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NEWS

Vienna Honors Community Volunteers

More than 35 citizens received certificates and gratitude at April 8 awards ceremony.

> By Donna Manz The Connection

he Vienna Town Council honored community volunteers - individuals, families and businesses - at the 13th annual Volunteer Service Award ceremony on April 8 at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. More than 35 volunteers, nominated by neighbors and peers, were recognized with certificates and gratitude for their outstanding contribution to the community.

On behalf of the Vienna Town Council, acting Mayor Carey Sienicki proclaimed Tuesday, April 8, as Volunteer Recognition Day in the Town of Vienna, an opportunity to "celebrate and promote volunteerism" in the community. In her proclamation, Sienicki said, "volunteering of one's time and resources is a fundamental part of the tradition of our country and is essential to its spirit. The people of our community benefit from the deeds of these selfless and dedicated individuals and organizations."

The spirit of former Mayor J. Jane Seeman, who died on Feb. 23, was called on throughout the program as many recalled Seeman's own dedication to volunteer work and her regard for the volunteers who bettered the lives of others. The Town of Vienna presented its first Mayor M. Jane Seeman Award. The award recognizes the late mayor's "enthusiastic support and appreciation for the positive contributions that volunteers make to the Vienna community." The 2014 Mayor M. Jane Seeman Award was presented to the 2013 Vienna Business Association Board of Directors: Jeff Bollettino, Mary Kay Claus, George Creed, James Cudney, Kathy Georgen, Peggy James, Tracy Murphy, DH Scarborough, and Carole Wolfand. VBA organized the town's most prominent community events, the Vienna Halloween Parade, Oktoberfest and First Night Vienna.

Annually, the Town/Business Liaison Committee presents the Carole Wolfand Award which recognizes businesses and business owners for outstanding contributions to the community life and spirit of Vienna.

The 2014 Carole Wolfand Award went to The Artful Gift Shop owner, Peggy James, whose shop is on historic Church Street.

James was praised for her active participation and dedication to several community associations, and her support of many local charitable organizations. She fundraises on behalf of HART (the Homeless Animal Rescue Team), and she was instrumental in the production of Vienna's debut First Night celebration. On the Board of Directors of the Vienna Business Association, James has helped organize large community-wide events including Oktoberfest and the Vienna Halloween Parade, in addition to First Night Vienna.

The Town/Business Liaison Committee also rec-



The 2014 Mayor M. Jane Seeman Award was presented to the 2013 Vienna Business Association Board of Directors. [From left] Peggy James, Mary Kay Klaus, Tracy Murphy, Kathy Georgen, George Creed, DH Scarborough, Carole Wolfand, and James **Cudney, with Town Council members Carey** Sienicki and Laurie DiRocco.



The Town/Business Liaison Committee recognized Peggy James, owner of The Artful Gift Shop, with the Carole Wolfand Award for outstanding community service. [From left] Laurie DiRocco, Carey Sienicki, James Cudney, Peggy James, Carole Wolfand, Mike Gadell, and Pasha Majdi.



Sibyl Carrick nominated the Jeff Bates family for helping her maintain her house and home throughout the year, from shoveling snow to bringing the daily newspaper to her front door. Sibyl Carrick is third from right. The Bates family is flanked by Town Council members Carey Sienicki and Laurie DiRocco.

ognized Cameo Coins and Collectibles, Pure Chiropractic, SunTrust Bank, Amphora Restaurant, Staats Development, MowerMedx and the Vienna Business Association.

Honorees of the Vienna Volunteer Recognition Awards included Maureen Alonso, Michael Amouri, Chuck Anderson, Jeff Bates & Family, Celia Blalock, Marge Bradley, Peggy Brumsted, Joanne Burke, Kathy Clark, Taylor Claybrook, Laurie Cole, Marcellyn Daly, Christina Dangler, Laura Fowler, Tammy Funk, Judith Gallimore, Janet Gelb, Girl Scout Brownie Troop 5972, Dennis Harrington, Olivia Hartt, Daill Day Hyde, Laine Hyde, Sharon Kallio, Tom Kyllo, Estelle McNeil, Anne Murphy, Douglas Noble, Don Park (Connection newspapers), Julianne Phillipp, Mike Polychrones, Jean Reavey, John Runyon, Audrey Samolis, Ross Shearer, and Ed Tang.



Don and Shirley Elliot, Vienna residents since 1955, have been with Vienna's 50plus Bridge Club for 25 years. Elliot turned 100 on April 5.

PHOTOS BY Donna Manz/

Vienna Bridge Champ Turns 100

Don Elliot known as the 'one to beat.'

t's pretty extraordinary to turn 100 vears old. It's even more extraordinary to maintain one's status as the reigning bridge champ in Vienna's 50-plus Bridge Club which meets at the Vienna Community Cen-

Don Elliot, who turned 100 on April 5, was still regarded as the "one to beat" until he played his last bridge hand at the club in late March. The

club celebrated his century birthday with a customized cake and the birthday song on Wednesday, April 9.

Don Elliot and his wife Shirley have been club members for 25 years, and have lived in Vienna since 1955. His secret to a healthy, active longevity? Elliot credits his wife. "She took good care of me," he said.

"He's the top bridge player in this club," said Maurice Piller, who has known Elliot for many years. "He's a very congenial, sharp person.

the South Pacific and in Korea end of April. during the Korean conflict.



Don Elliot blows out the trick-candle on the birthday cake presented to him on April 9 by the 50-plus Bridge Club of Vienna.

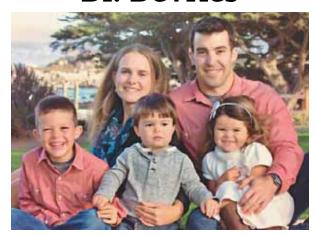
> Elliot has the dubious distinction of being named the "Biggest Liar" in the Northwest in 1935. A newspaper, in what Elliot referred to as "Paul Bunyan country," ran a contest looking for the biggest liar and his friends nominated him for the honor.

> Nowadays, Elliot uses a walker but is still quick with quips. He talks about his name with two "l"s and one "t," saying he gave an "l" to someone with only one "l" in her name.

If you think turning 100 is Don Elliot served with the impressive, you should know Army Corp of Engineers as a about Elliot's brother living in civilian in both World War II in Minnesota. He turns 106 at the

– Donna Manz

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News

Chocolate Factory Comes to Vienna

Vienna Theatre Company Presents "Willy Wonka" over three weekends.

illy Wonka, The Musical," based on Roald Dahl's popular children's story "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," comes alive in Vienna for three weekends from mid-April to early May. The Vienna Theatre Company presents the family-friendly production at the Vienna Community Center. Of a cast of 20, eleven are residents of Vienna. Ten of the 11 are local children.

"We usually don't do a show with a lot of kids in it," said "Willy Wonka" director Jessie Roberts. "The kids have been fabulously fantastic, just wonderful to work with."

Director Jessie Roberts described the plotline succinctly.

Willy Wonka, the king of candy, is ready to retire but he needs to find someone to take over his candy factory, Roberts said.



Photo by Donna Manz/The Connection

From left — Tasha Poe (Mike Teavee), Kaia Griggs (Violet Beuregard), Kyla Poe (Oompa Loompa) and Emily Franks (Grandma Joesphine and Mrs. Beauregard) live in the Vienna-Oakton area.

He devises a contest in which five golden tickets are hidden among the millions of Wonka Bars that are sold all over the world. The five winners get a tour of his factory and a lifetime supply of chocolate. "What

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A large crowd enjoyed the 2013 Taste of Vienna.

Bring an Appetite; Come to Town

Third annual Taste of Vienna is Saturday, April 26.

By Bonnie Hobbs THE CONNECTION

rab your taste buds and come downtown. It's almost time for the Taste of Vienna, and there'll be food and fun galore.

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) will host the third annual Taste of Vienna on Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. It is in the fire department's parking lot at 400 Center St. South and will be held, rain or shine.

The event showcases the variety of foods offered by the town's many restaurants. Admission is free, and the proceeds from attendees' food and beverage purchases will directly benefit the town's fire department.

As the first fire station in Fairfax County, VVFD members have been serving Vienna residents for more than 100 years. But besides protecting lives and property in and around the town, volunteers must spend many hours raising money to keep it functioning. Combining operational and administrative personnel, the station has more than 100 members, and the dollars from the Taste of Vienna are truly needed.

"We're still trying to pay the \$1.1 million mortgage we took out in 2007 for the renovation of the station," explained VVFD Chief John Morrison. "It was completely overhauled."

"We still have about \$700,000 left to pay," said VVFD President Anthony Stancampiano. "So we hope to raise \$10,000-\$15,000 from this event. Fairfax County pays for staffing of the station, 24/ 7, by six county Fire and Rescue employees. And we have about 60 volunteers who pay for the building and equipment."

Actually, said Morrison, "The Taste of Vienna was Anthony's idea. There are so many great restaurants in Vienna and this gives us a chance to showcase them. The restaurants pay a flat fee to participate, and whatever they sell above that amount they

Realizing that other areas had "tastes of" events, but not Vienna, Stancampiano figured that, not only would one benefit the local restaurants, but the fire department and community. So each year, he organizes the Taste of Vienna.

"The fire-department volunteers do what they can to raise money, and every little bit helps," he said. "And this event is fun for families. There'll be a ton of restaurants so people can sample what they have to offer, as well as live entertainment, plus a moonbounce and face-painting for children."

The 29 participating restaurants in this year's Taste of Vienna are: Whole Foods Market, Blackfinn Ameripub, Caffe Amouri, Turmeric Indian Dining, Crepe Amour, Donatos, The Pure Pasty Co., Ya Hala Lebanese cuisine, Tara Thai Vienna, Vienna Inn, Church Street Pizza, Plaka Grill, Robeks Fruit Smoothies, Tysons MapleWood Grill, The Fresh Market, Bazin's on Church, Viet Aroma, Sweet City Desserts, Seasons 52, Elevation Burger, Taco Bamba Taqueria, La Sandia, Gifford's Ice Cream, Sunflower Vegetarian Restaurant, Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar, Ovvio Osteria, Al Nakheel Lebanese Cafe & Market and Maggiano's Little

There'll also be live music to entertain the crowd. The performance schedule is as fol-

11 a.m. – Aarodynamics

Noon - Call for Fire

1:30 p.m. – Urban Scientific

2:45 p.m. – Crimestoppers

4 p.m. – Sonic Nights

5:15 p.m. – Janna Audey, soloist

6:30 p.m. - Fujareh

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Environmental Film Festival, Sunday, April 20 through Thursday, April 24, Cinema Arts Theatres: 9650-14 Main Street, Fairfax. Each day, networking will begin at 3:30 p.m. and films begin at 4 p.m. The public is welcome to join in discussion on film topics and how they relate to Fairfax County. Students throughout the County have been encouraged to submit 2-5 minute films which will be shown throughout the Festival in between feature films and will be rebroadcast on Cox Communications local Channel 74 following the Festival. Environmental nonprofit organizations like the Audubon Society, Lands and Waters, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District will be at Cinema Arts for the daily networking sessions at 3.30 p.m.

http://www.fcrpp3.org/wp-content/uploads/green inspirations.pdf

Cub Run RECenter for Earth Day, Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.-noon, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly: "Nike Reuse-a-Shoe Program," bring old, worn-out athletic shoes to Earth Day. Nike Reuse-a-Shoe will grind them down to create a new material called Nike Grind which is used to make sports courts, turf fields, tracks and more. Activities include: planting, weeding, mulching, watershed clean-up, crafts for kids and bring questions for Master Gardeners. What to bring: water bottle, sunscreen, hat, garden gloves and bug repellent. Age: 5 - adult (ages 12 and under must be accompanied by

Springfest, April 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton: pony rides, plant sales, climbing wall, bounce house, petting zoo, face painting, two shows by Billy B, Reptiles Alive!, Under The Sea. 9-11 a.m. Stream Cleanup and Tree Planting with Occoquan Regional Park. Donate toothpaste, toothbrushes, cereal and rice to Lorton Community Action.

Invasive Management Area Volunteer Program is a community-based project designed to reduce invasive plants on our parklands. This volunteer-led program gives residents an opportunity to protect plants and wildlife of Fairfax County's forests while spending time outdoors, meeting new people and restoring natural habitats. Key components of this program are habitat restoration and a longterm commitment to the park. Many workdays planned during Earth Week, April 19-26, including in Vienna, McLean, Springfield and Burke. Virginia's Annual Invasive Plant Removal Day is May 3. To sign up, contact IMA Coordinator Erin Stockschlaeder at 703-324-

Fairfax County Biological Stream **Monitoring:** Aquatic forms of insects (called "benthic macroinvertebrates") live on the bottom of rocks and debris lying in the streambed. These small organisms play a big role in helping Fairfax County staff monitor the health of a stream. Data collected by volunteers is incorporated into a number of different water quality reports, including the Stream Protection Strategy Baseline Study. Join the hundreds of existing volunteers in collecting this important information and make a difference in the health of Fairfax County's streams! If you are interested in becoming a monitor, email the coordinator or call 703-324-1422, TTY 711.

Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is May 11, 2014, and every year at this time, we call for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery. Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. (We will not print your full address or contact information.) You can upload photos and information directly to our website at www.connectionnewspapers.com/ mothersday/ or email editors@connectionnewspapers.com

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High-quality Preschool Helps Children Succeed

Fairfax County must expand access to Virginia Preschool Initiative.

s a retired general and the husband of an educator, I would like to highlight the importance of quality preschool as the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors makes final decisions about the county budget.

I am alarmed that 75 percent of all young Americans ages 17-24 are not able to serve in the military, primarily because they are educated men and women to optoo poorly educated, too overweight or have a criminal record.

In Virginia, 18 percent of young people do not graduate from high school on time. In addition, one in four of Virginia's high school

graduates who try to join the military cannot serve because of low scores on the military's exam for math, literacy and problem-solv-

This poses challenges for a 21st century military and a 21st century workforce alike. We have the most technologically advanced military in the world, but we need erate it. And the military isn't alone: businesses in the private sector are seeking many of the same skill sets and running into the same challenging deficits.

works when it comes to helping more children do well in school and in life. High-quality preschool can help children succeed in school and avoid criminal involvement, opening the doors to college, careers and military service, if they choose to serve.

Early education also provides a safe, nurturing, educational environment for children while their parents work. 66 percent of Virginia children under the age of 6 have all available parents in the workforce, according to KIDS COUNT data from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The average working parent in America misses five to nine days of work per year because of childcare problems. Research confirms that if parents Fortunately, we know what have quality early care and edu-

cation available in their communities, not only will absenteeism and turnover go down, but productivity will also go up.

Long-term studies following the graduates of preschool programs up to age 40 have shown that early education can produce very strong and lasting results.

Here in Virginia, the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) was established in 1995 to serve at-risk 4-year-olds who do not participate in Head Start. This program is important because it is the only option for a lot of children, and because we know it delivers solid

VPI graduates are less likely to repeat kindergarten and more

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Vietnam Veterans of America

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New Business Open House. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Church Street Antiques, located at 131 Church Street NW, Suite 2, Vienna. Church Street Antiques offers vintage items repurposed into unique artwork. You might find old door knobs turned into hooks, lamps made out of tea cups or a necklace made out of antique keys.

Preschool

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likely to meet or exceed minimum levels of competency in literacy.

VPI's return on investment shows that this is important not only for the children but for tax-payers as well. An analysis by the Economic Policy Institute and The Commonwealth Institute determined that quality early education in Virginia saved taxpayers over \$2 billion dollars over 17 years in special education savings, child welfare savings, decreased grade retention, reductions in juvenile and adult crime, increased earnings by parents, and increased tax contributions.

Unfortunately, quality early education is not equally available to all children who need it in the metropolitan Washington area.

A new report from the nonprofit Mission: Readiness, of which I am a member, shows that Fairfax County lags far behind other local jurisdictions and the District of Columbia in access to preschool.

Nearly half of the children from low-income families in Fairfax County who are eligible for the Virginia Preschool Initiative are not enrolled and hundreds are on a waiting list while the county sends funding back to Richmond rather than match state dollars.

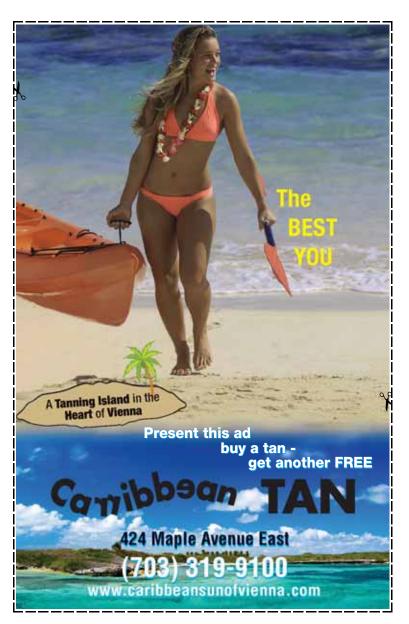
County leaders in Fairfax must find a way to close this gap and offer high-quality early childhood education to all children who need it.

High-quality early education builds a solid foundation and helps more young people develop in mind, body, and character so they can succeed at whatever career path they choose, including military service.

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video games," said Karapetkova, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Literature at Marymount University in Arlington. "When you read, you employ higher-order cognitive skills. You learn to imagine things that you have not yourself experienced."

Marymount University professor Holly Karapetkova reads with her 4-vear-old daughter. brain more intensively family activity. than watching television It is also vital to **or playing video games**

CHILD DEVELOPMENT and literature development experts say that reading helps children develop imagination skills and an ability to learn and think in new ways. It also boosts "Reading is an extremely

"You learn to empathize with others, and so you are able to grow emotionally as well," said Karapetkova. "Critical thinking, imagination, and empathy are all qualities that adult's — brain are essential to our nature as human beings, and essential to our success in the world."

> Fred Bemak, Ed.D., Professor and Academic Program Coordinator, College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University, says that even a few minutes each day can have a significant influence. "Reading to a child 20 minutes a days will increase their ability to read and think above grade level," he said. "That is just a matter of sitting with a child and reading with them, but it has a such profound influ-

> have knowledge about reading to a child, that is where we see an achievement gap," said Bemak.

Mary Catherine Coleman, Lower School Librarian and JK-12 Library Department Chair at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, said reading offers children a broad view of the world. "I think, and research shows, reading helps to develop children's thinking because it helps to deworld," she said. "Reading also helps children to see the world from a different perspective, helping children develop an under- SO WHICH BOOKS do experts recomstanding, empathy and compassion for othlook at events, people and things in a different way."

"When it comes to imagination, books challenge children to create a movie in their minds," said Coleman. "They need to imagine a world, characters and experiences that they are not familiar with."

"Reading challenges children to move beyond what they see in front of them," said Coleman. "It also teaches children how to what my son and I are reading aloud tobe storytellers, how to share experiences and

open-ended than other media and chal- she listens and grasps part of what is haplenges a child's cognitive abilities. "When pening. So their interest in each other's you read, even when they are pictures, your books reminds me that children can be brain has to do a great deal of work to pro- drawn to and learn from a great range of cess information and piece the story to- books."

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Book Suggestions

Third and Fourth Grade:

"Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library" by Chris

"Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy" by Karen Foxlee "Capture the Flag" by Kate Messner

Fifth and Sixth Grade:

"Doll Bones" by Holly Black

"Under the Egg" by Laura Marx Fitzgerald "Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin" by

gether," she says. "In a movie or video game, everything is predetermined and spelled out for you, and there's a lot less room left to the imagination to make leaps and discover things on its own."

Karapetkova has experienced this in her own life. "I have found with my older child that one book often leads to another," she said. "We might read something that piques his interest and sends him back to the li-

The same is not true with television or video games. "When he watches a film or plays a video game, he never says to me, 'I want to find out more about organisms deep under the sea because that's where Spongebob lives," said Karapetkova. "But when he reads a book, he asks questions and his curiosity and imagination open up."

Michael Moynihan, Upper School Head, The Heights School in Potomac, Md., believes in eschewing some electronic media velop a background knowledge about the and promoting "a renewed culture of reading...[and] conversation".

mend? "Really, anything you and your chilers and the world. It challenges children to dren enjoy reading together will do the trick," said Karapetkova. "My children are several years apart. My daughter is 4 and my son is 9, and I have been amazed by how much each enjoys the books I pick out together for the other. I'll sit down with my daughter to read 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' or another picture book and my son will stop whatever he is doing to join us."

"And my daughter also enjoys listening to gether," said Karapetkova. "We've been reading a variety of books this year, including Karapetkova said that reading is more things like Harry Potter and C.S. Lewis, and

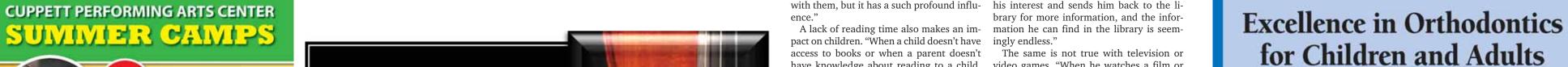
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SATURDAY/APRIL 19

Wildfire Breakfast Buffet & Easter Egg Hunt. 9-10:30 a.m. Wildfire, 3rd floor, Tysons Corner. The buffet will include Cinnamon French Toast, Applewood Smoked Bacon, cornbread, Banana Bread Muffins, and a selection of juices, milk and coffee. After brunch, all our young guests will be given Easter baskets and invited to search for candy and toy-stuffed Easter eggs hidden around the restaurant. Each child will also receive a complimentary coupon for Kid's Mac & Cheese, Kid's Pizza or Kid's Chicken Fingers. \$20/ per person plus tax (gratuity not

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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 23

All Star Beer Dinner. 6:30 p.m.

Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, McLean. A four-course menu of baseball-inspired food and beer pairings. Each "inning" will feature a craft brew from a different baseball-loving city. Nick Hardt, On Tap On Line "bierdo," will be the guest speaker for the evening. \$50 per person. To make a reservation, call 703-442-9110.

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they don't know is that they will be tested during the tour to see which of the children is the right one to take over the factory," Roberts said. It isn't that there are five great kids, either ... one by one, the four "spoiled brats" disappear, as 11-year-old voice student Kaia Griggs of Vienna described it. One child – a "deserving" one named Charlie - remains and he becomes the owner, Kaia said. "I read the book and I really like the movie," said Kaia, who said she is interested in musical theatre.

Emily Franks, Vienna, is a nursing research case manager who embraces theatre as her passion. "I love the community aspect of this," said Franks. "To me, being an older person in a kids' show is pretty exciting."

Kyla Poe, a 12-year-old singer from Vienna, has performed in church productions and was drawn to "Willy Wonka" as an Oompa Loompa because she wanted to play a character to become someone other than her everyday-self. If you don't know what an Oompa Loompa is, this production is an opportunity to become acquainted with one.

"I think the resolution sets a good example for the kids," said Kyla. "I saw the movie and I thought it was good. I think it would be fun to see it in-person."

Cast and crew from Vienna and Oakton include Melissa Handel, Tasha Poe, Kyla Poe, Amelia Lindsey, Alex Graur, Emily Franks, Larry Zimmerman and Kaia Griggs. Sedrick Moody of Aldie plays Willy Wonka and Adam LeKang of Chantilly plays Charlie Bucket.

Performances run on April 18, 19, 25 and 26, and on May 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. On April 27 and May 4, matinee performances start at 2 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$14 per person and may be purchased at the front desk of the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. For more information, go to http://viennatheatrecompany.org/.

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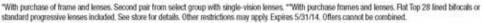
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SPORTS

Madison Girls' Lax Continues Dominance of Langley

Warhawks beat Saxons for fifth time in two seasons.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

ast season, the Langley girls' lacrosse team faced Madison four times, including the state championship game. Each time, the Saxons came up short.

On April 10, the conference foes faced off once again. Unfortunately for Langley, a new season and a new head coach did not generate a new result.

The defending state champion Warhawks remained undefeated in 2014, defeating Langley 19-8 at Madison High School. Langley kept it close for a half and trailed 8-4 at the break, but senior attacker/midfielder Katie Kerrigan and junior midfielder Kierra Sweeney helped Madison pull away and improve to 4-0. Each of



Madison senior Katie Kerrigan (7) totaled four goals and four assists during a 19-8 victory against Langley on April 10.

the Warhawks' victories this season came by more than 10 goals.

"When we play together as a team," Kerrigan said, "no one can stop us."

Madison has won 24 of its last 25 games dating back to last season, including five victories against Langley. The Warhawks beat the Saxons during the 2013 regular season, the Liberty District championship game, the Northern

Region final and the state final. On Thursday, led by first-year head coach Rebecca Watkins, Langley trailed 7-4 late in the first half before Madison's Alex Condon scored on an assist from Kerrigan with 19 seconds remaining, giving the Warhawks a four-goal halftime advantage.

"We definitely know that Langley has a bunch of talented players and we knew that, coming into a lot more competitive than our past games," Kerrigan said. "We knew that we had to step it up and play together as a team and just take it to them."

The Warhawks took it to the Saxons in the second half, starting with a Kerrigan goal. The Ohio State signee finished with four goals and four assists. Sweeney led the team with six goals.

"[Kerrigan and Sweeney] kill themselves day in and day out to be able to sort of raise the bar for the girls around them," Madison head coach Amanda Counts said. "They blow us away every time we watch them play. That's on them. They get all the credit. They show up with that."

Condon, a senior midfielder, also had a big night for Madison, scoring five goals. Sophomore midfielder Shannon Condon scored two goals for the Warhawks, and senior midfielder Ellie Bentley and junior midfielder Katie Sciandra each had one.

"They're extremely driven," Counts said about the Warhawks. "They really enjoy competition. Langley provides us that competition, so it's a fun game whenever we come across it."

How do the Warhawks stay focused after winning a state title and blowing out opponents early in 2014?

"I think my motivation, especially since so many of my good friends are going to go off to college next year, is [to realize] I have such limited games with them," said Sweeney, who is committed to Dartmouth. "If we just play each game to the best of our ability, it's going to make my little time I have left with them so much more enjoyable."

The loss dropped Langley's record to 4-3. While the Saxons have lost three of four, including a 14-5 defeat against Oakton on April 2 and a 19-5 loss to Westfield on April 8, Watkins said she was pleased with her team's performance against Madison.

Langley will travel to face Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

Madison will compete in the Centreville Invitational on Wednesday, April 16.

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The Morrow sisters, Kathleen, 7, and Elizabeth, 4, with their animal baskets full of eggs.

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(From left) Twin brothers Benjamin and Alexander Weaver, 6 1/2, show off the eggs they collected.



Eve Robinson, 3, holds her yellow, duck basket.



With spoon and egg ready, Everett Goldstein, 5, readies for the egg roll.



Carlos Sosa and daughter Talem, 1, won the egg roll for ages 2 and under.



Posing with the Easter Bunny are brothers Nicky Murrmann, 6, and Gabriel Emane, 9, who both attend Vienna Elementary.



The Fields brothers, Josh, 4, and Drew, 18 months, pose with the Easter Bunny.



Dying of **Curiosity**



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I was completing last week's column ("I Thought I Was a Goner") and thanking my oncology nurse, Ron, in the process, for the excellent care he has provided me for nearly five years now; a week after I wrote a column thanking my Certified Holistic Health Coach, Rebecca Nenner, for the health and fitness-type knowledge she has given me over those same five years; it dawned on me that perhaps my subconscious mind knew something that my conscious mind didn't: that I should move closer to the undertaker like Radar's Uncle Ernest did two days before he died, in the M*A*S*H episode titled "Novacaine Mutiny" from season four.

I don't want to think that, and I certainly don't want to believe it; nevertheless, I thought it an interesting point to address: as a terminal cancer patient, as much as I fight against it mentally and physically, the presumptive death sentence that a "13month to two-year prognosis" portends is the kind of news that's difficult - make that impossible - to ignore. And as much as I try to defend myself, as you know, with humor, a positive attitude and a variety of self-preservation, defense-type mechanisms – still, at the end of the day (heck, at the beginning and middle, too), I may talk and write a good game, but one's mind often interferes. The trick is knowing whether that interference (subconscious) is real or imagined. I struggle with that assessment every day, as I presume most characterized-asterminal patients do as well.

As my struggle enters its sixth year, let me assure you, its familiarity has not bred content (nor contempt, either). Though I certainly know the warning signs, the dos and don'ts, and my responsibility in all of it, that doesn't mask – to me, anyway, the underlying reality: lung cancer kills. The survival rates, especially five years postdiagnosis, are in the low single digits. Fairly grim, I admit. Yet I am extremely happy and fortunate to say that I am one of those low-single-digits (and yes, I have been called worse; not much better though, considering my diagnosis). However, I am not in remission and I'm still receiving chemotherapy. In truth, I am an anomaly, an aberration; and expecting that my life continues without any further cancer-related ado seems naive and from most of what I read, fairly unrealistic. Now as much as I try to compartmentalize all these cancer facts and feelings - successfully for the most part, I'd like to add – the reality of my situation does manifest itself from time to time. This column has attempted to identify a recent example, my last two columns, where these facts and feelings may have collided.

Though nothing in my current health or recent awareness of it (scans, lab work, physical exam, old symptoms, new symptoms persisting/getting worse, etc.) would indicate a change (a fatal flaw, if you will), there are always things with which I am totally unaware that may have changed and perhaps the way I learn about these changes is through my subconscious. I certainly don't know how or when I'll know when I'm at death's door. Perhaps there will be a knock, perhaps not. Still, I can't help wondering - and wanting to know -

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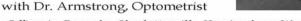
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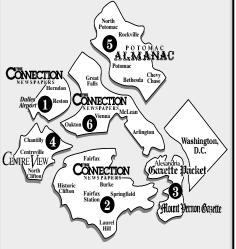
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eventeen Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students are among more than 800 students nationwide who have won Achievement Scholarships from the 2014 National Achievement® Scholarship program (NASP). The Achievement Scholarships are awarded to Black American high school seniors to be used for undergraduate study at any regionally accredited United States college or university.

The FCPS students named National Achievement® Scholars, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

- Christine Tamir of Annandale High School (undecided).
- ❖ Marvel Elisabeth Onga Nana of Centreville High School (biomedical engi-
- * Heather Lawrence of Edison High School (political science).
- * Bezawit Yohannes of Hayfield Secondary School (law).
- ❖ Ade Samuel of Herndon High School (chemical engineering).
- Sarah Gutema of McLean High School (neuroscience).
- ❖ Lani Allen of Marshall High School (writing).
- Suha Suliman of Robinson Secondary School (pediatrics).
- ❖ Gelila Yitsege of South County High School (neuroscience).
- * Derek Phillips of South Lakes High School (aerospace engineering). Anthony Carrington of Thomas
- Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (medicine).
- * Cheyanne Rivera of TJHSST (psychia-
- Comfort Sampong of TJHSST (development economics).
- Shalisa James of Westfield High School (English literature). ❖ John O'Connell of Westfield High
- School (computer science). Tolunimi Oyeleye of Westfield High
- School (chemical engineering). * Tianay Ziegler of Woodson High School
- (biological engineering). Each of the students received \$2,500

National Achievement Scholarships supported by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the NASP, with the exception of Allen, whose scholarship is underwritten by the Xerox Foundation.

The National Achievement Scholarship program is a privately financed competition founded in 1964 specifically to honor scholastically talented Black American young people and to increase their opportunities for higher education. The program is conducted by NMSC, a not-for-profit organiza-

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