Jan. 27 verbally committed to play lacrosse at the United States Naval Academy.

"Having been raised in a military family, when Navy expressed interest in me, the recruiting process was kind of finished in my mind," Schwien said. "Not only does Navy offer a great education, but it also teaches important life lessons such as lead-

ership, honor, responsibility and service to our country. It prepares you in a way that no other college offers and I couldn't imagine myself going anywhere else."

Schwien has played lacrosse since second grade and currently plays competitively year-round for Capital Lacrosse's 2015 Blue team — a team of which she has been a member since her freshman year. While playing at Flint Hill, Schwien, a midfielder, consistently leads the team in goals, ground balls, draw controls and turnovers caused.

"Lizzy is an exemplary student-athlete and person who will make a great Naval Officer," Flint Hill girl's lacrosse coach Justin Fitzgerald said.

"She is hard to miss on the lacrosse field if you're watching her play, as she makes her presence known. Despite her individual talent and statistics, Lizzy's ability to raise the level of play and confidence of her teammates reinforces her character and leadership skills."

Beyond lacrosse, Schwien has participated in cross-country, soccer and basketball at Flint Hill. In addition, she plays the cello for the school orchestra, serves as a Flint Hill Ambassador and is an active member of a school service organization, Huskies For The Homeless.

Daughter of Fred and Susan, Schwien has two sisters and a younger brother. Her father graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and ran cross-country while a cadet. He served for 20 years in the Army as an Airborne Ranger, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

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Great Falls Writer's Group. 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

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Vienna Toastmasters. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers. Open to the public.

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Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles. \$10. 703-667-9800.

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Clydes of Tysons Corner, 8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Lakselaget is an organization devoted to the sharing of knowledge about contemporary Norway. This month's meeting you will hear from Farleigh Wolfe about her experiences at Skogforden, the Norwegian language learning venue of Minnesota-based Concordia Language Villages. Cost of luncheon: \$30. Please bring a check or exact change. To reserve a spot notify Karin Rindal 703-273-5701 or sdariintl@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 5

Vienna Photographic Society Meeting. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Rd., Oakton. Discussing the gear and techniques to make the most of your close-up experience, as well as some application of Visual Design to these greatly simplified images. www.vpsva.org

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Great Falls Writer's Group. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Great Falls Writer's Group, Great Falls Public Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike (large conference room), Great Falls. Writers of all experience and skill levels are invited to listen to a panel of experts discuss the secrets to successful book publishing. Q&A session to follow the expert panel. No registration necessary; no charge.

SUNDAY/FEB. 9

Dating Abuse Stops Here - 4th Annual DASH at Dulles 5K Mall Walk in memory of Siobhan Russell. 9-10 a.m. Dulles Town

Award-Winning Connection Newspapers

More Reasons the Connection Newspapers are the Best-Read Community Papers
**Winners of Awards in the 2012 Virginia Press Association
 and Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association Editorial Contests**

Best in Show, Non-daily Artwork

The top prize when the first place winners of all the design categories for all Virginia Press Association-member, non-daily papers are judged against each other.



Jean Card

❖ **Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Craig Sterbutzel, Fairfax**
 Connection: Informational Graphics
 • Parks in Fairfax County



Laurence Foong

Win, Place, Show for Alexandria Gazette Packet

Alexandria Gazette Packet reporters took all three top spots for In-depth or Investigative Reporting in their division.



Craig Sterbutzel

First Place
 ❖ **Nicholas Horrock, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** In-depth or investigative reporting



Nicholas Horrock

Second Place

❖ **Montie Martin, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** In-depth or investigative reporting • Guns From the South



Montie Martin

Third Place

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** In-depth or investigative reporting • Looking Behind the Numbers



Michael Lee Pope

First Place Winners

❖ **Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Craig Sterbutzel, Fairfax**
 Connection: Informational Graphics • Parks in Fairfax County



Nikki Cheshire

❖ **Nikki Cheshire, Great Falls**
 Connection: Breaking News Photo • Rescue at Great Falls

❖ **Deb Cobb, Mount Vernon Gazette:** Online Slideshow • Daily Patrols Take to the Water



Deb Cobb

❖ **Laurence Foong, Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** Informational Graphics

❖ **Bonnie Hobbs, Centre View North: Public Safety Writing**



Bonnie Hobbs

❖ **Kenneth Lourie, Arlington**



Kenneth Lourie

Connection: Column Writing
 ❖ **Alex McVeigh, Oak Hill/Herndon**
 Connection: Education Writing
 • The Human Element of Learning



Alex McVeigh

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Arlington**
 Connection: Multimedia News Report • Secret Police

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** Business and Financial Writing
 ❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Mount Vernon Gazette:** Breaking



Victoria Ross

News Writing
 ❖ **Victoria Ross, Springfield**
 Connection: In-depth or Investigative Reporting
 • Immigration

Second Place Winners

❖ **Jean Card, Mount Vernon Gazette:** Page Design

❖ **Bonnie Hobbs, Fairfax**
 Connection: Public Safety Writing



Louise Krafft

❖ **Louise Krafft, Mount Vernon**

Gazette: Picture Story or Essay • Mount Vernon Graduation 2012

❖ **Louise Krafft, Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** Combination



Jeanne Theismann

Picture and Story • Memorial Day
 ❖ **Craig Sterbutzel, Burke**
 Connection: Sports News Photo • Santiago Valdez

❖ **Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** Headline Writing

❖ **Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** Column Writing



Steven Mauren

❖ **Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Stuart Moll, Laurence Foong, Jean Card, Mount Vernon Gazette:** Special Sections or Special Editions
 • Insider's Guide



Geovani Flores

LOCAL MEDIA CONNECTION



Kemal Kurspahic

❖ **Kemal Kurspahic, Amna Rehmatulla, Chelsea Bryan, Laurence Foong, Stuart Moll, Geovani Flores, Great Falls**
 Connection: General Makeup



Stuart Moll



Amna Rehmatulla

Third Place Winners

❖ **Laurence Foong, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** Page Design
 ❖ **Laurence Foong, The Fairfax**
 Connection: Informational Graphics



Chelsea Bryan



Mary Kimm

❖ **Mary Kimm, Fairfax**
 Connection: Editorial Writing
 ❖ **Louise Krafft, Arlington**
 Connection: Sports Feature Photo
 ❖ **Louise Krafft, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** Picture Story or Essay • Celebrating the Irish
 ❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** Multimedia News Report • Schools in Crisis

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Mount Vernon Gazette:** Feature Series or Continuing Story • Horses and Graves Versus Road Widening
 ❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Mount Vernon Gazette:** Health, Science and Environmental Writing

❖ **Jon Roetman, Arlington**
 Connection: Sports Writing
 ❖ **Steven Mauren, Jean Card, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong, Stuart Moll, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** General Makeup



Jon Roetman

❖ **Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Stuart Moll, Laurence Foong, Jean Card, Mount Vernon Gazette:** Special Sections or Special Editions
 • Children's Edition

MDDC

The Potomac Almanac, a Connection Newspaper located in Potomac, MD, competes in the Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association, and won at least six press association awards, which will be formally announced on May 17 at the MDDC Press awards luncheon. **Susan Belford, John Byrd, Laurence Foong, Ken Moore (2)** and Staff were named as winners.

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