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(From left) Students James McVicker, Corina Gribble and Haly Yungwirth search for historic artifacts in the ground.

(From left) Park Authority senior archaeologist Christopher Sperling explains how to use total-station surveying equipment to James McVicker and Corina Gribble.

# ‘It’s Hands-On History’

## Oakton High student participates in archaeological dig.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**O**akton High junior Corina Gribble got to be part of history recently when she participated in an archaeological dig to find the remains of a home from the 1800s in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Centreville.

It’s believed to have been southeast of the stone house that’s now the Walney Visitor Center. But this wood-framed house burned down on Dec. 30, 1874; so under the direction of the Fairfax County Park Authority, students ages 12-16 tried to find evidence of its existence.

“The Park Authority has records of this event, but we don’t know where on the landscape it was,” said E.C. Lawrence Park Manager John Shafer during the dig. “The kids are using a \$14,000 piece of survey equipment to go from a control spot to the digging sites so, in the future, people will know exactly where these digs were.”

Then, said Shafer, they’d know where to investigate and search for remnants of the burned home next. “These are windows of information into the past,” he said.

And Gribble, 16, was happy to be part of the experience. “I’ve been wanting to find archaeological things to do, but you had to be 18 for most of them,” she said. “So this was an opportunity to be able to participate in a dig, myself.”

**BACK IN THE 1800S**, Lewis Machen, who was clerk of the U.S. Senate for 49 years, lived in the old stone house with his wife. But since his job frequently kept him away from home, his son James ran the family’s Walney farm and lived in the wood-framed house with his own family.

“We’ve already done research into histori-

cal records and genealogy and found information about that house that James left in a wooden box inside the wall of his parents’ home,” said Shafer.

“It’s our second time digging here,” said the Park Authority’s Megan Veness, who led the students’ archaeological dig. “Last year, we dug by the old Walney dairy and found stoneware, nails and other things related to daily life in the 1800s. Here, we found some artifacts, but no evidence of the home’s structure.”

Making it tougher, said Shafer, is that “After the fire, James might have cleaned up the area and thrown away the debris from the burned house.”

But, said Veness, “You never know what you’ll find until you start digging.” That’s why the students’ efforts were so valuable.

“It’s not only a chance for us to get the research done, but to expose the kids to applied science,” said Shafer. “Their notes will be part of the official record, so they’ll have their stamp on history. And it gets them involved in managing the resources of their own, county park.”

The story of the fire is both sad and compelling. “James and his wife had eight children, but only four survived to adulthood,” said Shafer. “On Christmas Eve in 1874, James’s 2-year-old daughter, Mary, died. And a week later, the house burned down due to a ‘poorly constructed chimney,’ where the fire started. The family lost nearly everything they had and moved into and expanded the stone house. So we want to know exactly where they were living when the fire happened.”



Oakton High’s Corina Gribble looks in the surveying equipment’s sight.

“We’re now writing a complete human history of life here and how it affected or changed the landscape,” continued Shafer. “We have written records, oral histories and some archaeological artifacts, and now we’re putting it all together.”

**DURING THE DIG**, said Haly Yungwirth, who’s homeschooled, “We found a lot of clay deposits, but all the stuff we found could be from any time period. For example, we found a plastic lid next to a shard of pot-

tery. So we’re digging the disturbed and undisturbed areas separately, so as not to confuse the time periods.”

“I’ve really enjoyed it,” said Gribble. “It’s fun — slow, but steady work. I like digging, learning how to do archaeology and finding even the smallest piece of pottery. We’ve found ceramics, glass, nails and mortar used with bricks. We also found thin, smooth flakes that we think were created when people were making arrowheads.”

Yungwirth said it was a good opportunity to learn how long an archaeological dig takes and “gives people a more realistic idea of this field before they go into it. It can be exciting if you have the patience for it, and you get to socialize with others.”

“I’ve always found this field interesting, and it’s also a way to experience the history we’ve read about in school,” said Gribble. “You get to dig, find something, hold it and uncover [details about] people’s lives that others haven’t heard about. I’m thinking of going into cultural anthropology — the

study of different cultures and how they interacted with other cultures and with their environment — so archaeology goes hand-in-hand with that.”

Park Authority senior archaeologist Christopher Sperling said the students participating in this dig will “hopefully get a better understanding of history, artifacts and how people lived in the 1800s. It’s hands-on history.”

All in all, added Yungwirth, “It’s pretty cool.”

## Marriage Equality in Fairfax and Beyond

### County courthouse marries all couples.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

**W**earing matching hot pink outerwear and short, spiky hair in front of the Fairfax County Government Center on Oct. 6, Yvonne Landis and Melodie Mayo of Falls Church were the first same sex couple to say “I do” in the county.

After nearly two decades of commitment, the couple was able to make their love official after the U.S. Supreme Court denied a writ of certiorari in the case that overturned the state’s gay marriage ban.

“On Sept. 30, I was diagnosed with breast cancer,” said Landis. “We felt that is was an important thing to have that legal status.”

She was lucky, she said, that it was caught early.

She was on the phone looking up marriage options in other states when she saw a newsflash on her television stating that courthouses around the state were allowed to perform same-sex weddings, effective immediately.

**BY THE TIME** she got there with her now wife, Mayo, the minister was set up outside. The couple rushed into the courthouse, signed a marriage certificate, and asked the minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, to perform their marriage ceremony.

Fairfax County Government Public Information Officer Ellen O’Brien said she did not have a number of how many same-sex couples married at the government building last week.

“We cannot answer the question of how many ‘same-sex marriage’ licenses were is-



PHOTO BY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF FAIRFAX  
**Yvonne Landis and Melodie Mayo of Falls Church were wed by Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig on Oct. 6, becoming the first same-sex couple wed legally in the county.**

sued on a given day, precisely because we treat all people equally — we do not track that query,” she said.

However, she said a total of 24 couples received marriage licenses on Monday, Oct. 6 and 21 couples received them on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

“This is a historic and long overdue moment for our Commonwealth and our country,” said Gov. Terry McAuliffe in a statement issued on Oct. 6. “On issues ranging from recognizing same-sex marriages to extending health care benefits to same-sex spouses of state employees, Virginia is already well-prepared to implement this historic decision. Going forward we will act quickly to continue to bring all of our policies and practices into compliance so that we can give marriages between same-sex

partners the full faith and credit they deserve.”

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine issued a statement on the eve of his arrival to India to meet with defense and foreign affair officials saying that he is celebrating alongside Virginians during the historic day.

“Today, we have taken a major step toward Jefferson’s ideal that ‘all men are created equal,’” he said.

Landis said she met Mayo in 1991 at a New Year’s Eve party and had a commitment ceremony in 1995. Two decades later, with Landis at 50 and Mayo at 58 years old, they finally were wed legally in their home state.

“It was a little surreal,” she said. “It was a bit overwhelming, but we were really happy for the state to recognize equality.”

### Free Ceremonies

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), a leading advocate for marriage equality in Fairfax County, is celebrating the Oct. 6 legalization of same-sex marriage in Virginia. To help make marriage a reality for the many Fairfax-area couples who have long dreamed of this opportunity, UUCF will offer clergy and facilities for brief religious marriage ceremonies free of charge through the end of the year. For more information on available dates and clergy, contact 703-281-4230 or uucf@uucf.org.

Even more so, she was overwhelmed with support when her family and neighbors found out about their courthouse union. When they first came out about 40 years ago, she said, it was taboo to even talk about, she said.

“That’s probably brought more tears than the whole thing,” she said.

According to NOVA Pride Vice President Kyle Rohen, many of the organization’s members had already married in other states because they were not expecting the opportunity to marry in Virginia to happen so soon.

He said he heard about the news as he was driving.

“I had to immediately pull the car over and tell my husband we were finally married in Virginia,” he said.

**HIS WEDDING WAS** in August 2011 in Washington D.C. to a Herndon resident.

“At the time, we didn’t think that Virginia would have marriage equality for another decade,” he said. “As a transplant from Louisiana, I found that Virginia was surprisingly accepting of me and my husband.”

Although marriage equality is a reality for Virginians, he said the fight for gay rights are not over.

“While I am very thankful that Virginia has marriage equality, we still don’t have equality in many states, and they won’t have that equality for the foreseeable future.”

## Bellini Salon Hosts ‘Princess and Firefighter Party’

### Transformation for girls and boys donated by Bellini staff.

**T**he Bellini Salon of Vienna welcomes children 14 and under to become either a “princess” for a day, or firefighter, at its “Princess and Firefighter Party” to benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. On Sunday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bellini is transformed into a magical place where little girls can have their hair made up and nails painted, crowned with a tiara, and little boys can pretend to be a firefighter-for-a-day. Salon staff is donat-

ing their time and expertise to the fundraiser.

Two years ago, Bellini hosted a fundraiser on behalf of MADD, raising approximately \$1,500 over four hours. Dr. Scott Gerrish hopes to surpass that amount this year by \$500.

“Vienna supports Bellini,” said Gerrish. “I said, ‘let’s give back.’” Gerrish approached stylist and VVFD board member Judi Medwedeff, who organized the event.

An updo and tiara is priced at \$25, nail painting at \$10. Boys will have their hair spiked for \$15. A fire engine from Station



PHOTO BY DR. SCOTT GERRISH

**Reagan Gerrish was six years old when she did her “princess” make-over at Bellini Salon.**

All proceeds are donated to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

Princess and firefighter services are available for children 14 and under. Appoint-

ments are limited and must be prepaid.

Bellini Salon and MedEsthetics is located at 112 Pleasant Street SW. Call 703-255-2555 to book or visit [www.bellinibeauty.com](http://www.bellinibeauty.com) for details.

— DONNA MANZ

2, Vienna, will be on-duty for picture-taking.

Mrs. Virginia and Miss D.C. made guest appearances at the debut “Princess” party. Mrs. Virginia is expected to attend again this year. “It was incredible to watch the little girls look up to them,” said Gerrish.



Linda Lovell painted "Lake Como."

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Diana Eichler with (from left) "Meadowlark Willow" and "Monet's Home at Giverny."

# Oil Paintings, Watercolors, Collages and More

ValeArts presented its 19th annual fall art show, "Transitions," Oct. 3-5, at the Vale Schoolhouse in Oakton.



Kathy Bodycombe with "Olive Trees."



Art teacher Laura Bealey captured her Oakton backyard in "Autumn Light."



Lorrie Herman's watercolor, "Le Fontaine Bleu."



Traci Oberle's display of object-driven collages.



Songmi Heart presents "A Dream Nest."

## Family Halloween Party

Vienna's annual Family Halloween Party for children ages 4 through 12 will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, from 2-3 p.m., outside the Vienna Community Center. Admission is free and attendees should come in costume.

The event will include games, crafts, door prizes and a hayride; it's sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and the Optimist Club of Vienna. For more information, call 703-255-6360. If it rains, the party will be held in the gym.

## Vienna Town Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Vienna Town Council is Monday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m., in the Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. S.

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## Coming: Children's Connection

**D**uring the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families.

The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as summer is over.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in .jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the

best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

### EDITORIAL

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Email submissions for the Children's Connection to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com).

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 8.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Connection, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 8. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

## Halloween Parties, SoberRide

Halloween is now as much of an adult party as a children's festival. Along with the Fourth of July, the holiday period including New Year's Eve and a few other dates, Halloween stands

out as a holiday connected to increases in drinking and driving.

If you will be out celebrating with alcohol, you can plan ahead. Assign a designated driver. Celebrate at home. Take public transportation. But if these plans fall through, the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) Halloween SoberRide program provides a safety net.

For six hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, SoberRide serves as a way to keep impaired drivers off the road. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home.

For more information visit [www.wrap.org](http://www.wrap.org)

## Last Call for Letters

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 24 to be considered for publication ahead of Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Letters should be original, and include the writer's full name and address; we will print your town name, not your full address. Letters will be under 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com)

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## Responding to Domestic Violence in Fairfax County

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**D**omestic violence is a prevalent issue in Fairfax County and in some cases, too many cases, even result in fatalities. In fact, approximately 50 percent of the homicides occurring in the community are a direct result of domestic violence.

Relatively low homicide rates in the community overall prove that proactive public safety efforts are effective, but the presence of any domestic violence, regardless of the outcome, can not and should not be tolerated.

Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization that operates Artemis House, Fairfax County's only 24-hour emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking.

In a community comprising more than 1 million members,

with just 34 beds, Artemis House regularly stretches beyond capacity to accommodate those in need. Shelter House, Inc. also provides transitional housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence through the Community Housing Resources Program and NOVACO.

Shelter House also operates the Katherine Hanley and Patrick Henry Family Shelters where 33 percent of the homeless population experienced domestic violence.

The recently trending hashtag, #WhyIStayed, illustrates the complexities a victim faces when leaving the abuser and these programs are crucial in ensuring safe housing is available. However, these programs alone are not enough to eradicate domestic violence in our community.

Shelter House works alongside law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, probation officers, courts, judges, offender service providers, mental health provid-

ers, homeless services and other human service providers to implement a coordinated community response orchestrated by Fairfax County's Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Each service component contributes to meeting the unique needs of those fleeing domestic violence.

Measuring the effectiveness of a collaborative response such as this can be challenging, but studies have shown that combining approaches in a coordinated effort reduces future incidents of violence. Collaboration is the solution to increasing victim safety and decreasing future violence in our community and your help is needed to continue our efforts.

Shelter House is participating in The Allstate Foundation's "Purple Purse Challenge," a project that is aimed at raising awareness and building the financial empowerment of domestic violence survivors. The Allstate Foundation part-

ners with leading national and local nonprofits to expand their efforts and Shelter House is honored to have been selected to participate. To learn more about the Purple Purse Challenge and to make a donation, visit [www.shelterhouse.org](http://www.shelterhouse.org). Contributions go directly to supporting our programs serving survivors of domestic violence. With 1-in-4 women estimated to have experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, expansion is needed to adequately serve those fleeing domestic violence in our community and ultimately work towards ending the occurrence domestic violence altogether. We hope you'll join us in the "Purple Purse Challenge" to help raise funds and awareness as we change the conversation from #WhyIStayed to #HowIHelped."

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact the 24-hour hotline or Artemis House to discuss: 24 hour hotline/helpline: 703-360-7273, TTY: 703-435-1235 Artemis House: 703-435-4940

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## NEWS

# 'A Thurber Carnival' Comes to Town

Vienna Theatre Company presents 15 of James Thurber's most-recognized scenes.

**W**ith every production, the Vienna Theatre Company stretches its comfort zone. In this fall, 2014, production, VTC draws on a series of scenes based on The New Yorker (mostly) short pieces and cartoons of American humorist James Thurber. The two-act play, "A Thurber Carnival," offers 15 scenes that embrace light-hearted social situations and the culture of its time, from the mid-1920s to the late 1930s.

"It [the play] is enjoyable and silly, at times, and, as I often say, 'serious fun,'" said Director Denise Perrino.

Highlights include "If Grant Had Been Drinking at Appomattox," "The Secret life of Walter Mitty," and one of the most well-known, "File and Forget."

The cast of "A Thurber Carnival" includes residents of Vienna, Great Falls and McLean, as well as those from throughout Northern Virginia. They each have multiple roles and among their favorites.

Bill Doyle of Vienna said his favorite scene, "by far," is "If Grant Had Been Drinking at Appomattox," followed by a second-favorite of "Gentlemen Shoppers," a reference to the bygone days when big stores tried to lure husbands in to shop. In this scene, the gentlemen shoppers imbibe a bit too much. Although

Doyle has performed in more than 20 shows over his lifetime, this is his debut with the Vienna Theatre Company.

Vienna's Steven Palkovitz is also making his VTC debut. Besides his speaking roles, Palkovitz doubles as assistant stage manager. "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" is the role he enjoys playing the most.

Annie Kehrli of Great Falls rounds out the local cast, and, like Doyle and Palkovitz, is making her VTC debut, as well. She counts "Take Her Up Tenderly" as her favorite role.

"I think it's special that Thurber lived in Falls Church for a while," said Kehrli. "That makes this production a bit closer to home."

"A Thurber Carnival" runs on Oct. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1 at 8 p.m., and on Oct. 26 and

Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE. Denise Perrino directs.

Ticket prices for all ages are \$14 per person. Tickets are on sale at the Vienna Community Center front desk when center is open and on performance days. Call 703-255-6360 for information or go to <http://www.viennatheatrecompany.com/season/fall-2014-a-thurber-carnival-2/>.

—DONNA MANZ

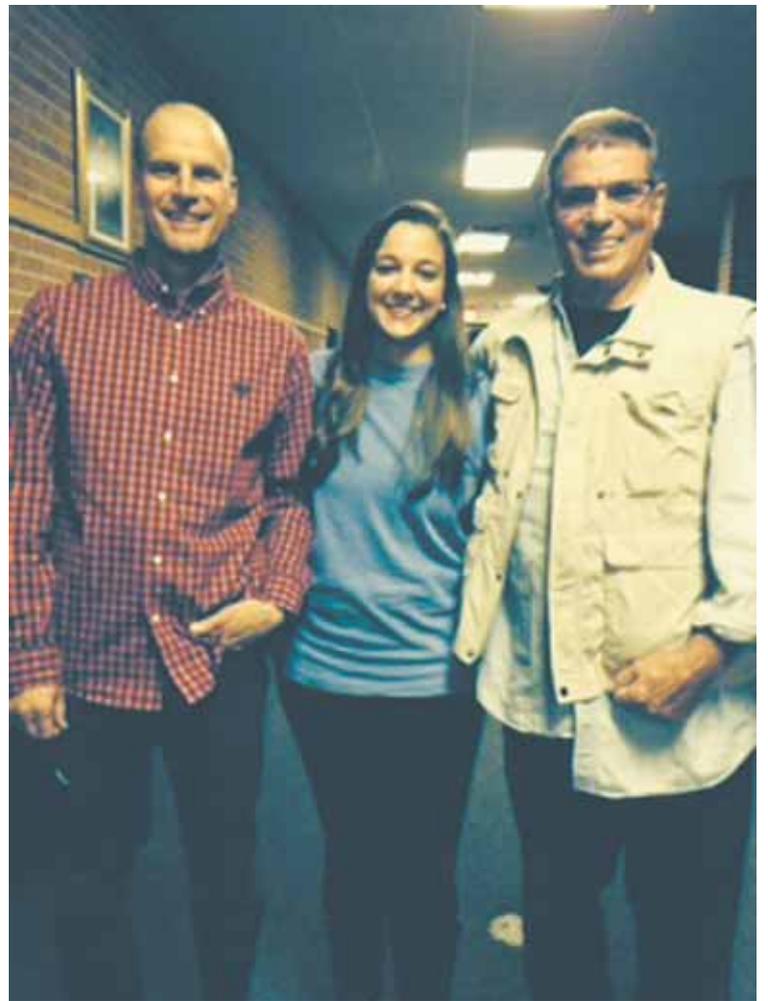


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**Steven Palkovitz and Bill Doyle of Vienna, and Annie Kehrli of Great Falls, appear in the Vienna Theatre Company's production of "A Thurber Carnival," opening at the Vienna Community Center on Oct. 17 and running for three weekends.**

**"It [the play] is enjoyable and silly, at times, and, as I often say, 'serious fun.'"**

—Director Denise Perrino.



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## FOOD & WINE

# Wine-themed Dinners Served in Area

A sampling of upcoming “themed” dinners in neighboring restaurants.

By DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

If the abundance of hosted “themed” dinners, particularly those paired with complementary wines, are an indication of popularity, one may then conclude that themed dinners are quite in vogue now. And fall seems to bring out seasonal themes, from harvest to rich beer, that celebrate nature and festivities. The restaurants featured not only serve finely-prepared cuisine, but, they are “good neighbors” to the area communities.

Here is a sampling of themed dinners open to the public from mid-October to mid-November.

❖ **Maple Avenue Restaurant** is intimate, unassuming, and loved by local folks. Owner/executive chef Tim Ma has a deft hand with updated classics. On Wednesday, Oct. 15, and Thursday, Oct. 16, beginning at 7 p.m., Ma hosts “tasting table” dinners. Only six seats are available each evening.

October’s tasting table dinner is dedicated to fall comfort food. The five-course dinner is \$59 per person and paired wines are available for an additional \$20 per person. Ma selects fresh, sustainably-farmed ingredients for his dishes.

To reserve a seat, e-mail name, phone number, dinner date, number of seats and any food allergies or restrictions to [Joey@mapleaverestaurant.com](mailto:Joey@mapleaverestaurant.com). Or call 703-319-2177.

Maple Avenue Restaurant is located at 147 Maple Ave. West, across the street from the Vienna Drug Center. To stay updated with menu selections, check out the restaurant’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MapleAveRestaurant>.

❖ **Bazin’s on Church** hosts a Joseph Phelps Vineyards wine-paired dinner on Monday, Oct. 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Oysters Casino partnered with a Sauvignon Blanc opens the menu, followed by salmon croquettes with a wild mushroom ragout paired with a Freestone Chardonnay. Third course is seared duck breast, sourdough bread pudding accompanied by Fog Dog Pinot Noir. For the fourth and main course, Chef Patrick is preparing Creekstone Farms New York strip steak, accented with a cabernet sauvignon sauce, paired with a Cabernet Sauvignon.

Dessert is fried apple pie with salted caramel ice cream.

Cost per person is \$115, excluding tax and gratuity. Reservations are required; call 703-255-7212 to book and confirm with credit card.

For full menu and cancellation fine print, go to [http://www.bazinsonchurch.com/josephphelps?no\\_redirect=true](http://www.bazinsonchurch.com/josephphelps?no_redirect=true).

❖ **LAuberger Chez Francois**, in Great Falls, has been celebrating its 60th anniversary all year with specialty and themed dinners and special events. From wine-paired dinners with music to garden-to-



PHOTO COURTESY OF BAZIN'S ON CHURCH

**Bazin’s on Church is well-known in Vienna for its wine-paired dinners. Owners Julie and Patrick Bazin, executive chef, visit vineyards personally. The restaurant’s Joseph Phelps wine dinner is on Oct. 20.**

table feasts, Chez Francois offers a selection of twice-monthly special hostings.

An Alsatian-styled inn set amidst a Great Falls country retreat, Chez Francois — under the direction of executive chef Jacques Haeringer — continues the tradition of classic French cuisine and attentive customer service brought to life by Papa Francois Haeringer.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, LAuberger Chez Francois hosts a Quintessa Family Estates Wine Dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jacques Haeringer is joined by Master Sommelier Larry Stone. Quintessa Estates Winery includes a valley, a lake, five hills, four microclimates and many soil types, producing 40 very different wine lots from 26 different vineyard blocks.

The wine celebration begins with hors d’oeuvres and an Illumination Sauvignon Blanc. Dinner starts off with a roulade of lemon sole stuffed with Julienne Vegetables and accompanied by Flowers Chardonnay. Dinner continues with grilled Gulf shrimp and a root vegetable puree and a Flowers Pinot Noir. A roasted veal loin chop with wild mushrooms takes center-stage, paired with a Faust Cabernet Sauvignon and a Quintessa Rutherford.

Hazelnut and almond cake with hazelnut sauce closes the meal. Cost per person is \$165, all-inclusive. Chez Francois accommodates dietary concerns.

For full menu and details and to book, go to <http://www.laubergerchezfrancois.com/cooking-demos-wine/?ee=64> or call 703-759-3800. LAuberger Chez Francois sits on a country road at 332 Springvale Road, Great Falls.

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## THROUGH NOV. 13

**Adventures in Learning.** 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Seniors: come in and learn during classes you can attend on a variety of topics of interest from health issues to world affairs for all adults age 50 or older, all taught by volunteer experts. Tuition payment of \$40 entitles you to attend any of the classes you like offered during the fall session. The class schedule and registration form will be available on: [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org). You may print the registration form and mail it at any time during the term with your payment.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 16

**Reading Buddies.** 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Beginning readers and teens practice reading together.

**Black 47.** 7 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Black 47 plays a uniquely Irish form of rock 'n' roll that touches on many social and political issues, and yet is never less than entertaining and riveting. Purchase tickets at: [jamminjava.com/](http://jamminjava.com/)

**Sam Amidon with Bill Frisell and Shahzad Ismaily.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk artist Sam Amidon performs with jazz guitarist Frisell, bassist Ismaily, and rebel rock guitarist Cy Dune. Tickets: \$25-\$27. For more information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Evening Book Group.** 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Call branch for the title of the book being discussed, 703-757-8560.

**Book Sale.** All day. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Wide selection in excellent condition for all ages.

**Bunco! Fun-raising for the arts!** 7-9 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. A FUNraiser for the arts benefiting the Vienna Arts Society. Enjoy wine and Halloween-themed refreshments. See the current art show, "Autumn Glows," featuring dozens of works by Kinda Barazi and other VAS members. Win artsy prizes. No experience is needed to play. \$20. Call to make your reservation, 703-319-3971. [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 16-

### SATURDAY/NOV. 1

**Great Pumpkin Gathering.** 6-10 p.m. Town Square at Tysons II, Tysons Blvd., Tysons Corner. Artisan pumpkin carvers showcase a display that changes every day. [www.tysonspartnership.com](http://www.tysonspartnership.com).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-19

**11th Annual Great Falls Studios Art Tour.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 1144 Walker Road, Suite G, Great Falls. Join Great Falls Studios on a self-guided driving tour to art studios tucked along the scenic roads of Great Falls. [www.greatfallsstudios.com/](http://www.greatfallsstudios.com/)

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 17-18

**"A Thurber Carnival."** 8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. "A Thurber Carnival" is a collection of humorous scenes from American life including some of Thurber's most celebrated and insightful satires based on his cartoons and humorous short pieces from The New Yorker magazine. Tickets: \$14. [www.viennatheatrecompany.org](http://www.viennatheatrecompany.org)

## FRIDAY/OCT. 17

**Book Sale.** All day. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Wide selection in excellent condition for all ages.

**Drop-in Chess and Backgammon.** 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. All skill levels welcome.

**Drop-In Chess.** 1-6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All ages are welcome.

**Look at the Stars!** 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Turner Farm Park, Springvale Road, Great Falls. For more information visit Observatory Open. Come to the observatory park for Friday Night viewings. [www.analemma.org/](http://www.analemma.org/).

**Masters of Hawaiian Music.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Kona-born George Kahumoku Jr. will perform selections indigenous to Hawaii. Tickets: \$25-\$30. For more information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 18

**Cars & Coffee.** 7-9 a.m. Located at 760 Walker Road Great Falls. Gathering of antique, custom and exotic cars at Katie's Coffee House.

**Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Bring recyclable bags. For more information visit [www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org).

**October Bulb Sale.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market, Center Street, Vienna. The Ayr Hill Garden Club will host their annual Spring bulb sale. This is the opportunity to buy unique premium spring blooming, fall planted, bulbs. Some of the many specialty bulbs offered include: four varieties of Alliums, the "Pittsburgh" tulip and an "instant garden" mix of bulbs. Sale proceeds go to support the five public gardens planted and maintained by Ayr Hill Garden Club in Vienna.

**Annual Vale Fall Fair.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. Vale Schoolhouse will once again be sponsoring its annual Fall Fair for the community. Free.

**Finding Wholesale Happiness in a Retail World.** 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Jeff Yeager (the Ultimate Cheapskate) delivers practical and even life changing advice about money, happiness, and our consumer culture. Books available for sale and signing. Adults. Free. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library).

**Family Halloween Party.** 2-3 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. The hauntingly good time will feature festive games, crafts, door prizes, a hayride and fun for everyone. Come in costume. Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and Optimist Club of Vienna. 703-255-6360.

**Cheesetopia.** 2-5 p.m. Balducci's Food Lover's Markets, 6655 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Balducci's will host their second Cheesetopia. Jennifer Ong, [jong@bratskeir.com](mailto:jong@bratskeir.com).

**Alexandra Nechita.** 6-9 p.m. Wentworth Gallery Tysons Galleria, 1807 U. International Drive, McLean. Artist visit. RSVP, 703-883-0111 or [tysons@wentworthgallery.com](mailto:tysons@wentworthgallery.com).

**An Evening of Indian Dance.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Traditional dance featuring classical and folk Indian dance and music performed by professional dancers from the Indian Dance Educators Association. Tickets: \$20-\$25. For more information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Vocal Trash.** 8 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The group's Broadway-style show features world-class singing, industrial drumming, light-hearted comedy and award-winning break dancing. \$20/\$15 MCC district residents. [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

**Ballroom Dance.** 8-9 p.m. Tango Lesson. 9 -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](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**Black & White Masquerade.** 7-10 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Don your finest Black & White apparel and join ArtSpace

Herndon in celebrating its second annual Fall Gala. Enjoy an evening to support The Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts with hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine, champagne, prizes and live music. Limited tickets. \$25 single, \$40 couple. Call 703-956-6590 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

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## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-19

**Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair.** 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A variety of different activities and crafts will be available as well as traditional foods. \$3-\$6. 703-442-7557.

**Tyson's Harvest Festival.** 12-6 p.m. Town Square at Tysons II, Tysons Blvd., Tysons Corner. Crafter exhibits, cider, pumpkins, country music, tastings, farm mart and kids fun zone. [www.tysonspartnership.com](http://www.tysonspartnership.com)

## SUNDAY/OCT. 19

**Neighbors Feeding Neighbors 5K.** 9 a.m. 7925 Jones Branch Dr, McLean. Funds go to Foods for Others to support those living in poverty in Northern Virginia. \$38. <https://runsignup.com>

**Wasmuth String Quartet.** 4 - 6 p.m. Saint Francis Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. This concert will feature works by Anton Webern, Joseph Haydn, and Maurice Ravel. Tickets are \$30 at the door. Season passes are available for purchase online, at [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com), or at 703-759-5334.

**Paula Cole.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer and songwriter Paula Cole will perform. Tickets: \$25-\$27. For more information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Chamber Music Concerts.** 3 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Free chamber music concerts cosponsored by the Music Friends of the Fairfax County Public Library and The Alden.

**Grinding Grain.** 12-3 p.m. 10017 Colvin Run Road Great Falls. The miller will be grinding, conditions permitting. Cornmeal, grits and whole wheat flour for sale in the General Store. For more information call 703-759-2771.

## MONDAY/OCT. 20

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Join in for stories, songs and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult.

**Kids Book Club.** 5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Featuring the Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman. Ages 8-12.

**Lachlan Bryan.** Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Winner of the alt-country Album of the Year at the 2014 Australian Country Music Awards, Lachlan Bryan & The Wildes are on their Black Coffee USA Tour. 703-255-1566.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 19 - TUESDAY/OCT. 21

**Kay Witt Pastel Workshop.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. The workshop will include warm up exercises of Kay's light touch application technique using multiple layers of pastels on mounted velour paper, photo transfer techniques to the painting surface, an eye study exercise, painting demonstrations and individual instruction. \$300. To register go to [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org). 703-956-6590.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 21

**Lego Club.** 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop in and play with LEGOs. For preschool and school-aged children.



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## Here's What's Happening at MCC

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**Onstage @ The Alden**  
**Vocal Trash**  
Saturday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m.  
\$20/\$15 MCC district residents

**Silent Film Series**  
**Alfred Hitchcock's**  
**"Blackmail" (1929)**  
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.  
\$12/\$8 MCC district residents

**Haunted Gingerbread**  
**House Workshop**  
Thursday, Oct. 23, 6:30-8 p.m.  
\$45 per house/\$35 MCC district residents  
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**Monster Mash 5th &**  
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Friday, Oct. 24, 7-9 p.m.  
\$30/\$20 MCC district residents.  
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**ArtsPower's**  
**"The Monster Who**  
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Saturday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.  
\$15/\$10 MCC district residents

**Sunday Soirée Series Dance**  
**"Ghouls and Ghosts"**  
Sunday, Oct. 26, 3-5 p.m.  
Admission: \$15 per couple or \$8 single

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# The Private School Admissions Process

Local educators offer insider tips on how to select and get your child admitted to the perfect school.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

While this school year might still feel new, some parents are already thinking about next fall. Or if they're not, they should be. For parents who are considering sending their children to one of the area's private schools for the 2015-2016 school year, the application process should be underway.

"Now is the time to begin the independent school admission process for the 2015-2016 academic year," said Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Application deadlines vary by school, but generally fall between mid-December and late January.

"Parents often start the process by exploring school websites and speaking with trusted friends who have personal experience with specific schools. Doing your research may be time-consuming, but what

could be more important than finding the right educational fit for your child?"

Use this time to peruse school websites and get to know the schools you think might be a good fit for your child. "Go beyond the admission [web] pages," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md. "Read a school's magazine or its weekly parent memo. Follow a school's Facebook page or Twitter feed. Looking at a school through varied lenses will provide a better sense of culture at the school.

"Talk as a family about what would be the best kind of school for your child," she continued. "Coed versus single gender, traditional versus progressive, suburban versus urban, no uniform versus uniform, kindergarten through second versus kindergarten through eighth versus kindergarten through 12th."



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Visiting prospective schools will give parents and students a sense of the institution's atmosphere and culture.

Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses, and what they need to be happy and successful in school. "Keep your mind open," said Mulligan. "The spectrum of excellent schools in our area is broad, enabling parents to think beyond name recognition and focus on right fit when selecting a school."

There are a few factors for parents to consider: "Does a school's mission resonate with your family's values?" asks Dunning. "Will the curriculum challenge your child's strengths and support him or her in other areas?"

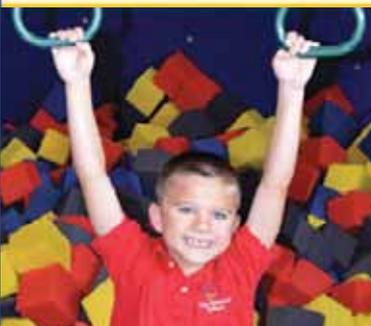
**PARENTS AND STUDENTS** should begin by creating a list of schools where they plan to apply and start contacting their top choices. "The most important piece of advice for a family is to visit the school website often. That is full of interesting stories about a school," said Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid at The Madeira School in McLean.

"Once you've narrowed down your choices, make plans to visit the schools. Tours have started, and there will be additional opportunities such as open houses, student visiting days, and curriculum nights," said Dunning. "It is important to experience the culture of the school to get an accurate picture. Each independent school has its own distinctive mission, and you will feel it as soon as you step onto campus."

Miller says open houses can help reduce the potential anxiety a student might have about other parts of the application process, such as an interview or standardized test, which are often requirements for private school admissions. She also suggests attending a school play or athletic event. "Those are great ways to see a school community."

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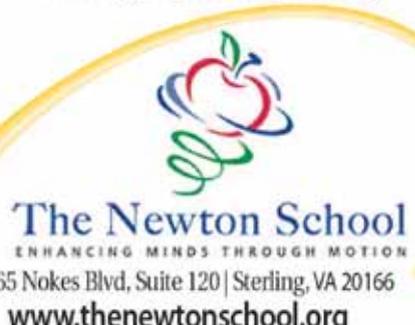



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**WEEK IN VIENNA**

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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 Oct 17.

**Vienna Retains AAA Bond Rating**

Sound fiscal management has enabled the Town of Vienna to retain its AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor's. AAA is S&P's highest rating, and it lets the town procure low-interest loans and save money on future projects.

**Halloween Costume Party**

A Halloween Costume Party and "Late Night Evening of Mild Fright" is slated for teenagers on Friday, Oct. 24, at 3:30 p.m. at the Club Phoenix Teen Center in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E.

Admission is free and teens are invited to dress in costume. There'll be games, food, a costume contest and age-appropriate Halloween movies. Students in grades six through eight may stay until 10 p.m. For more information, call 703-255-5721.

**Historic Vienna to Host Mount Vernon Miniature Club**

Historic Vienna, Inc. will host the Mount Vernon Miniature Club on Oct. 25 and 26, from noon to 4 p.m. each day, for an exhibit of doll houses, room boxes and doll house miniatures in various scales. The exhibit will be in the upstairs parlor and dining room of the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street, NE,

and members of the club will be there to answer questions about the exhibit, miniatures and collecting. Historic Vienna, Inc.'s exhibit on "The Country Store" continues throughout the year in the Freeman Store Exhibit Room. For information on both exhibits call 703-938-5187 or visit [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).

**Free Fall Band Concert**

The Town of Vienna Community Band performs its free, fall concert Sunday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E. It'll feature Halloween music by Leroy Anderson, Andrew Lloyd Webber, John Williams and other famous composers. No tickets are needed and the concert is open to all ages. Call 703-403-9179 or visit [www.viennacommunityband.org](http://www.viennacommunityband.org).

**SALT to Host Discussion on Social Change**

Social Action Linking Together (SALT) presents keynote speaker Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of Network, discussing working effectively for social change. She is a religious leader attorney and poet with extensive experience in public policy and advocacy. Also, there will be a Presentation by Teresa Gardner, recently featured on the CBS 60 Minutes program on the topic On the Road with The Health Wagon Story — Wise County, Va. Holly Coy of the Council on Childhood Success, will also speak. Date is Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at The American Legion Post 180, Patriot Hall, 330 Center St. North, Vienna. This event is free. All are welcome. Come to meet and greet and to network. For more information: Contact John Horejsi at [jhorejsi@cox.net](mailto:jhorejsi@cox.net) or visit the SALT web site at [www.S-A-L-T.org](http://www.S-A-L-T.org).

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## SPORTS

# Oakton Volleyball Succumbs to Injuries, Woodson

Sophomore Yang plays well in expanded role.

By JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Oakton volleyball team's starting setter and libero missed Monday's match against Woodson with ankle injuries. By the end of the night, the Cougars had lost a starting middle hitter to yet another ankle injury.

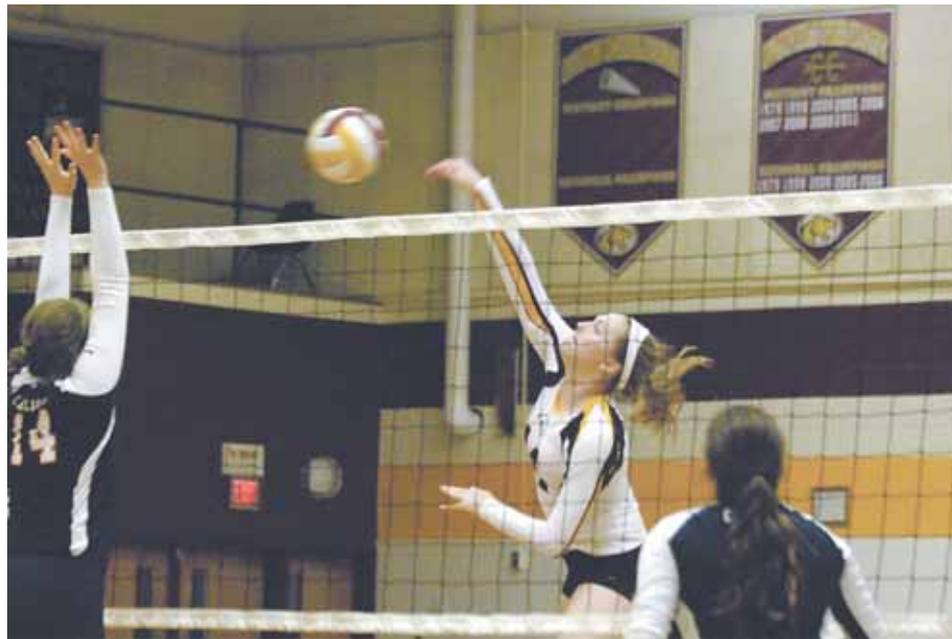
Oakton hung around early, winning the second set to even the match at 1-apiece. Eventually, however, the Cougars' unfamiliar rotations caught up with them and Woodson cruised to a 3-1 (25-18, 17-25, 25-11, 25-20) victory on Oct. 13 at Oakton High School.

After Oakton won the second set, Woodson took over behind the play of senior outside hitter Mackenzie Reed, who finished with 12 kills and four aces. The Cavaliers finished with 18 aces as a team.

"We just fell apart in some rotations," Oakton head coach Dan Courain said. "Woodson really gained a lot of confidence on their serve, they served tough. We just lost a lot of confidence on that serve-receive and [from] each rotation trying out something new. We just didn't have it in games three and four.

"... I will say injuries [were a problem], but that's no excuse."

Oakton started the match with junior setter Meghan Wood and junior libero Alex



Oakton junior Emily Heier had six kills against Woodson on Monday.

Marquis on the bench. Wood suffered an ankle injury and could miss the remainder of the season, Courain said. Marquis had been playing through an ankle injury, but she sat out of Monday's match with hopes of returning at 100 percent.

Senior middle hitter Camille Baechler suffered an ankle injury during the match.

With multiple teammates out, sophomore outside hitter Alice Yang, already one of the Cougars' best players, took on an expanded role, setting from the back row. She finished with eight kills, five digs and 10 assists.

"She did a spectacular job," Courain said. "... She really stepped up."

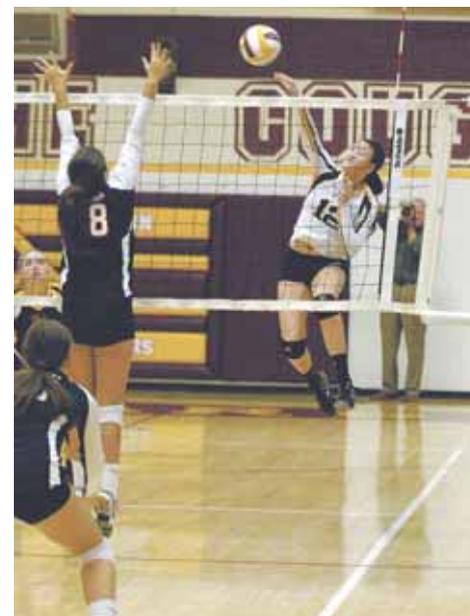
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Junior middle hitter Emily Heier finished six kills, three aces and four blocks. Junior libero Lindsey Wallen totaled a career-high 16 digs.

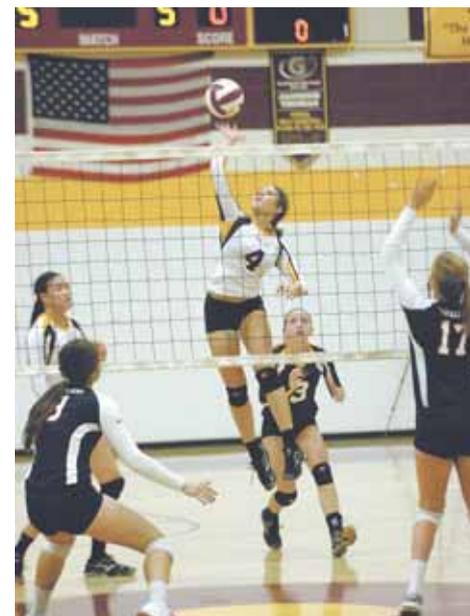
Courain said junior opposite hitter Coral Hulcher also played well.

The loss was Oakton's third straight and dropped its record to 12-9. The Cougars, who are 1-1 in Conference 5 matches, will travel to face Robinson at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16.

"We've got to be able to win," Courain said. "We've got another conference match Thursday against Robinson. ... We can't use injuries as an excuse."



Oakton sophomore outside hitter Alice Yang had eight kills, five digs and 10 assists while playing an expanded role against Woodson on Oct. 13.



Oakton senior middle hitter Camille Baechler suffered an ankle injury during Monday's match against Woodson.

# Herndon Field Hockey Unfazed by First Loss

Hornets to face Chantilly in regular-season finale.

By JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Herndon field hockey team felt the sting of surrendering three late goals in a 5-4 loss to defending 6A state champion Westfield on Oct. 8. Two days later, the Hornets showed it would take more than a disappointing defeat to derail their successful season.

Herndon blanked the Oakton Cougars 3-0 on Oct. 10 at Herndon High School. The Hornets improved to 14-1 overall and 3-1 against Conference 5 opponents.

The win over Oakton followed a last-second home loss to Westfield during which Herndon was in control until late in the second half. Head coach Mary Miller said Herndon led 4-2 with less than four minutes remaining when the Hornets thought they had scored a goal during a penalty corner. The officials conferenced, but no goal was awarded. From there, Miller said, momentum shifted and Westfield scored three goals in the final minutes, including the game-winner in the closing seconds.

"It was a tough loss," Miller said. "... [There were] a couple tough calls that were made that were [difficult] for our team [to overcome]. We didn't finish on top."

It was Herndon's first loss of the season and snapped a 13-game winning streak.

"Initially the loss was very hard, especially due to its dramatic fashion," Herndon senior forward Sofia Palacios wrote in an email. "However, despite the loss we played



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Sofia Palacios, seen earlier this season.

really well against a strong opponent. Every loss is a learning experience and this game allowed us to highlight our strengths and gave us the ability to see what we need to work on for future games."

Herndon's Taylor Stone scored two goals against Westfield, and Jamie Wright and

Grace Caron each scored one.

Two days after the loss, Herndon returned to its winning ways, posting its 10th shutout of the season during a win over Oakton.

"Having a game just two days after playing Westfield was good for the team because it gave us a chance to bounce back and move on," Palacios wrote. "Getting a solid conference win really got us back on track and ready for the remainder of the season. The Oakton game was by no means pretty but it showed that we can tough it out and get the win."

Wright, Caron and Stone each scored a goal against the Cougars.

"I think they responded really well," Miller said. "Even by the end of the [Westfield] game, they were disappointed but they keep everything in such great perspective."

## FOOD & WINE

**Wildfire Tysons Galleria hosts beer or wine-themed dinners monthly. Wildfire's focus is on steaks, chops and seafood.**



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# Restaurants Serve 'Themed' Dinners

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❖ **Pazzo Pomodoro** hosts monthly 4- to 5-course wine dinners featuring a global selection of wine varieties. The next wine dinner, spotlighting Conn Creek wine from Napa Valley, is on Monday, Nov. 3, starting at 7 p.m.

Dinner begins with an antipasto of prawns sauteed with mascarpone brandy sauce and risotto cake. First course is spinach ravioli stuffed with sausage and ricotta. Third and main course is beef tenderloin wrapped in pancetta and puff pastry served with rossini sauce and wild currants.

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Each course is to be paired with a complementary wine that enhances the ingredients of each dish.

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Pazzo Pomodoro is active in fundraising for the national capital area lymphoma society.

Cost of the Conn Creek wine dinner at Pazzo Pomodoro is \$75 per person, tax and gratuity not included.

Pazzo Pomodoro is located at 118 Branch Road SE, Vienna. To book the wine dinner, call 703-848-1747. See [www.PazzoPomodoro.com](http://www.PazzoPomodoro.com) for full wine dinner menu.

❖ **Wildfire** Executive Chef Eddie Ishaq and St. Michelle Wine Estates representative Benny Torman host a Stag's Leap Wine Cellars wine dinner on Monday, Nov. 10. The reception, with poached prawns in coconut-curry broth, and jumbo lump-crab beignets and Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Sauvignon Blanc begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Wildfire Tysons Galleria -Steaks, Chops and Seafood – is located at Tysons Galleria.

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Charge per person is \$120 plus tax (gratuity not included). RSVP to Amanda or Erika at 703-442-9110. To see full menu and details, go to [www.wildfirerestaurant.com](http://www.wildfirerestaurant.com).

And while there will certainly be no wine included, there will be pumpkins galore when Wildfire hosts a pumpkin-carving workshop for children on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 3 to 4 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 26, 9 to 10 a.m. Each session costs \$20 per child. A portion of the proceeds benefits Food for Others.

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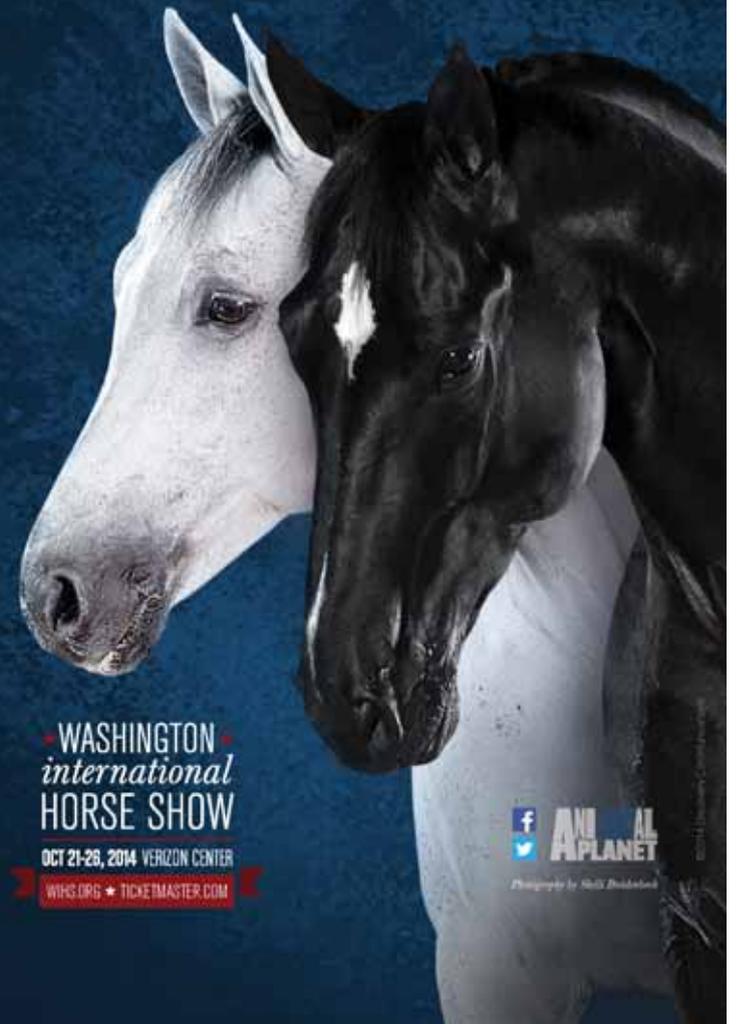
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## Not in the Mood



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Sometimes, believe it or not, I'm not in the mood to be a terminal cancer patient (duh). Not that the effect is particularly tangible, but the weight of it, as well as the associated waits I've occasionally written about, can get awfully heavy. Moreover, in spite of my best psychological efforts, generally speaking, there seems little I can do to diminish its effect. More often than not, it's merely time; simply time passing and/or time spent trying to talk myself out-of how I feel and in-to how I haven't failed.

Obviously, surviving five years and almost eight months after initially receiving a "13-month to two-year" prognosis from my oncologist on February 27, 2009 is success with a capital "S." I understand that miraculous fact amazingly well. Nevertheless, on a daily basis, I might not feel so successful. I attribute it to things beyond my control: the underlying disease; the treatment/side effects; the figurative rewiring of my brain after it learned and began to live with the diagnosis/prognosis and the responsibilities of being a proactive cancer patient; these are certainly reasonable and customary considerations given the world in which I now exclusively reside. Still, it's my life and I have to live it.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not "woeing-is-me," nor am I the least bit ungrateful for the great good fortune I've had beating the hell out of the original life-expectancy odds I was given. I'm thrilled, every day. But I'm still a cancer patient with incurable stage IV, non small cell lung cancer, one of the least desirable diagnoses in the cancer world. Lung cancer is a killer, almost always – and I don't mean inevitably so, I mean prematurely (not that every death isn't premature, but you get my meaning, right?).

Every day – or so it seems, there are words, phrases, references, articles, news/media reports, and miscellaneous reminders that I see, hear and/or read, that connect me with my situation. I haven't exactly completed a study on the nature of this exposure, but it sure seems/feels, however inadvertent or random it may be, that it is impossible to ignore – although I try, and in reviewing the content of this column, it is an ongoing failure of mine.

Some days, I can shrug it off; most days in fact. But this day (today when I'm writing this column), I couldn't. I'm not exactly depressed, more like forlorn. I don't feel hopeless, maybe a little helpless. I don't feel unlucky, perhaps a bit unsettled. Nothing really out of my ordinary; but still, a little out of my character. I'm entitled; I understand that. I've been carrying this weight for over five and a half years. No one said being a terminal cancer patient was going to be easy; in fact, they said the exact opposite: that it was going to be the toughest thing I've had to do, and of course, they were right. Today is simply one of those days when it's most difficult. I'm sure tomorrow will be better. Of that I'm positive (at least that's what I tell myself – ALL THE TIME).

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