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Families having fun at the model-trains display.



Children and adults, alike, enjoyed watching the model trains.

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Children, Adults Enjoy Model Railroad Display

The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders held an open house Saturday afternoon, Sept. 13, at the historic Vienna Train Station. Attendees got to see and hear model trolleys and steam and diesel trains in a multi-level, railroad layout representing the mountainous terrain and towns of Western North Carolina.

There were models of train yards, plus passenger, freight and mail trains, between Asheville and Spencer, N.C. This is a permanent display containing 100-150 railcars and 250,000 railroad ties. This model-railroaders club has been based in Vienna since 1976 and has about 85 members. For more information, go to www.nvmr.org.

— BONNIE HOBBS



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Elected officials honor the American flag as the Vienna Choral Society sang the National Anthem.

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American Legion Post 180 and Town of Vienna pay tribute to the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

On Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, the sky was bright blue, the air warm and crisp, the sun beamed. Much like the morning was in the D.C. area on Sept. 11, 2001. The tragedy that unfolded in less than two hours 13 years ago comes to the forefront of communities across the nation every September 11, commemorating the most pervasive way-of-life changing terrorist attack on American soil.

Vienna's American Legion Post 180 and the Town of Vienna partner each year in a solemn program paying tribute to "A Day to Remember." On 9/11, two commercial aircraft smashed through the twin towers of the World Trade Center, one tore into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

"It was strange with no planes overhead, nothing normal," said Captain Steven Clark

of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department reflecting on that day. He spent 48 hours at the Pentagon working from Tower 1 out of McLean. "We were checking for hotspots on the roof," said Clark, remembering that President George Bush came by and saluted them.

"A Day to Remember" program" began at 10 a.m. on the lawn of Freeman House, about the same time the South Tower collapsed. The Post 180 Honor Guard presented the colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Vienna Choral Society sang the National Anthem, and Martha Hatter, past Unit president of the American Legion Auxiliary, gave the invocation. Post Commander Joseph Payne introduced guest speaker Jane H. Davis, author of "First Aid for Heroes," an American Red Cross volunteer nurse who tended to the physical and emotional needs of the recovery teams.



Mayor Laurie DiRocco, on behalf of the Town of Vienna, read the town's annual proclamation to "memorialize those whose lives were suddenly, without cause, and pointlessly taken from them on Sept. 11, 2001, and may they forever rest in peace and abide in our memories."

Recalling making her way into Manhattan, Davis said, "it looked like a war zone. Then, there was the acrid smell." Davis narrated vignettes from her two-and-a-half week duty at Ground Zero, from her interactions with first-responders to a heart-to-heart talk with a school janitor who refused to leave his building.

Mayor Laurie DiRocco, Town Council members Edyth Kelleher, Emil Attanasi, Linda Colbert, Carey Sienicki, Howard Springsteen and Pasha Majdi, and Delegate

Mark Keam and State Senator Chap Petersen were present during the program. TAPS closed the program.

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WEEK IN VIENNA

Vienna Mayor's Walking Group

Vienna residents are welcome to join Mayor Laurie DiRocco's walking group. It meets every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Town Hall, 127 Center St. S. The walks are about 2.5 to 3 miles, with a different route every Friday. The next walk is Sept. 19.

Club Phoenix 15th Anniversary

Club Phoenix is the teen center inside the Vienna Community Center, and it offers fun and games for local teenagers. And this Friday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m., the club will celebrate its 15th anniversary. Teens are invited to come check out all it has to offer and meet the Club Phoenix staff, and the public is welcome to join the festivities.

Vienna Town Council Meeting

The next Vienna Town Council Meeting is Monday, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m., in the Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. S. At that time, the Council is scheduled to make its decision on the Maple Avenue Corridor.

A Meeting on Emergencies

The Town of Vienna Parks & Recreation will host a meeting on September as Emergency Preparedness Month on Sept. 22, 10-11 a.m. at the Vienna Community Center

120 Cherry St. S.E. - Multipurpose Room.

NEWS

Residents Still Upset about Follin Lane

Want Town Council to become more involved before project starts.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The Town of Vienna plans to widen Follin Lane from two to three lanes, level the grade of the road at the Hine Street intersection and remove the brush.

But neighborhood residents contend that these changes will be like waving a checkered flag at the start of a race, enabling motorists to drive even faster there en route to Maple Avenue.

And some of the neighbors brought their concerns to the Sept. 8 Vienna Town Council Meeting. “We continue to work with [Town] staff on traffic safety, drainage issues, the detour impact on other streets and the potential loss of tree canopy,” said Westbriar Civic Assn.’s Patricia Melton. “We hope we’ll have an equitable solution for the residents, as well as for the Navy Federal Credit Union [on Follin, near Maple].”

Suzanne McClorey, who lives at the corner of Hine and Follin, also spoke. “A lot of us aren’t happy, at all, with the project and believe it needs to be fixed before it goes out to bid,” she said. Noting that the neighbors have met with Director of Public Works Dennis Johnson, McClorey said, “The right-turn lane in the plan is really a fully dedicated lane, and Johnson and his team should refer to it that way.”

Furthermore, she said, “Mr. Johnson told us that 70 percent of the traffic there turns left on Follin to get to Maple, so having an 800-foot right-turn lane won’t really help. It’s a dangerous corner, and the right-turn lane would put my kids and others’ kids at risk.”

McClorey said the Town wants to come onto her property’s easement and flatten the grade. “But that’ll bring the road even closer to our house,” she told the Council members. “Mr. Johnson and you all should be part of the discussion before any construction gets started. I think it’s negligent not to do that.”

She said the Hine and Follin intersection has regularly occurring traffic accidents that are “only going to get worse if the road is widened.” And she added that 40 residents have signed a document detailing their worries about this project.

Mayor Laurie DiRocco said she’s made left turns from Hine onto Follin three times recently to check it out. “Thank you for your words tonight,” she told McClorey. “We’ll keep in touch with you.”

A few minutes later, outside the meeting room, McClorey and her husband Sean continued the discussion with The Connection. “There have been 14 accidents at our intersection in seven months, and we believe that the ditch there has protected us from



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Residents say improving Follin Lane will worsen speeding, hurt the tree canopy and put people’s lives in danger.

them,” said Suzanne McClorey. “But with this project, the ditch would go away.”

“They’re moving the road within a foot of our property line, so speeding cars could crash into our house,” said Sean McClorey.

“And if a car came into contact with a gas line on our property, our whole house could go up in flames,” added Suzanne McClorey. “So we’d like some kind

of barrier or brick façade to protect us and our kids from the traffic. The 14 accidents there are only the ones that were reported; I’m sure there were more.”

Besides all that, said Sean McClorey, “There’s no safety net for pedestrians on the sidewalk they’re going to build, so it’ll be dangerous for them. If something happens, they’ll be in jeopardy.”

His wife said the Council members “talk about Vienna being family friendly.” Yet because of this project, she said, “We have four kids who

won’t be able to play in their own yard.”

“I think it’ll invite a ton of cut-through traffic once they widen the lanes,” said Sean McClorey.

“It’s right in the middle of a residential area and will help commuters who don’t live here, but won’t help the residents’ quality of life,” said Suzanne McClorey. “How can they have a \$2 million overhaul of a road in the heart of Vienna and safety isn’t considered?”

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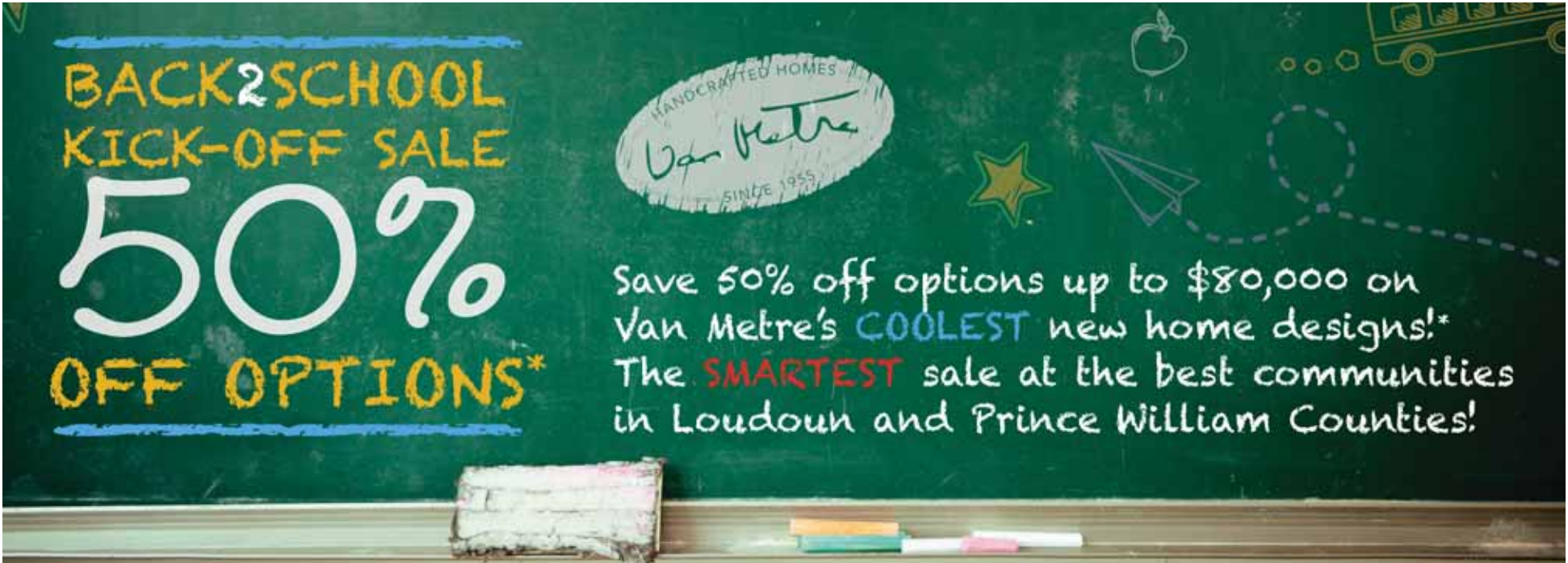
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Protecting Those Threatened by Domestic Violence

September marks 20th Anniversary of Violence Against Women Act.

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-11)

This month marks the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – landmark legislation in which our nation committed new prevention and response resources so that our mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends would no longer have to suffer in silence through domestic abuse.

COMMENTARY

Though meaningful progress has been realized, domestic violence continues to be a real and troubling challenge in our communities. Far too many of us have been touched by domestic violence in one way or another. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, an estimated 1.3 million women are victims each year, and one in every four women will experience such violence

in their lifetime.

Just last year, Turning Points, the only domestic violence intervention program in Prince William County, served 6,000 clients. In Fairfax County there were more than 8,000 incidents reported, and we have seen a 40 percent increase in homelessness due to domestic violence.

This is why I was so disappointed when the House Republican majority blocked a bipartisan modernization of VAWA for 18 months before relenting last year. The Senate passed the bill in a strong and bipartisan 78-22 vote, but some House Republicans objected because they did not want to extend protections to Native Americans, LGBT Americans, and immigrants. Thankfully, House leadership finally put aside this obstructionism and ultimately allowed the House to pass the improved VAWA bill, which I and an overwhelming number of Democrats supported.

Thanks to VAWA, we have strengthened and expanded critical protections for all victims of domestic violence and enhanced our nation's criminal justice response. Specifically, VAWA has instituted stricter sentencing guidelines for repeat federal sex crime offenders and pro-

vided resources to tribal, local, and state law enforcement communities to address violent crimes against women. In addition, VAWA funds specialized training for 500,000 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, and other personnel every year. The National Domestic Violence Hotline, which responds to more than 22,000 urgent calls for help every month, also was created under VAWA.

The updated VAWA is renewing our successful partnerships with local nonprofits and law enforcement agencies. It is improving protections for underserved communities, particularly immigrants and victims of human trafficking. And of particular importance for helping victims through the recovery process, the new bill is expanding housing assistance and providing support regardless of sexual orientation.

Sadly, recent events in the news demonstrate that although we have made great progress, as a community we must remain vigilant in protecting those threatened by domestic violence. Please know that I will continue to push Congress to maintain and expand the investments needed to support these critical programs in our community and continue to be a voice of support to those who might otherwise not speak up for themselves.

School Board Ready to Tackle Fiscal Challenges

BY TAMARA DERENAK KAUFAX
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the chairman of Fairfax County School Board for the 2014-15 school year. My colleagues on the board and I – working closely with our superintendent, Dr. Karen Garza – have an ambitious agenda for the year ahead. Our top priority remains adequate funding for our schools at both the state and county levels. State support for education remains at unacceptable levels and we will continue to work with our county Board of Supervisors to provide our schools with an adequate level of financial support when the state fails to do its job. As a consensus builder, I will continue to urge the School Board to work in partnership with the Board of Supervisors to find solutions to our budget dilemma.

COMMENTARY

We have already taken steps to build a stronger relationship with the Board of Supervisors. This past year, Dr. Garza provided a new level of transparency in the budget process by meeting with the Board of Supervisors and other community leaders, conducting listening tours in each of the magisterial districts, and developing the Citizens Guide to Understanding the Budget, all of which were well received by the supervisors and the community. Our boards have already met jointly in September to outline our fiscal forecasts. In addition, we have established the Joint Budget Development Committee composed of three supervisors and three School Board members. The committee will review budget factors impacting Fiscal Year 2016 and provide guidance to both boards. The committee will deliver a report to both boards

before the County Executive presents his Advertised Budget and before the superintendent presents her Proposed Budget in early 2015. Last year, the county and School Board created the joint Infrastructure Financing Committee to review the facilities needs of both FCPS and the county. The committee report released earlier this year resulted in an additional \$13 million that will be invested each year beginning in FY 2016 for school infrastructure upgrades. I will continue to encourage this kind of collaboration to build trust and realistic expectations for the supervisors, the school board, and the community.

In the next few weeks we plan to make a final decision regarding school start times for the 2015-16 school year. Superintendent Garza made her recommendation to the board at a meeting in early September. We will provide the community with sufficient time to comment on the proposal before we take final action at our Oct. 23 meeting. As you may recall, the School Board adopted a resolution in April 2012 with the stated goal to start high schools after 8 a.m. The board subsequently hired Children's National Medical Center to serve as consultants to develop a plan to achieve that goal. CNMC developed four options. Those options were taken to the community in a series of eight public meetings held in May and June. After analyzing the feedback from parents and the community, CNMC made their recommendation and, based on school board direction, Option 3 is the framework being used to develop a final recommendation for school board consideration. I invite you to learn more at www.fcps.edu.

Other new initiatives include the FCPS Por-

trait of a Graduate, which will serve as a foundation on which to build a long-range strategic plan for FCPS. Once a strategic plan is in place with a direct and clear vision for our schools, our work will be very focused and the outcome will be improved student achievement for every student.

We have had great success with our launch of full day Mondays for our elementary students. The community is very supportive of the change which will increase instructional time for students and dedicated planning time for teachers. Beginning this school year, we also have a new standard school calendar in place that eliminates the need to make up inclement weather days at the end of the school year, if fewer than 13 days are missed.

The Bailey's Upper Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences opened Sept. 2 with a community ribbon-cutting celebration scheduled for Oct. 15. This new school was converted from a five-story office building on Leesburg Pike and will solve the overcrowding problems that have plagued Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences. Under the leadership of one principal, the new campus houses grades 3-5 while the existing campus remains home to preschoolers through second graders.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time for students, parents and teachers. As chairman, I pledge to maintain and build upon the excellence for which our schools are known. Working with our state elected officials, supervisors, superintendent and other stakeholders, I am confident that we can solve our most pressing problems while continuing to offer a world-class education for our families. Have a safe and productive school year.

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A Different Path to a 4-year Degree

NOVA's Guaranteed Admissions Program gives students opportunities to attend their dream schools.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Noor Naveed immigrated to the United States from Pakistan with her family shortly after the 9/11 attacks. The family settled in Northern Virginia and, years later, Naveed graduated from Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. She dreams of becoming the first person in her family to graduate from college.

"My mother was forced to drop out of junior high and at 32 got her GED. I just knew that there wasn't anyone in my immediate family who had graduated from college and was determined to be the first person," said Naveed. "I knew I wanted to [go to] George Mason because I didn't want loans and I knew I could pay for George Mason out of pocket."

Naveed used Northern Virginia Community College's Guaranteed Admissions Program to complete her associate of arts degree and is now finishing a bachelor's degree in criminology, law and society at George Mason University in Fairfax.

"Counselors were great at telling me what classes I should take so they would transfer," she said. "Almost all of my classes transferred."

NOVA's admissions agreements guarantee current and future NOVA students who earn associate degrees admission to more than 40 four-year colleges and universities.

Students do have to meet certain academic requirements, such as earning a minimum grade point average, in order to be accepted into their chosen four-year colleges.

"It's very beneficial to the students because before these agreements, there weren't any parameters as to what it takes to be admitted to universities," said Julia Brown, coordinator for transfer policy at Northern Virginia Community College. "As long as you have a certain GPA, the guaranteed admission agreement takes all of the guess work out of whether you will qualify. It is a huge relief. ... Students don't want to waste money or time by taking a class that isn't needed."

NOVA officials say that popular majors include engineering, nursing, computer science and general studies.

For example, a student can earn an associates degree in engineering from NOVA then transfer to Virginia Tech's College of Engineering or the University of Virginia's School of Engineering and Applied Science. A student who might be unsure of the major he plans to pursue can earn a general studies degree and then transfer to George Mason University.

George Mason University, University of Virginia and Virginia Tech are the top transfer schools for NOVA graduates.

"The [Guaranteed Admission Agreement] program allowed me to complete my associate's degree close to home. The GAA gave me the opportunity to transfer to my dream school, James Madison University, with ease and with no debt," said Amy Zuaso, a first year advising specialist at NOVA. "At NOVA, I met with a JMU transfer representative that informed me about a full ride scholarship program, The Centennial Scholars Program, that I applied for and was awarded. Starting at NOVA first and using the GAA helped me

graduate from a four-year school and to be the first person in my family to graduate from college."

Zuaso is now completing an online Master's Degree in counseling at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

THE PROGRAM WAS CREATED after the release of a workforce trends report prepared by George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis showed professional, scientific, technical and health care fields as the key sources of new net job growth in

Northern Virginia from 2010 to 2020.

"The GAA is designed to offer students a seamless transfer process," said Darren Troxler, associate dean of admissions and chief transfer officer at George Mason University. "Students who meet all of the requirements for GAA admission are not only guaranteed transfer admission to Mason, but are considered juniors for class standing, registration and financial aid purposes, and are considered to have completed the Mason Core, our lower-level general education

requirement."

Troxler says another advantage to GAA enrollment is the significant cost savings for students and parents. "There is a \$271.00 per credit hour differential in tuition rates between Mason and NOVA for Virginia residents," he said. "Students will realize a significantly lower debt burden by taking advantage of the Virginia Community College System."

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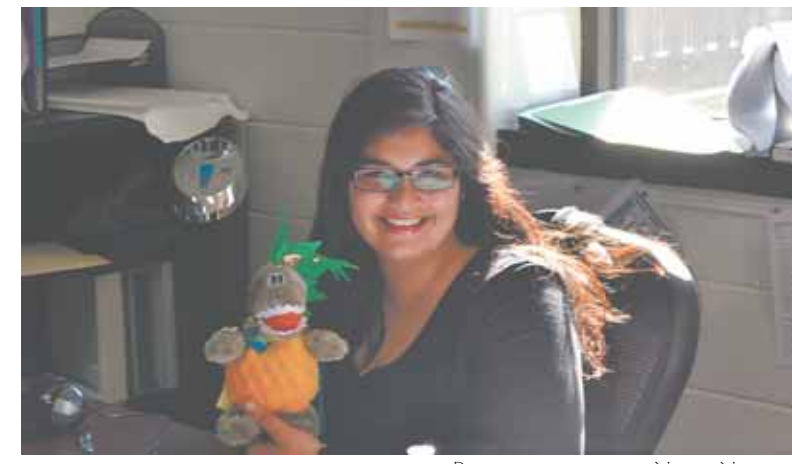


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PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY ZUASO

Amy Zuaso became the first person in her family to graduate from college. She says the guaranteed admission agreements at NOVA allowed her to complete her associate's degree and transfer to her dream school: James Madison University.

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Portrait of a Graduate Discussed

By REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

The heart of the school system's new strategic plan is closer to being approved.

The Fairfax County School Board discussed the five component Portrait of a Graduate - with some asking for a component emphasizing a caring quality - at Monday's work session.

"We haven't truly captured what we're trying to say with 'goal-directed,'" said Mason District board member Sandy Evans.

She and a handful of other board members felt the last component, "Goal-directed and resilient" came across as cut-throat. She said the word "caring" needed to be in the heading of the component because character ethics is a priority.

THE FIVE COMPONENTS for the Portrait of a Graduate that was created for approval are Communicator, Collaborator, Global Citizen, Creative and Critical Thinker in addition to Goal-Directed and Resilient Individual.

"You can be all of these things and be a horrible human being," said Braddock District board member Megan McLaughlin.

She said her reason for needing the heading's name change stemmed from her social work background.

"It's one of the most important things we can do, create a young person who cares," she said.

Hunter Mill District board member Pat Hynes agreed that the name sounded "pushy."

"It's really all about ambition - that's what it comes across as sounding," she said.

Portrait of a Graduate was announced by Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza last October during an education summit. Since then, stakeholders have sent in a flurry of comments on what the final product should look like.

"We've had hundreds and hundreds of people submit feedback to the committee," she said. "It resonates with a lot of people."

Even retired teachers, she said, have supported the measure.

FCPS Chief of Staff Marty Smith showed a video about the importance of the five components for a students and what type of student they want graduating from the school system.

"This is what we call the heart of the strategic plan," he said.

Smith said that Portrait looks at skills even the youngest students might need when they graduate. In addition, he said that everyone, including himself, could identify with the qualities they need to be good at school, their job and their life.

"It's not changing the 'what,'" said Garza. "It's changing the 'how.'"

She said she wants to honor the committee's work by keeping most of the wording, but there could be some room to put the word "caring" into the last component's heading.

Several other board members felt that changing the wording was not necessary.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

Adventures in Learning Classes Open House. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton. Visit the Open House and learn more about classes you can attend on a variety of topics of interest. Tuition: \$40. Visit <http://www.scov.org/> for more info. Ages 50+.

Classic Books Discussion Group. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Join writer/scholar Amanda Holmes Duffy for a discussion of A House for Mr. Biswas by V.S. Naipaul. Adults and teens.

Not Just for Teens Adult Book Club. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Are you an adult who loves YA lit? If so, join us to discuss Beauty Queens by Libba Bray. Adults.

Oakton Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Come and join Oakton's book discussion group. We will discuss The Woman Upstairs by Claire Messud. Adults.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

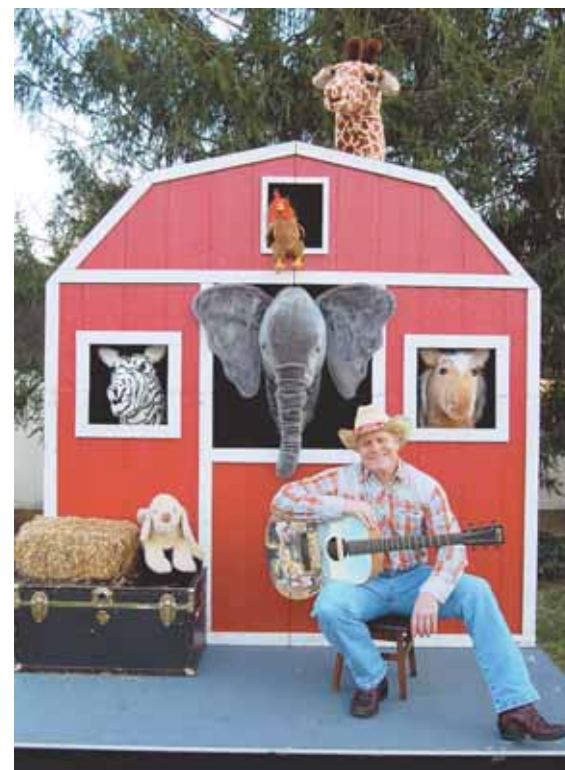
Drop-in Chess. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Weekly drop-in chess games in the library meeting room. All ages welcome.

Look at the Stars! Open Observatory. 7:30-10:30 pm. Turner Farm Park, Springvale Road, Great Falls. Friday night viewings of the sky at the observatory park. Visit <http://www.analemma.org> for more information.

Playdate Cafe. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and play space for children, coffee and conversation for grown-ups.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Fall into the Garden: Tour the Salvia and Herb Garden. 10 - 11 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall while touring the Salvia and Herb Garden with Tammy Burke, Senior Horticulturist. Learn about plants that will make your autumn garden glow. http://www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/events



Jim Kidsinger, a children's entertainer who sings and plays guitar while his farm animal friends roam and interact with the audience will be at the McLean Community Center's Annual Harvest Happening Festival on Sept. 27 at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

"Why Not Sea Monsters" Concert. 10:30 a.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, NE, Vienna. Children's concert for all to enjoy.

Pancake Breakfast. 8 a.m. - Noon. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee. Adults \$8,

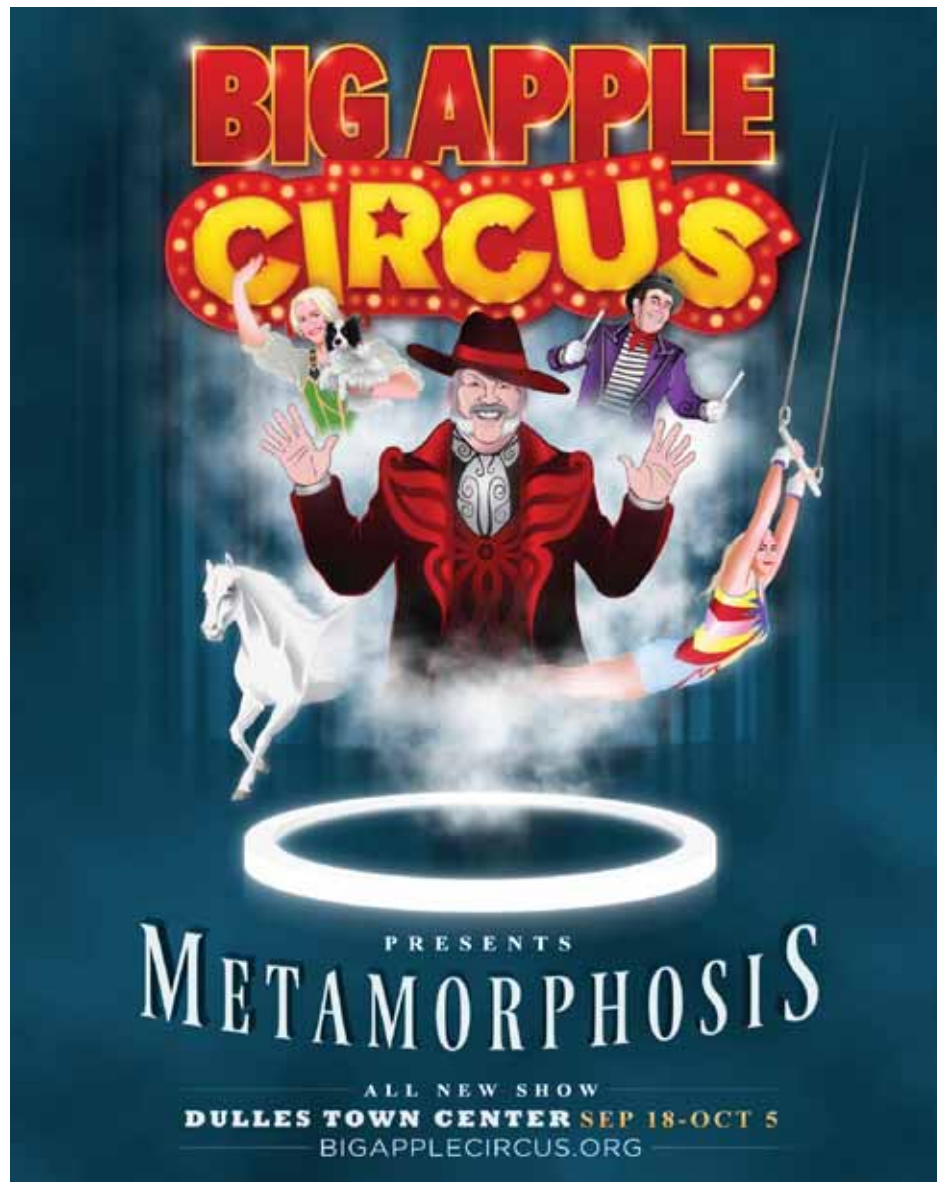
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Ballroom Dance. 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Foxtrot Lesson. 9 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. DJ music with Craig Bukowski playing favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual. Everyone is welcome. \$15. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

Walk for Mental Health! 9:30 a.m. Tysons Corner Center. Join "NAMI Walks Northern Virginia" National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) Northern Virginia provides local education/support programs at no cost to individuals living with a mental health condition and family members. More information at www.NAMI-NorthernVirginia.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Super H 5k Run, Walk and Wheel. 7 a.m. Sport & Health Club, 8250 Greensboro Drive, McLean. Proceeds from the race will support MedStar NRH's adaptive sports programs, which enable adaptive to participate in paralympic sports. \$35. 202-887-1781 or www.medstarhealth.org/SuperH5K.

Gring Grain at Colvin Run Mill. 12-3 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Come watch the miller grind grain; cornmeal, grits, whole wheat for sale in General Store. 703-759-2771.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

Rock-a-Bye Baby. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Join us for an early literacy enhanced storytime, featuring rhymes, stories and songs. Birth-12 months with adult.

American Girl Book Club: Meet Felicity. 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Do you love the American Girl series? Join us to read and discuss Meet Felicity. Please read the book prior to attending; dolls are welcome but not required. Snack and Craft included. Ages 6 to 9.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

Dedication of the Little Free Library. 4:30 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Dedication of the Little Free Library memorial for Jane Seemam at the Little Library of Vienna, 131

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Local Author Anna Whiston-Donaldson. 7:30 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Anna Whiston-Donaldson is a local blogger (An Inch of Gray) whose 12-year-old son was tragically killed when he was swept away in a freak neighborhood flood in Vienna in 2011. Her book, Rare Bird: A Memoir of Loss and Love, comes out this month. Join the author to learn about her story and the book that came out of her experience. Books available for sale and signing. Adults. **Colvin Run Tuesday Dance for Everyone.** 6:30-10 p.m. Colvin Run Community Gall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Come participate in weekly dance lessons ranging from 'Dance of the Month to General with Hustle, Shug, Latin and more. Admissions: \$12. 703-435-5620 or Ed Cottrell, EdCottrell@MACP.org.

Great Falls Writer's Group. 7-9 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Author Pamela Palmer discusses her newest book, "Wulfe Untamed," with the GFWG while the audience engages in intellectual stimulation and interesting dialogue. Come for a light potluck dinner at 7. Free admissions. Call 703-757-8560 for more info.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

Pokemon League, 4:30-6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come play in Pokemon with friends, or meet new ones. For ages 5-15.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

Great Falls Rotary Club. 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls. Weekly meeting and speaker series. If interested in joining, visit <http://www.rotarygreatfalls.org>.

Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists get together for weekly coffee. Drop in.

Reading Buddies. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Grab a book, grab a buddy! Beginning readers and teens practice reading together.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

Drop-in Chess. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Weekly drop-in chess games in the library meeting room. All ages welcome.

Look at the Stars! Open Observatory. 7:30-10:30 pm.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Cars & Coffee. 7-9 a.m. Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Every Saturday come find an assortment of antique, custom, exotic, sports cars and more. With coffee.

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Falls Village, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Bring your recyclable bag and participate in the local movement. Farmers from around the area sell their vegetables, fruits, crepes, drinks and more.

Turner Farm's Back to Schooling Show. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Turner Farms, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. A chance to show off your skills as an equestrian. Open to all ages. Admissions: \$10 for participants and \$15 per class. Visit <http://www.turnerfarmevents.com>.

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Evening of Art Fundraiser. 7-10 p.m. The Home of Richard & Mary Kelly on the Potomac, Great Falls. Enjoy food & drinks while viewing the vast collection of original paintings & drawings from the Golden Age of American Illustrators 1890-1925. All are welcome, but space is limited. Register at <http://www.greatfallsart.org/evening-of-art/>

McLean Community Center's Annual Harvest Happening Festival. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. General admission is \$5 at the door; admission is free for children up to 36 months old. Piglets, chickens, goats and guinea pigs are just a few of the many farm animals young children ages 3-8 will be able to see and/or touch.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

Colvin Run Tuesday Dance for Everyone. 6:30-10 p.m. Colvin Run Community Gall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Come participate in weekly dance lessons ranging from 'Dance of the Month to General with Hustle, Shug, Latin and more. Admissions: \$12. 703-435-5620.

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Oakton Football Beats T.C., Improves to 3-0

Cougars force six Titan turnovers.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Leading by 10 points in the fourth quarter, the Oakton Cougars had a chance to put away T.C. Williams on Saturday afternoon, but lost a fumble deep in Titans territory.

Two plays later, Oakton senior linebacker David Allely got the ball right back, recovering a fumble at the T.C. 16-yard line. This time, the Cougars wouldn't let the Titans off the hook.

Junior quarterback Sal Tutone connected with junior receiver Jarrett Bacon for game-clinching 16-yard touchdown with 7:09 remaining and the Oakton football team defeated T.C. Williams 24-7 on Sept. 13 in Alexandria.

Oakton scored three offensive touchdowns and a field goal during a rainy day at T.C. Williams High School, but the Cougars' defense was the primary reason they remained undefeated. Oakton (3-0) forced six Titan turnovers, including a fumble recovery on the game's opening possession. The Cougars recovered three T.C. Williams fumbles and intercepted Titans quarterback Darius Holland three times.

"I think our defense played great, especially toward the end, just causing the turn-



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Oakton running back Patrick Francisco carries the ball against T.C. Williams on Sept. 13.

overs," Allely said. "... The defensive line stopped the run pretty much the whole game."

Oakton limited T.C. Williams (1-1) to 81 yards on the ground, while Holland completed just 5 of 17 passes for 119 yards.

"We felt confident if we were able to stop the run game, they wouldn't be able to consistently move the ball against us in the air,

either," Oakton head coach Jason Rowley said. "We put them in some bad positions because we were able to take away half of their offense in terms of stopping the run."

Allely, a three-year starter who transitioned from defensive lineman to linebacker as a senior, finished with an interception and two fumble recoveries.

"He's a scholarship kid," Rowley said.

"He's really good."

While Allely, listed at 6 feet 1, 208 pounds, was a force on defense, the Oakton offense was led by an athlete of considerably smaller stature.

Sophomore running back Patrick Francisco, listed at 5 feet 3, 132 pounds, carried the ball 26 times for 80 yards and a touchdown. Francisco scored on a 2-yard run during the Cougars' opening drive.

"My confidence in him is due to the work he put in in the offseason," Rowley said. "He worked super hard this offseason with weights. I know he looks very diminutive. He's very small, but nobody ever hits him square."

Oakton led 10-7 at halftime after kicker Nick Delgado booted a 30-yard field goal late in the second quarter. The Cougars extended their lead to 17-7 in the third quarter, when Bacon threw a 51-yard touchdown pass to junior Derrick Beale on a trick play.

Tutone completed 7 of 16 passes for 62 yards and a score.

Last season, Oakton opened with a 38-2 home loss to T.C. Williams. The Cougars won their next four games, but finished the season 5-5 and missed the playoffs.

This year, Oakton is off to a 3-0 start, including wins over Woodson and Madison.

"I think we're feeling pretty good," Allely said. "It's early in the season. We haven't started district play, so we've got a lot of work to do."

Oakton will host Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19.

Marshall Field Hockey Loses in Strokes to Mount Vernon

Statesmen fall despite 14-6 advantage in penalty corners.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Marshall field hockey team held a 9-4 advantage in penalty corners during regulation of Monday's contest against Mount Vernon.

In the closing seconds of the second half, junior Victoria Novak smacked the ball just outside the left post, but none of her Statesmen teammates were there to put the ball in the cage.

In overtime, the Statesmen held a 5-2 advantage in corners, but failed to score.

Marshall had opportunities to capture a victory on Sept. 15, but the Statesmen failed to find the back of the cage. Instead, Marshall went to strokes with Conference 13 foe Mount Vernon, and Majors goalkeeper McKenzie Moore came up clutch.

Moore made three saves during the shootout, helping the Majors to a 0-0 (3-



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Marshall's Chelsea Taylor (5) defends Mount Vernon's Amber Sable during Monday's game at Mount Vernon High School.

2) victory over the Statesmen at Mount Vernon High School.

Marshall held a 2-1 advantage after three rounds of strokes. However, Moore saved the Statesmen's final two attempts, while Mount Vernon capitalized on its final two and walked away a winner.

"You just have to stay calm," Moore said. "Strokes are not designed for keepers to really save, and if you do save it, it's like you're a hero. [You can't] put a lot of pressure on yourself."

Marshall senior captain Lauren Kaup and Novak each converted a stroke during the shootout. Junior goalkeeper Emma Frasier made one save.

Marshall head coach Christina Carroll said the Statesmen lacked a sense of urgency.

"The way we played, it was disappointing because we weren't really going to goal, we were letting things come back out," she said. "Our second effort wasn't there. ... Sometimes the girls don't realize you can end it here, or you can play for 25 more minutes."

The loss dropped Marshall's record to 7-3. The Statesmen will host McLean at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17.



(From left) are Zach Pavis, Cadence Hinnant and Jackson Van Ness with the train layout they built together.



Playing with a wooden train set at the show is Maame Siamba, 5 1/2, of Vienna.

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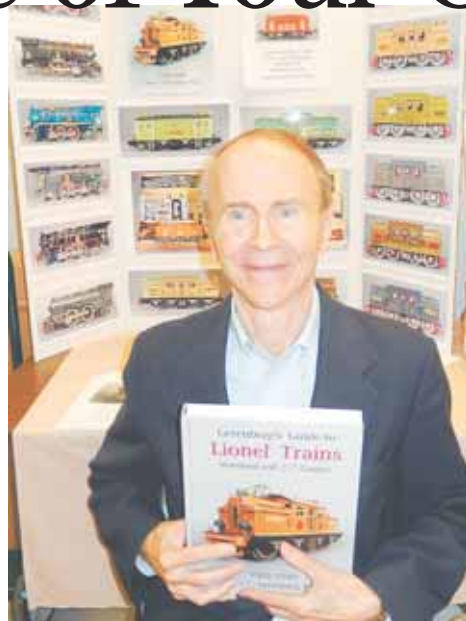
BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Featuring 45 tables of trains and train accessories, a "train doctor" who repaired broken trains and an operating layout built by three boys, the Train Collectors Sale and Show was held Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Vienna Firehouse.

Participants included Bruce Greenberg, who was there promoting his latest book, "Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains." It's his sixth revision of that book and extensively documents the yearly changes Lionel has made to its trains.

He's a member of the WB&A chapter of the Train Collectors Assn., which put on this show. He's written 21 books on model trains, and his company, Kalmbach, publishes "Model Railroader" magazine.

Clem Clement of Fairfax was there demonstrating Bauer's Spiral Railway, a circular track patented in 1923. He's the past president of the Train Collectors Association



Bruce Greenberg holds his latest book.

and buys, sells and repairs model trains. As for the vertical, spiral railroad track he displayed, Clement called it "a fun toy. It

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Clem Clement displays Bauer's Spiral Railway.

has a tin-plate train that runs downhill by gravity."

Another highlight of the show was the

operating train layout built by three middle-school students, Zach Pavis, Cadence Hinnant and Jackson Van Ness. It comprised 300-400 pieces, including scenery, and took them about five hours to set up.

Zach and Cadence are both seventh-graders at Flint Hill School in Oakton, and Jackson's an eighth-grader at Highland School in Warrenton. "What I think is cool about model railroading are the detailed scale models and all the mechanical motion, plus the history behind some of these things," said Zach, an Oakton resident.

"I like how creative you can get with it," said Cadence, of Fairfax. "You can do a lot more with a boxed set of trains than people believe you can; you can do lots of different things."

Jackson said he's always been interested in things that move. "You can kind of be in charge of your own, little world," he explained. "I like to duplicate scenes of real railroads and different operational railroads. And you can make a model railroad really simple or very complex."

Old Dominion Celebrates 23rd Debutante Ball

On July 19, 2014, the Old Dominion Cotillion ("ODC") held its Twenty-Third Annual Debutante Ball at Westfields Marriott in Chantilly. Family and friends who gathered for dinner and dancing celebrated the debut of four young women. The debutantes dressed in white ball gowns were formally presented and then escorted by cadets from Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Va. The school, founded in 1879, is the oldest continually operating military

school in Virginia.

The ODC announces the debut of its 2014 debutantes: Miss Eryn Burr Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua J. Cooper of Oakton, who is a senior at Oakton High School. Miss Tatiana Mi-Hae Galli, daughter of Mr. Paolo Galli and Dr. Suzanne Kim Doud of Washington, D.C., who will be a senior at Brookwood School; Miss Anna Heekyung Moon, daughter of Ms. Jenet Dokhee Ahn of Centreville, a senior at Westfield High School; and Miss Leilani Marie Wolf,

daughter of Mr. Christopher H. Wolf of Chantilly, and Ms. Grace Han Wolf and Mr. Michael Lamatrice of Herndon, who is a senior at Wakefield School.

The Old Dominion Cotillion is a women's organization that was established in 1991. It is an organization in which young women are educated in the social graces through enrichment, social and philanthropic activities to grow in confidence and poise. The ODC's social season begins with the annual fall invitational tea.



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Seated, from left, Miss Anna Heekyung Moon, Miss Leilani Marie Wolf, Miss Eryn Burr Cooper, Miss Tatiana Mi-Hae Galli

The ODC's new social season will commence with the annual Invitational Tea on Sunday, Sept. 28. If you would like to attend the tea or

want more information about the ODC, please contact us at info@olddominioncotillion.org or visit the website at www.olddominioncotillion.org.

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OBITUARY



Brendan Bernard Francis McKay, 30

Brendan Bernard Francis McKay, 30, passed away Monday, September 8, 2014, in Rome, Italy, following a tragic accident.

An AmeriCorps volunteer, artist, multi-instrumentalist, snowboarder, world traveler, counselor, historian, Ph. D. candidate, and Seanchai in the Irish storytelling tradition, Brendan was born June 30, 1984 in Summit, New Jersey, the second of Bernard and Mary McKay's four children. He grew up in Alexandria and McLean, Virginia, where he graduated from McLean High School in 2002.

Brendan began undergraduate studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, later attended Western Connecticut State University and John Cabot University in Rome, and in 2012 graduated magna cum laude from Rhode Island College with a Bachelor's in History. Most recently, Brendan completed his Master's degree in International Relations at St. John's University in Rome, Italy in June 2014.

Throughout his teens and early twenties, Brendan struggled with addiction issues. With the support of loved ones, he participated in therapeutic and rehabilitation programs in Utah, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Kansas. In 2008, Brendan emerged from this period secure in his recovery, and with a renewed passion for education, adventure, and experience which would come to define the rest of his life.

From 2008-2010, Brendan served with AmeriCorps as a volunteer with Big Brothers, Big Sisters in Worland, Wyoming. Within a matter of months he was promoted to Vice President of Development, going on to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars on behalf of at-risk youth, before leaving to accept a position as an AmeriCorps Program Manager in Rhode Island. Before leaving Wyoming he was urged by locals in Worland to stay and run for mayor. He was flattered and seriously considered it.

Brendan is remembered fondly by his loved ones in the U.S. and around the world for his legendary sense of humor, a classic Irish storyteller vividly sharing his many adventures. He ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. He rode a hot air balloon through the Atlas Mountains of Morocco. He skied across the Swiss-French border in the Alps, not entirely on purpose. Completing an Asian journey that included Malaysia, Cambodia and Nepal, he returned to Rome over the Himalayas and Mt. Everest. He criss-crossed the United States by car, camped in the badlands of North Dakota, and lived on a mountain in Southern California. During academic travel to North Korea he

became one of only a small number of Americans to have seen the demilitarized zone from the north side.

Brendan was also intellectually brilliant. He was an enthusiastic reader, with particular interest in philosophy, history, physics, and comparative religion. His collection of unusual tattoos included the Fibonacci sequence on his arm. His creativity and humor led to unique inventions; on one occasion, Brendan created what he called a "Scrabble-banjo," a playable banjo which he constructed from the wooden box of a Scrabble set — a game at which he was renowned as unbeatable.

At the time of his passing, he was looking forward to his doctoral work at King's College in London. His studies were to focus on the little-told story of the town of Fiumi on the Italy-Croatia border, which formed its own independent state in World War I in defiance of the warring countries around it.

Brendan's 6' 6" physical presence was the outer manifestation of an unusually humble, sensitive, self-deprecating person, whose generosity, kindness, and compassion for friends and family alike will never be forgotten. His beloved dog, Anastasia, is the physical embodiment of that kindness. Brendan had encountered a group of drug dealers about to shoot a young puppy for which they had no use. He persuaded them to let him adopt her in exchange for what little money he had in his pocket, a meager five dollars. For more than a decade, Anastasia has been a cherished member of the McKay family, displaying a level of emotional intelligence that is extraordinary to find in an animal.

Brendan was not immune to accidents, and indeed had scars going back to toddlerhood. But he always stood up, brushed himself off, and went at life again, charging boldly at every experience the world could offer. His enthusiasm for adventure inspired all who knew him.

Brendan is survived by his parents, Bernard and Mary, his two brothers, Patrick and Conor, his sister, Rosemary, sister-in-law Nora, and his beloved, Camilla Valeriano. He will be sorely missed.

A memorial service and Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island, on Saturday September 20, 2014, at 9:00A.M. A reception will follow at Ochre Court on the University campus. All are welcome. The family suggests, as an alternative to flowers, that contributions could be made to the Brendan McKay Memorial Scholarship Fund, Salve Regina University, Ochre Point, Newport, Rhode Island 02840 USA.

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