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Rebecca Graves and her daughter, Laylah, wore traditional Bavarian dress to the Vienna Oktoberfest 2013. Laylah was wearing the same dress that mother Rebecca wore as a child. Connor is lederhosen-less.

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## Blue Stars Are Better than Gold

Fairfax County's 146 Energy Star-certified schools make it the most energy-efficient district in the country.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

In the last year and a half, Fairfax County Public Schools have been able to reduce the energy consumption in their buildings by 15 percent. That cut down resulted in savings of \$4.5 million, according to a release Sept. 25 by the school system.

February 2014 marked the beginning of a partnership between Fairfax County Public Schools and Cenergistic, an energy conservation program firm. Cenergistic analysts set out to evaluate county campuses and reduce operating costs by increasing efficiency.

According to Dr. Randy Hoff, chief executive officer of Cenergistic, the school system spends approximately \$34 million annually on utilities while operating its more than 200 campuses.

"It's a significant expense," Hoff said at the board's regular meeting on Sept. 24. He said the job is to "ensure we're eliminating waste and maintaining comfort in the buildings as well."

Hoff came before the board to announce not only the energy and money-saving accomplishments of the cooperative analysis, but that with 146 Energy Star-certified schools, Fairfax County had taken the lead as the most efficient district in the United States.

Los Angeles Unified School District was the previous leader with 142 schools Energy Star-certified.

"This is important to be first on," Super-



Members of the Select Women's Ensemble of Annandale High School perform the National Anthem to open the Sept. 24 Fairfax County School Board meeting.

PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

intendent Dr. Karen Garza said, "because it demonstrates to our community how serious we are about taking care of the precious taxpayer dollars that we're stewards of."

"Every dollar we save," Garza added, "can be directed back to classrooms, teacher salary increases, is important to our school system."

Michael Katz, with the Energy Star program and the Environmental Protection Agency, said that on average, schools with the Star certification generate about 30 percent less greenhouse gas emissions than non-certified schools. He, as well as several board members, commented on the way this

energy-conserving program can both impact climate change and provide educational opportunities for students on being better stewards of the environment.

"The buildings in which we work, play and learn have a tremendous role to play in addressing this challenge," said Katz.

Katz and Hoff explained that 30 percent of energy used in school buildings is wasted, and the main power draw for utilities is heating and cooling.

So working with existing infrastructure, the Cenergistic analysts have been evaluating the schools' ventilation rates, occupancy times, humidity, transition to unoccupied buildings and circulation pumps. Hoff used

### New Auditor General Appointed

During the board's consent agenda, Goli Trump was appointed auditor general of the six-member Internal Audit Office, taking effect Sept. 28. Fairfax County Public Schools created the position to oversee both the programs and financial evaluation aspects of the audit process.

According to a release from Fairfax County in August, Trump is tasked with "implementing a risk-based audit plan and directing audits of the school division's offices, departments, schools and programs to help manage strategic risks, improve or develop efficient and effective business processes and identify best practices."

"She has a strong background in risk management and experience in numerous industries including education, employment services, technology, marketing and transportation," School Board chairman Pat Hynes said in a statement. "The addition of an auditor general is the latest step in the board's efforts to make the School Board audit function more robust and independent."

At-large board member Ryan McElveen added that he's "excited for her to oversee our board's ever-growing audit process."

Though there have previously been leaders on the programs and financial sides of the audit, McElveen said it's the first time the two components have been overseen in this manner. "She adds a unique perspective to that office," he said.

the examples of snow days, summer vacation and after-school as opportunities for uses of the school to be consolidated in a way that requires less heating or cooling energy.

Hoff's next goal is reaching a 25 percent reduction in consumption, while continuing to ensure students and teachers are comfortable and in a hospitable learning environment.

"We have a lot of runway ahead of us to improve even more," Hoff said.

### Two New Town of Vienna Police Officers Graduate from Academy

On Aug. 7, Officers Gregory T. Hylinski and Ara K. Post graduated from the 64th Session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. The graduation ceremony was held at the Immanuel Bible Church. Their graduation marks the culmination of a six month training session in which newly hired police recruits receive training in all aspects of police procedures.

The six month basic recruit session is a non-residential training program consisting of over 920 hours of instruction. The curriculum includes, but is not limited to, 320 hours of academic studies, including crisis intervention, assisting individuals with mental illness, de-escalation techniques and first aid training;



Chief James A. Morris and Officer Gregory T. Hylinski

94 hours of firearms training, 84 hours of emergency vehicle operation, 110 hours of physical training and 130 hours of defen-



Chief James A. Morris and Officer Ara K. Post

sive tactics training.

For the next 10 weeks the officers will be assigned a field training instructor (FTI).

During those ten weeks the FTI will observe and guide the new officers' performance in the areas of officer safety, traffic enforcement, interaction with citizens, report writing, investigation of vehicle crashes and many other aspects of their law enforcement duties.

Officer Post holds an associate degree in Criminal Justice and a bachelor's degree in Emergency Management Homeland Security. She enjoys riding motorcycles, playing soccer and playing with her German shepherd Troy.

Officer Hylinski is a graduate of the University of New Haven where he received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He enjoys collecting firearms and restoring classic cars.

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To make “best friends” more comfortable while meeting their new potential owners, Benjamin Yusman built a mulch walkway, a butterfly garden, a dog-shaped flower garden and wood benches for potential owners to sit on while meeting their potential best friends, with help from scouts and parents of Troop 1257, based in Herndon.

## Best Friends Dog Park

Oakton sophomore builds outdoor dog park at Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

BY KEN MOORE  
 THE CONNECTION



Oakton's Benjamin Yusman worked with the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for his Eagle Scout Project.

Benjamin Yusman has always adopted his “best friends” from animal shelters. To honor three past “best friends,” and three current ones, the Oakton High School sophomore created and helped build “Best Friends Dog Park” for the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

“Ever since I was a little cub scout, I wanted to do an Eagle Scout project” with the animal shelter he said.

Yusman is a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 1257 at Episcopal Epiphany Church in Herndon.

“Boy scouts is very important to me. I love the outdoors, I love camping, I love nature,” he said.

Using a previously unused space in the shelter’s backyard, Yusman sought to create an environment that would help the dogs be more comfortable when meeting prospective adopters.

Yusman learned from participating in the Eagle Scout projects of other boy scouts in his troop.

When it came time to plan his own Eagle Scout project, he approached the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in the spring.

“Benjamin has always had dogs in his life, and we have always rescued them from local shelters, so it is very personal to him,” said his mother Amy Yusman.

Benjamin wanted to find a shelter that doesn’t euthanize animals.

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter re-

ceived the Compassion Award from the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies for its work to reduce unnecessary euthanasia.

According to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter website, the shelter accepts “all animals in need, regardless of age, health or temperament. Any animal that is healthy, treatable, adoptable or rehabilitatable, is placed in an adoptive home, a foster home or is placed with one of our 100 rescue partners. Animals are not euthanized because of a lack of space and there are no time limits for adoption. ...

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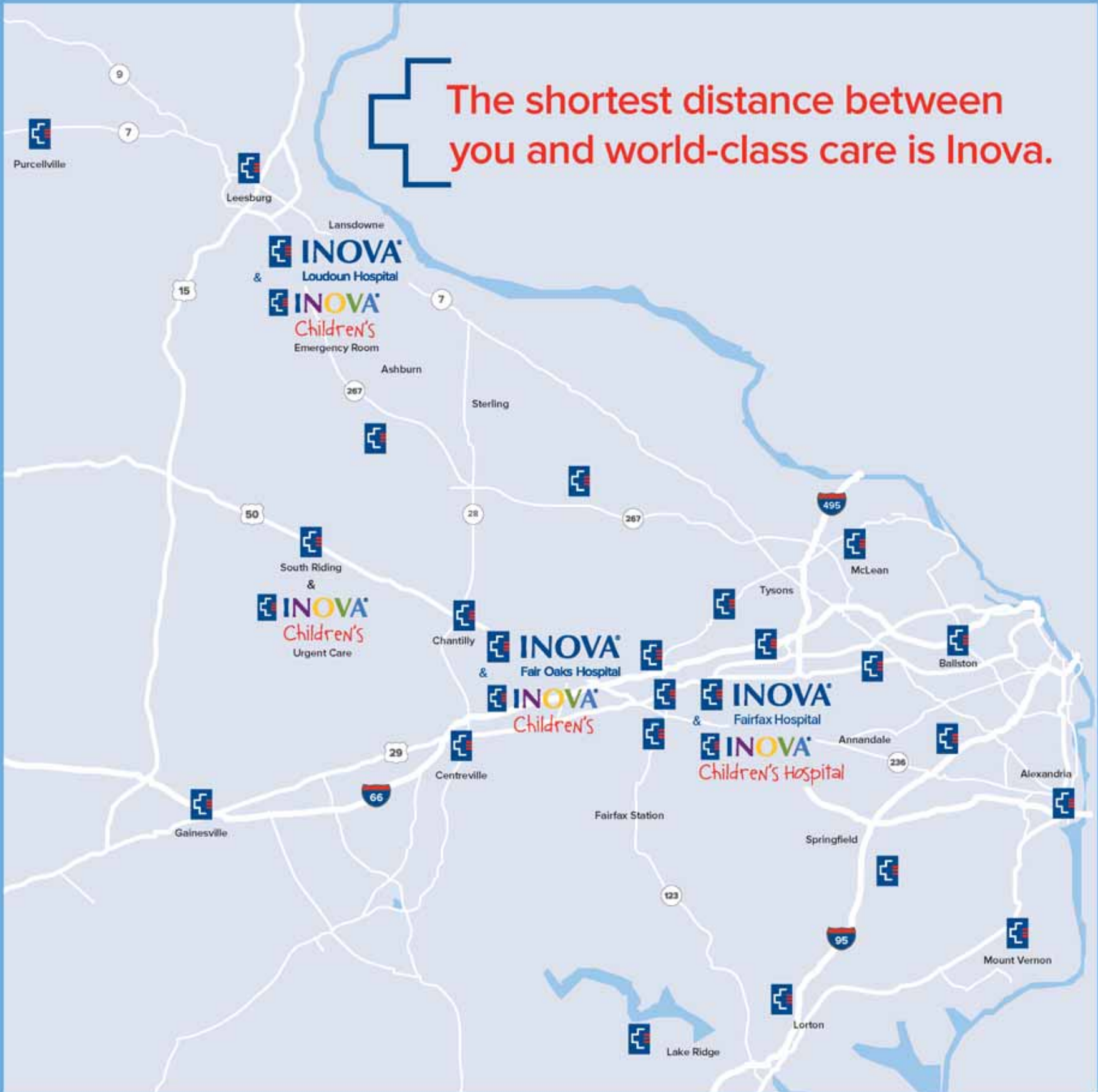
**WITH HELP** from Boy Scouts and parents from Troop 1257, Yusman created a mulch walkway, butterfly garden, wood benches and a dogbone-shaped flower garden.

Yusman completed his project on Sunday, Sept. 13.

He also built three benches, one for each of his past dogs, Sabrina, Copper and Clover, and last Thursday, Sept. 17, he brought his three current “best friends,” Mocha,

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# OPINION

## Changing Perspective on Death Penalty

**Evolving standards will eclipse the death penalty entirely at some point in the future.**

It's sad to see senseless death as a response to senseless death.

Alfred R. Prieto is not a sympathetic figure, a serial killer who was on death row in California when DNA connected him to murders and rapes in Reston and Arlington that took place in 1988. He is scheduled for execution this week, at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Evolving standards of decency have led to the understanding that it's wrong and unconstitutional to subject people whose crimes were committed when they were juveniles or people with intellectual disabilities to the death penalty.

The Arc of Northern Virginia, an advocacy group for people with intellectual disabilities, asked Gov. Terry McAuliffe to send Prieto back to California so that his intellectual disabilities, raised in the sentencing phase of his trial, could be analysed. McAuliffe has declined to intervene in Prieto's case. It was a Virginia case, *Atkins v. Virginia*, that led the U.S. Supreme Court to rule that execution of people with mental retardation is unconstitutional.

EDITORIAL

Prieto was sent to Virginia to face trial even though he was already on death row in California because of the belief, clearly correct, that he would be more likely to be executed in Virginia.

Over time, it seems clear that evolving standards of decency will end the death penalty in the United States. The number of death sentences has dropped dramatically since 2000, and executions have declined as well, from a high of 98 in 1999 to just 35 in 2014, the lowest in 20 years, according to Amnesty International.

Prieto committed heinous crimes, and releasing him from prison should never be an option.

Warren Fulton and Rachel Raver were last seen around midnight in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 2, 1988. The two George Washington University students, both 22, were found dead Dec. 6, 1988 in a field off Hunter Mill Road in Reston. Both were shot in the head. Raver had been raped. Investigators believed they had been abducted and forced to drive to the re-

### Vigil to Oppose Death Penalty

Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will hold vigils around the state on the evening that Alfredo Prieto is scheduled for execution, Thursday, Oct. 1.

Arlington Vigil in opposition to the death penalty

Oct. 1, 8:30-9:10 p.m.

Clarendon Metro Station. The vigil will be held in the public park between Clarendon and Wilson Boulevards, right behind the Metro exit. Attendees are welcome to bring signs with appropriate, peaceful, anti-death penalty messages.

For more information, contact Elise Cleva at [elise.cleva@gmail.com](mailto:elise.cleva@gmail.com) or see <http://www.vadp.org/>

note location. DNA evidence linked Prieto to Raver's death and to that of Veronica Jefferson, a 24-year-old CIA finance officer who was raped and shot to death in Arlington County in May 1988, although he was never tried in that case. A Fairfax County jury sentenced Prieto to death in 2006.

The murders and rapes were unsolved for 17 years until 2005 when California's DNA database joined a national database.

## Share Volunteers Gear up for Annual Holiday Celebration

Share volunteers are already beginning preparations for their annual holiday programs. It takes more than 50 volunteers to pull off the festivities which generally serve around 640 needy individuals (250 families) living in the McLean, Great Falls and Pimmit Hills areas. Throughout the season, you will see many community partners helping to prepare for the event with food and toiletry drives, Trees for Food, wish trees, and so much more.

For Thanksgiving, each family will receive a grocery store gift card and a bag of some food staples, as well as a few traditional favorites. At the annual Holiday Celebration in December, each family will be welcomed to a festively decorated hall and served a light meal, holiday cookies and toasty beverages. Santa will be on hand for photographs and will even bring a gift for each child all the way from the North Pole! There will be live music and some giveaways. Before departing, each family will receive their holiday wish gifts, a grocery gift card for a special holiday meal, a bag of toiletries and detergent (these are expensive items that can't be purchased with food stamps). Babies and toddlers will get baby bags with diapers, wipes, an outfit, and a small toy, and the homeless will get a bag of items especially helpful for life on the streets, such as warm socks, travel size toiletries, and fast food gift cards.

Share is a unique organization in that not only is it entirely volunteer run, it relies on

community partners to keep it running. No where is that more evident than for the holiday programs. After clients turn in their holiday wish lists in October, the wishes go out to the faith communities, schools, local businesses and generous individuals.

For instance, Franklin Sherman Elementary yearly has a mitten tree, Haycock Elementary classes adopt families, Giant has a wish tree every year, and many churches have angel trees. Each year, businesses, such as McEneaney Associates Realtors, adopt families for both Thanksgiving and the December holidays, and Child's Play Toys generously helps Santa fulfill his extensive toy list. There are even folks in the community who have asked their party guests to bring mittens or socks with a gift card attached for Share families. In all, the holiday program team needs to raise approximately \$50,000 yearly in donations, as well as procure assorted gift items.

Donors to the Share holiday program can be assured that their gifts will be 100 percent useful to those who receive them. For instance, grocery gift cards are given in lieu of traditional Thanksgiving food baskets because many of the families served come from different cultures and backgrounds with different tastes and so they may not eat traditional Thanksgiving foods. A grocery gift card prevents food waste and allows the families to select foods that will be truly appreciated and enjoyed. Also, the clients fill out a wish survey for each

family member and then volunteers help the clients go over the wish list. That way if someone, for example, needs a pair of pants for work, they can ask for a gift card for the appropriate store so they can go try on and select pants that will meet their needs. If someone needs bedding, they can ask for the appropriate size and a favorite color. A single mom can ask for gift cards for her children and then she can select gifts for her children that she knows they will love. Many elderly people just ask for grocery gift cards because they don't need stuff, they just need a little help making ends meet with their food budget.

Want to be a Share community partner this holiday season? Contact Chris Wilbur at [Sharewishes@gmail.com](mailto:Sharewishes@gmail.com) to sponsor a client or family or to find out how your business or organization can help.

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# FALL FUN

## Family Fall Fun

By DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

From Oktoberfest to the much-anticipated annual Halloween parade, Vienna offers a diversity of entertainment.

When the air turns crisp, colorful leaves fall, pumpkins and a halloween parade take over, it's fall in Vienna. Several of the traditional events that take place at the Community Center have been canceled or relocated outside of town now that the community center is closed for renovation. Still, there are plenty of opportunities for family get-togethers and festive mingles. The Connection brings its readers up to Thanksgiving with this fall fun guide. Stand by for the holiday fun guide coming in November.

### OKTOBERFEST, SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 11 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

Historic Church Street corridor and Vienna Town Green.

Sponsored by the Vienna Business Association in partnership with local sponsoring businesses and the Town of Vienna; proceeds support First Night Vienna.

Oktoberfest features food, beer and wine, marketplace vendors, live music throughout the day on the main stage and the children's stage, and kids' activities.

Once again, Greg Bernhard of Vienna holds the title of Burgermeister whose most important task is to tap the keg to kick off

the beer sales.

Admission is free. To quote Bernhard, "Alles Willkommen."

For schedule of events – main stage and children's stage and area on the Town Green – visit <http://www.viennaoktoberfest.org/>.

### VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the VVFD station, 400 Center St. S., Vienna. In conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, VVFD hosts its annual Open House on Saturday, Oct. 10.

As always, there is a variety of "draws" at the Open House. From climbing aboard rescue equipment to a kids' moon bounce and fire safety exhibitions, there is an array of activities. Free food and refreshments round out the event.

The 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme is: "Hear The Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm." For more information on VVFD's Open House, go to <http://www.vvfd.org/>

### VIENNA ARTS SOCIETY "HALLOWEEN BUNGO NIGHT BENEFIT"

Thursday, Oct. 22, 7 to 9 p.m.

Games, food and wine, and art works. Come in costume, if you like.

Space is limited and a \$20 donation reserves your seat.

The Vienna Art Center is located at 115 Pleasant Street NW.

For details, see <http://viennaartsociety.org/events-exhibitions/>.

### SHEPHERD CENTER OF OAKTON- VIENNA FUNDRAISER FEATURING MACK DRYDEN

Sunday, Oct. 25, 3 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Oakton.

Dryden has television credits to his name, stints at New York comedy clubs, and awards from the Associated Press for journalism. He brings his personal brand of humor to Vienna in support of SCOV.

SCOV is a volunteer-based resource promoting productive aging-in-place. The faith-based nonprofit receives approximately one-third of its operating budget from the annual big-time fundraiser. Proceeds support the mission and programs of SCOV.

Tickets for Mack Dryden's show are \$25 per person in advance; \$30 at the door. To learn more about SCOV and Mack Dryden, go to [scov.org](http://scov.org).



PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

The Oktoberfest celebration features food, live music on two stages, children's activities, marketplace vendors, and a beer tent. Even little kids want to dance to the oom-pah music.

### 69TH ANNUAL VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE

Oct. 28, 2015; Maple Avenue, steps off at 7 p.m. The parade route runs from Berry Street to Center Street down Maple Avenue and Maple Avenue is closed from 7 to 9 p.m. Parade runs regardless of weather.

One hundred entries march/dance/ride down Maple Avenue in the town's most beloved special event. It's not unusual to see parents who experienced the halloween parade when young now bringing their own children. Floats, bands, marching kids, dancers, thunderous motorcycles, mini-cars, and emergency vehicles light up the night for two hours.

Along the parade route, spectators show



More than 30,000 people, some of whom came as children themselves and now are bringing their own children, watch the annual Vienna Halloween Parade along Maple Avenue. Spectators dress up in costume, too.

A half-a-million colorful LED lights span the lakeside and gardens of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens off Beulah Road in nostalgic and fairytale scenes of the holiday season.

Admission charge. To buy tickets, go to <http://winterwalkoflights.com/>.

**KEEP IN-MIND ONGOING ACTIVITIES**, from special events sponsored by the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation to the recreational cooking classes for adults or children at Culinary Cooking School.

## Life in Times of Living Dangerously

1st Stage presents a world premiere of "Now Comes the Night."

By DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

Crackling dialogue, powerful ideas and well-crafted artistry describe "Now Comes the Night" written by award-winning E.M. Lewis now playing at 1st Stage. The play is about the very personal consequences of living in a dangerous world, when harm comes through traumatic incidents.

In program notes, playwright Lewis indicated she wrote "to try to understand things that I find unfathomable." Director Alex Levy indicated: "I'm interested in plays that explore big human questions in specific and contemporary ways." With an assured hand, Levy has fashioned "Now Comes the Night" into an intense, believable drama uncovering the damage done to a television news anchor who traveled to Iraq to try to understand what was at stake.

The time is 2006. Newsmen Michael Apres (a taunt performance by Dylan Myers as a man in unbearable pain) has returned to his home after 18 months of captivity. The audience comes to understand that Apres is in the midst of crises. The symptoms of PTSD are clear.



PHOTO BY TERESA CASTRACANE/COURTESY OF 1ST STAGE.

From left: Jaysen Wright, Dylan Myers and Sun King Davis in "Now Comes the Night" at 1st Stage in Tysons.

Apres has given an interview to his former co-anchor Brad (Jaysen Wright; a solid, best friend, who will not let his old friend harm himself). In the interview Apres had made incendiary remarks criticizing American involvement in the Middle East. Brad has reasons to doubt the statements genuineness.

Thoughts, memories and visions flood from the emotionally mangled Apres, once he begins to open up. Was he naive going to

### Where and When

"Now Comes the Night" by E.M. Lewis runs at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performed through Oct. 11, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$30 with seniors, students and military discounts. Call 703-854-1856 or visit [www.1ststage Tysonson.org](http://www.1ststage Tysonson.org)

Iraq? Who can he trust? What is real? And, who is the third man in the room? (Sun King Davis in the knotty role as either hero or villain).

"Now Comes the Night" is impressive technically; adding remarkable authority to the production. Set and costume design are both by Kathryn Kaweck. Kaweck provides the audience with meticulously detailed renderings of a man in a calamity. Lighting design by G. Ryan Smith gives off the passing hours from initial dark late night, to early morning muted light to the bright afternoon sun. Props by Cassandra Schulz and Rachel Barlaam's sound design puts the audience right in the middle of a man's muddled mind and the national politics of the moment.

Whether baby boomer or millennial, those interested in challenging theater by an award-winning playwright about life in times of living dangerously, "Now Comes the Night" will leave you pondering its crisply-presented, visually effecting, multi-layered point of view. The production is part of the D.C. area's "Women's Voices Theater Festival."

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### ONGOING

**"Figuratively Speaking."** Friday-Sunday through Oct. 11 at 1st Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Portraits and figures in watercolor and mixed media by Deborah Conn. Tickets: \$15-\$30. www.1ststageTysons.org.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 30

**Pokemon League.** 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18.

**Playdate Cafe.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Toys and Playspace for children. Coffee and Conversation for grownups. Ages birth-5.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 1

**Paw Parade.** 2 p.m. Brightview Great Falls, 10200 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Residents, families, friends, associates and dog lovers are invited to bring their well-behaved furry friends to parade around the community.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 2

**Upside Down Inside Out Reception.** 7-9 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 15 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. VAS members will interpret their thoughts and ideas with this crazy theme. Reception to meet the artists and see the show is free and open to the public, all are welcome. Visitors can also view small items of original art for sale, scarves, jewelry, notecards etc., all hand made by VAS artists – great for gifts.

**Claude Moore Colonial Farm Cajun Barbecue and Silent Auction Fundraiser.** 6-9 p.m. Pavilions of Turkey Run, 6310 Colonial Farm Road, McLean. Event also features a silent auction, live music, 18th century dancing and beer tasting. Tickets: \$25-\$35. www.1771.org/fundraiser

### SATURDAY/OCT. 3

**St. Francis Country Fair.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The entire community is invited to the St. Francis Country Fair, featuring entertainment (live music, puppets, magic), kids' games and activities, a silent auction, treasure trove, used books, quilt auction, and much more. Local food trucks will be selling lunch items.

**Oktoberfest Vienna.** 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Historic Church Street, Vienna. Enjoy beer, wine, food, music, kids activities and more.

**Oakton Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. www.smartmarkets.org/

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna.



**See and hear model trolleys and steam and diesel trains plus Thomas and some of his friends in the Historic Vienna Train Station along the W&OD trail just past the Caboose on Oct. 17 from 1-5 p.m. at 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna.**

www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3 -4

**Fall Book Sale.** Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Hardbacks \$2, trade paperbacks \$1, pocket paperbacks 50 cents, kids books 25 and 50 cents.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 4

**MPAartfest.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of juried artists. Visit www.mpaart.org.

**Tyson's Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. Sundays, through Nov. 15. www.tysonspartnership.org.

### MONDAY/OCT. 5

**Barrel & Bushel and American Craft Beer Present Seasonal Tasting.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Barrel & Bushel, 7901 Tysons One Place, Tysons Corner. The event will include seven individual tastings of seasonal beer paired with a signature dish from Barrel & Bushel. Tickets to the tasting are \$25. Pre-register for the event by visiting https://www.eventbrite.com/e/american-craft-beer-event-with-tom-bobak-tickets-18554821972.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 8

**Vienna Arts Society Monthly Meeting.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW,

Vienna. VAS Monthly Meeting will feature Anabela Ferguson, who will discuss her process for restoring paintings to their original state.

**2nd Annual NOVA Pride Multifactorial Worship Service.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton. Join with people of faith to gather in gratitude for gains in LGBT civil rights, the opening of doors of a growing number of faith communities, and to celebrate the 2nd Annual Northern Virginia Pride Festival. www.unityoffairfax.org. Elizabethf@pofev-nova.com

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 9-10

**Wolf Trap Campout.** 10 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Campers will learn to be comfortable with the outdoors, have fun, make new friends, and build confidence, all while not venturing too far from home. Attendance is capped at 48 campers, so register your camper today at http://fowt.info/campers/. Registration fee is \$30.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 10

**Oktoberfest Bazaar and Craft Fair.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Hunger Church, Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. Handcrafted jewelry, silk floral arrangements, baked goods and loads of crafts. Free crafting and activities for children while you shop.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 16

**Family Force 5.** Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. http://

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**Vale Fall Fair.** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. The historic Vale Fall Fair has been held since 1934. Pie eating contest, balloons, bake sale, toy and book sale, crafts, music, barbecue, Oakton Eagle Presentation, instrument petting zoo, haunted forest. Kids, bring your Halloween costumes for the parade.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-18

**Tyson's Fall Harvest Festival.** 12-5 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive. Arts and crafts, petting zoo, moon bounce, great craft beers, 10 of Virginia's best wineries, and more tastes of fall.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 17-24

**Roald Dahl Double Feature.** 2 & 7 p.m. Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. George C. Marshall's drama department will open the 2015-2016 Season with a Roald Dahl Double Feature including "The Twits" and "Danny, the Champion of the World." Tickets \$5-\$15. <http://statesmentheatre.org>. 703-714-5400.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 18

**Vienna Crop Walk for Hunger.** 2 p.m. Meet at the Vienna Town Green,



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**On Oct. 4, McLean Central Park will transform into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of juried artists at MPAartfest from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 468 Dolley Madison Blvd.**

walk up to three miles in the Vienna community & return to the Town Green for refreshments and door prizes. Sign up at [www.viennacropwalk.org](http://www.viennacropwalk.org).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 22

**Halloween Bunco Night Benefit.** 7-9 p.m. The Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna. Games, food and wine, and art works. Come in costume, if you like. Space is limited and a \$20 donation reserves your seat. <http://viennaartsociety.org/events-exhibitions/>.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 24-NOV. 1

**Reston Zoo's Zooboo.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Reston Zoo, 1228 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Designed for a younger audience, Zoo Boo offers four days of scare-free fun. Join their safe zoo neighborhood of Halloween entertainment, with kid-friendly fun around every corner.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 25

**Stand-up Comedy.** 3 p.m. Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. An afternoon of side-splitting stand-up comedy with world-class performer, Mack Dryden. For tickets visit <http://scov.org/fundraiser> or call SCOV 703-281-0538 - \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

**69th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade.** 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. With the theme of "Celebrating 125 Years of the Town of Vienna" come in costume to celebrate Halloween.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 30

**Ellis Paul.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Ellis recorded and released his 19th album, "Chasing Beauty," this past fall, which was produced by Kristian and Brandon Bush of Sugarland and Train.



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Friday, Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

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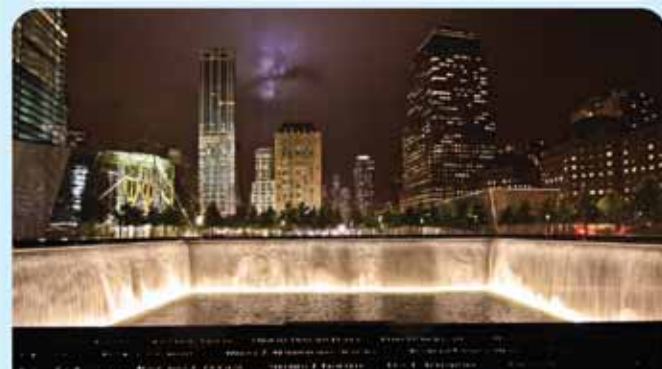
Sunday, Oct. 11, 3 p.m.

Free admission

### Old Firehouse Teen Center Friday Field Trip Bennett's Curse

Friday, Oct. 16, 3:30-10 p.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 17, 7 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 17, 8 p.m.

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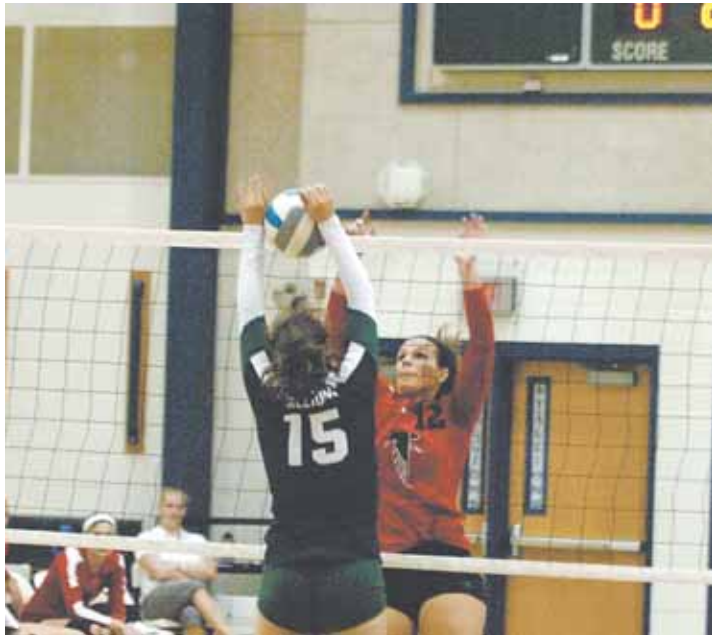
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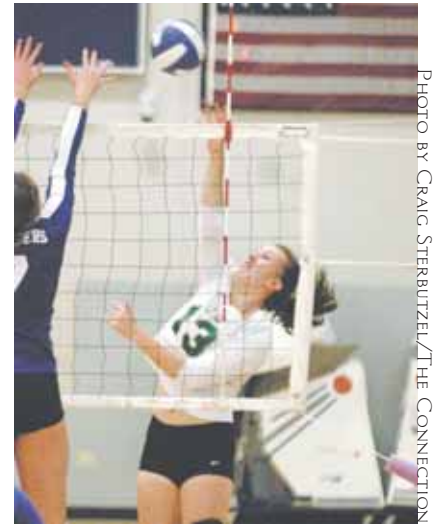


Madison setter Kendal Hall had 29 assists against South County on Sept. 24.



Madison outside hitter Jaynie Carter tallied 11 kills against the Stallions.

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Jessica Donaldson led Langley with 15 kills during the Saxons' five-set loss to Chantilly on Monday.

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## Madison Volleyball Developing Leadership

**Warhawks winning while senior captains grow into new roles.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Several familiar faces remain from last season's Madison volleyball team that finished state runner-up, falling in a heartbreaking five-set match against First Colonial.

Three of those faces belong to senior captains Kendal Hall, Jaynie Carter and Natale Zanellato. Hall, a setter, and Carter, an outside hitter, have been on the varsity team since they were freshmen. Zanellato, an outside hitter, transferred to Madison as a junior.

The trio is in the midst of another winning season. On Sept. 24, Carter finished with 11 kills, Zanellato had 10 and Hall, who is committed to George Mason, totaled 29 assists as Madison cruised to a 3-0 (25-17, 25-20, 25-12) victory at South County, improving its record to 8-3.

But while the talent remains for Madison to make another deep postseason run, the Warhawks' best players are dealing with the challenges of transitioning into leadership roles following the 2015 graduation of Marissa Roy and Virginia Moore. Roy, a first-team all-state outside hitter, and Moore, a second-team all-state libero, were on the varsity for four years and were always one grade ahead of Carter and Hall, providing leadership.

"That's what we've been battling," head coach Carrie Hall said. "... Jaynie and Kendal were freshmen when Marissa Roy and Virginia were sophomores, so they've

had them kind of leading the way the whole time they're here. Now, my three captains — Natale, Jaynie and Kendal — have to find a way to get this team to win and we're finding that identity as it is every day. It's going to be a battle every day until we figure that out. But tonight, I felt like we got a little step closer to that. We really are trying to find that leadership and get it going."

How difficult is it for players to transition to new roles?

"It's a big difference," Carrie Hall said. "I think that's the most apparent thing that we're trying to work on is they're finding their voice in all of this. Before, you had Virginia and she was the voice — and Virginia was our voice for years — so those girls grew up with that. So now they're finding they have to be the voice, [and] so far I think they're doing a good job at."

Carter said she has tried to make adjustments to fit her new role.

"I have to be more vocal now, but I've grown into that," she said. "I've gotten more used to it. I like it. I like being able to cheer my teammates on. I scream, I cheer, I make a fool of myself, but I don't even care. I like being able to set a good example for them on and off the court."

While Madison has a winning record this year, the Warhawks have already lost three matches after dropping just four in the previous two seasons combined.

On Sept. 15, Madison lost in five sets to Vienna rival Oakton. It was the Warhawks' first loss to a regional opponent since falling to Washington-Lee in 2013. The following night, Madison lost to Stone Bridge in four sets, before beating Chantilly 3-1 on Sept. 17.

"We had a little communication break down last week," Coach Hall said, "but tonight I thought it flowed much better for

us" against South County.

Thursday's win was Madison's third sweep of the season. Last year, 29 of the Warhawks' 33 victories came via sweep. Madison entered the state championship match with a 33-0 record, having gone more than a month without losing a set. Against First Colonial, after going to a fifth set for just the second time all season, the Warhawks earned seven match points. Madison failed to bring home the state title, however, eventually dropping an epic fifth set, 25-23.

The Warhawks are trying to find balance between moving on from the pain of last year's state final loss and learning from the experience.

"To get that close and just to be right there and not reach it, it has a little effect on you," Carter said. "But you learn from it and you take what you did wrong and you apply that to what you do now. I don't really have [lofty] expectations because it's a whole different team, it's a new year ..."

Madison faced Forest Park on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Warhawks will host Marshall on Oct. 1 before opening Conference 6 play at home against Washington-Lee on Oct. 7.

"We need to be ready for a team to come out and be gunning for us," Zanellato said. "Since last year, we've been a team to beat. We just have to be ready to not be the underdogs anymore. People are gunning for us. ... It's a completely different team. I'm not expecting to go back to states [but] I think it's possible."

While the Warhawks consider themselves a "completely different team," it's still a team with familiar faces that must carry a target on its back for past success.

"It's definitely been a lot of work to keep it up," Kendal Hall said, "but we're definitely improving as the season goes on."

## Chantilly Holds Off Langley in Five Sets

**Saxons' Donaldson tallies 15 kills, Shklyar has 13.**

With the Chargers having gone 10 days without a match, Chantilly volleyball coach Charles Ezigbo had limited expectations entering Monday's meeting with Langley.

"I was really happy that we competed tonight — that's my main thing," Ezigbo said after Monday's action. "I just wanted to compete after that long layover."

Facing one of the top teams in the region, Chantilly did more than just compete.

The Chargers overcame a potential back-breaking fourth-set loss and a late fifth-set deficit to defeat the Saxons 3-2 (20-25, 25-22, 26-24, 25-27, 15-13) at Chantilly High School.

Langley head coach Susan Shifflett was frustrated with her team's inability to capitalize.

"We had 16 unforced errors in the first set and 20 unforced errors in the second set," Shifflett said. "And then our match point is a silly ball into the net. I'm a little frustrated with not taking care of the ball. We had a stretch there for two weeks where we were just on fire and they had the fire in their belly and now all of the sudden they've gone flat. Hopefully we can get that back together, get back to practice and start fresh again."

The defeat dropped Langley's record to 10-3.

Langley will return to action at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1 with a road match against Potomac Falls.

— JON ROETMAN

# Not Without Controversy: Route 7 Widening

**Safety concerns regarding access still major concern to neighborhoods along Route 7 corridor in Great Falls.**

The Virginia Department of Transportation hopes to begin construction on a \$265 million project to widen Route 7 in 2021. The Virginia Department of Transportation will continue meeting with homeowner associations this fall to give details on the 6.9 mile project that will increase the width of Route 7 from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive (basically from Reston to Tysons). The project will be split into two phases.

VDOT plans its next two day Public In-

formation and Open House Meeting on Jan. 8 and 9, 2016. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 2016 and VDOT hopes for approval of the design from the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board to in the summer of 2016.

See [www.ConnectRoute7.org](http://www.ConnectRoute7.org).

Written comments can be emailed to William Dunn, project engineer, at [ConnectRoute7@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:ConnectRoute7@VDOT.Virginia.gov), or by mail to, William Dunn, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

## WEEK IN VIENNA

### Bellini Raises Funds to Support Breast Cancer Foundation

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### Weichert, Realtors Vienna Office to Host Shred Day

Betty Holmes, manager of Weichert, Realtors' Vienna office, announced that her staff and Sales Associates will be hosting a Shred Day on Saturday, Oct. 3, in the parking lot of the Weichert Vienna office located at 156 Maple Avenue East.

The community is encouraged to drop off their personal documents between the hours of 8 and 11 a.m., which will be securely shredded. Attendees may bring up to five boxes to be destroyed.

For more information or to learn about the real estate services that Weichert, Realtors has to offer, stop by the Weichert, Realtors' Vienna office located at 156 Maple Avenue East, or call 703-938-6070.

### Fairfax County Hosts Volunteer Fair

Older adults, seniors, and retirees looking for flexible, meaningful volunteer opportunities are invited to "Venture into Volunteering," a free volunteer fair, on Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 12, at the Lorton Workhouse Arts, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton.

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Area Agency on Aging, AARP, Fairfax County Park Authority, RSVP Northern Virginia (Volunteer Fairfax, Volunteer Alexandria, and Volunteer Arlington) and The Positive Aging Coalition are partnering to host this event.

More than 30 organizations and Fairfax County agencies will be on hand to talk about their volunteer programs and benefits including: Fairfax Opportunities and Resources, Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, Lorton Community Action Center and the Shepherd's Center of Annandale/Springfield.

Refreshments will be provided and participants will have an opportunity to enter a prize drawing.

Nationwide, nearly one-third of adults 45 years and older volunteer. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics among those having a bachelor's degree or higher, nearly 40 percent volunteer. The oldest of the generation of 77 million born between 1946 and 1964 is facing retirement or are working part-time in retirement and are looking for additional meaningful ways to stay engaged in civic life. "Venture into Volunteering" will introduce you to many local organizations where your talents and skills are useful and needed.

For more information or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, contact Jeannine Deem Purdy, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, at 703-704-6075, TTY 711, or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults).



**Engineer Nick Roper and Supervisor John Foust discuss initial design plans for a \$265 million project to widen 6.9 miles of Route 7 from Reston to Tysons. The Virginia Department of Transportation held a public information meeting at Forestville Elementary School on Sept. 24.**



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

### Best Friends Dog Park

## Oakton Sophomore Builds Dog Park

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Disney and Cannoli, to inspect his work.

He collected donations from local businesses, including all of the lumber, bolts and screws, dirt, plants, and mulch from Home Depot and the Burke Garden Center.

Starbucks, Giant and Shoppers donated food and snacks that he gave to his helpers.

He managed 34 volunteers, including other scouts from his troop and parents.

"I was beaming. It's quite a process you go through," said Amy Yusman.

"It came out really well," said Benjamin Yusman.

Benjamin's grandfather who lives in Illinois wanted to be involved, too, and built the sign for Best Friends Dog Park in the shape of a bone.

"He was very supportive," said Benjamin Yusman. "He's an awesome grandpa."

# Locked and Loaded



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And into the breach (not to be confused with breach), I went earlier today. It wasn't exactly the Charge of the Light Brigade when breach might have been the more appropriate characterization, it was simply my annual MRI, when the doctors check to see if the cancer in my lungs has spread to my brain, which in 30 percent of the patients – the highest percentage of spread in fact – it does. So today, I had my head examined: a checkup from the neck up. Though I'm mostly asymptomatic – as usual, other than a few random headaches reported by yours truly; nothing chronic or debilitating, no pain or suffering, no dizziness or disorientation – it made for a prudent course of diagnostic action, nonetheless. I'm not really worried about the results, more like wondering, if that distinction even makes sense. Still, I'd just as soon not complicate my life any further right now. It's all fairly manageable. Involving my brain, "what there is of it," (a Three Stooges quote) however, would likely force us to confront new demons: demons which at present are mostly confined in their box (compartmentalized in my head, actually).

Now whether our feelings are the result of a possible occurrence in the brain simply being new and different or whether its appearance there would indeed be worse, we certainly don't know, but for some reason, it seems worse than a finding in the lung. Not that stage IV lung cancer is to be minimized in the least; hardly, it's a "terminal" disease; and not that I understand any more about brain cancer and the blood-brain barrier or treatment complications it can cause or can reference any statistical outcomes that support or confuse our feelings more than I can about the non-small cell lung cancer with which I am more familiar, our perception is, a confirmation of tumor activity in the brain would likely upset the very delicate balance of our figurative apple cart. An apple cart I will readily admit we've gotten used to balancing.

But I'm getting ahead (no pun intended) of myself. My oncologist was not anticipating much new information from this MRI, nor was he reacting to my symptoms as much as he was mindful of the interval of time since my last MRI: one year or so. I did/do take some comfort in his nonchalance. Although, reading a doctor's expressions or body language or attempting to interpret and understand their reasons and explanations for making certain medical suggestions is akin to taking a Rorschach test: you might see or hear what you're predisposed to – or not. There may be some fact and/or some fiction to consider, but who knows exactly what and when any of it is relevant or accurate? It might simply be a curiosity. But I have to tell you, a "curiosity" is the last thing a "terminal" patient wants to hear or perceive from his oncologist. I want the truth – as I've always told him, and anything to do with the brain truthfully makes me feel unlocked, unloaded and in trouble. Maybe "breach" is the more appropriate word. I suppose I'll know soon enough. I'll just have to be patient. Something I've been very good at being for six years and seven months, exactly.

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

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