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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATE AND PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2015, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges and its proposed 2016 Budget. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes to the Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges, to be effective April 1, 2016, include the following:

- 1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,950 to \$4,100†.
- 2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,750 to \$10,240.
- 3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,090 to \$1,150†.
- 4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$36 to \$37.
- 5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.80 to \$10.10†.
- An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.55 to \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons of water.
- 7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.55 to \$3.80 per 1,000 gallons of water.
- 8. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$50 to \$52.
- An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
- 10. A decrease in the Overhead Charge for Labor from 110% to 104%.
- 11. A decrease in the Overhead Charge for Materials from 25% to 16%.
- 12. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$45 to \$46.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Fairfax Water is proposing a \$170.4 million budget for calendar year 2016*. Revenues are expected to be \$170.4 million in 2016. Water sales are expected to provide \$147.3 million. Approximately \$23.1 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	\$1,000s	
	2015	2016
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 53,891	\$55,581
Power and Utilities	10,677	10,750
Chemicals	6,335	7,857
Purchased Water	6,717	6,090
Supplies and Materials	4,985	5,113
Insurance	1,017	1,050
Fuel	781	880
Postage	637	664
Contractual Services	9,930	10,422
Professional Services	1,146	1,046
Other _	2,363	2,447
Sub-Total	98,479	101,900
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,669)	(9,616)
Total	\$ 88,810	\$ 92,284

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$41,417,000	
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000	
General Fund	\$24 131 000	

*Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.

A copy of the proposed changes to the rates and the 2016 budget can be viewed on our Web site at http://fairfaxwater.org/current/public_hearing_2015_12_17.htm. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Mr. Ken Lasso at 703-289-6194. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water Public Hearing Comments 8570 Executive Park Avenue Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 to be included in the record of the public hearing.



Vienna's Church Street Holiday Stroll will be held on Monday, Nov. 30, from 6-9 p.m.

Church Street Stroll To Kick-Off Holiday Season

efore the holiday season gets too hectic with items to buy, wrap, send, make, bake, and return, you can enjoy a traditional, relaxed, and charming kick-off to the holiday season at Vienna's Church Street Holiday Stroll from 6-9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30.

This annual event, hosted by Historic Vienna Inc. and the Town of Vienna, includes Santa's arrival in Vienna, the lighting of the Town tree, and staged and strolling performances. Church Street, Vienna's original Main Street, will be closed to vehicular traffic from Lawyers Road to Mill Street; Church Street shops and historic sites will remain open so that attendees can pick up refreshments and gifts.

As they do each year, Santa Claus and his favorite reindeer, Rudolph, will arrive atop the Vienna Volunteer Department's 1946 antique truck. After the lighting of the tree, Santa will listen to the wishes of boys and girls at the Freeman Store and Museum.

"I always enjoy seeing the good boys and girls in beautiful Vienna, Virginia," says Santa. "I am looking forward to hearing what it is they wish for this year, and I hope

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The deadline for submissions is the

Successful Transitions. 8:30-10

a.m. Brightview, 10200 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Join

Gerontologist and our Wellspring

Village Director, Mikki Firor, for

Friday prior to publication.

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Connection, send to



Roasting of marshmallows is one of the favorite activities during the annual stroll.

that their parents bring their cameras to take lots of pictures. Ho,

Among the many free activities and performances at the Church Street Holiday Stroll will be:

- ❖ a petting zoo
- on-stage performances by several local school groups and orga-
- marshmallows for roasting
- carol sing-alongs at the Chapel Coffee House at Vienna Presbyterian Church
- ongoing presentations of The Innkeeper's Dilemma at Vienna Presbyterian

- * an open house at the train depot, hosted by the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders
- ❖ a collection of canned goods on the Freeman Store porch, sponsored by the Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (no expired items

Other historic structures that will be open include the Little Library, caboose, and Knights of Columbus.

This event is free and open to the public. Parking is available at Vienna Elementary School and Town Hall. Church Street will be closed to traffic from 5-9:30 p.m.

understanding the fundamental aspects of dementia as well as signs. stages and supports. RSVP early. www.BrightviewGreatFalls.com. 703-759-2513.

All About IEPs - Answers to **Frequently Asked Questions** About IEPs. 7-8:30 p.m. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring

FCPS IEP Specialist, Andrew Guillen, from the Office of Special Education Procedural Support will discuss answers to the most frequently asked

questions about IEPs. Free. Register at http://www.fcps.edu/ dss/osp/prc/.index.shtml.

Handling the Holidays. 5-7 p.m. Long and Foster, 1355 Beverly Road, Suite 300, Cafe 3, McLean. The Women's Center of Vienna identify common holiday stressors. Learn to cope with holiday-related emotions. Understand how to create expectations for your holidays that can become a reality. Free. 703-903-8643.

VIEWPOINTS —

What are you most thankful for?

Photos by Donna Manz/The Connection

Shop Vienna Saturday comes two days after Thanksgiving. Supporting local businesses helps family-owned stores stay alive. The Vienna-Oakton Connection asked Vienna businesspeople: What are you most thankful for?"

Anne Stuntz, Presdient, Historic Vienna, Inc.

"I really am grateful for family and friends, especially in light of what happened in Paris. We know what is important in our lives."



Michael Amouri, Caffe Amouri owner and Chase the Submarine co-owner

"I'm most thankful for the residents of this town. Without them, none of this, my businesses, is possible. They're the best."



Kathy Georgen, President, **Georgen-Scarborough Associates**

"I'm thankful for all the business and personal relationships I have developed over the years in the town of Vienna."



James Cudney, President, Home-

"As always, family first, and great friends, a wonderful community, and all the personal and business relationships that make Vienna a great place in which to work, live, play, and raise a family."



Peggy James, Executive Director, Vienna Business Association

"My family, the amazing friends I've made through the VBA and the business community, my dog Maxie."



Lu Elizabeth Cousins, Director, **Vienna Arts Society**

"Family and friends, hands-down first. I'm very happy to have good and authentic working relationships, too."



Niall Leogue, Owner, Caddie

"Family, of course, and good friends, and the great people of Vienna."

-Donna Manz



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VIENNA CRIME REPORTS

Incidents from Nov. 13-19.

Incidents

Fraud - 900 Block Plum Street, SW.
Between Jan. 14 at noon and Nov 16
at 7:41 p.m. A resident reported he
had been reviewing his credit report
and discovered someone had opened
a Verizon Wireless account using his
personal information. This case is
being investigated.

Grand Larceny - 300 Block Westview Court, NE. Between Nov. 07 at 8 a.m. and Nov. 16 at 8 a.m. A resident reported she had been staying at an area hospital and when she returned home she discovered several personal items had been taken from her home. This case is being investigated.

Suspicious Event - Maple Avenue at Niblick Drive, SE. Nov. 12 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. A citizen reported a Middle Eastern male had been lying in the median in the prayer position. She stated he was praying beneath a diamond shaped sign, in the likeness of a traffic signal, with an American flag affixed to the sign. Lt. Marsh spoke with the citizen, who stated they were concerned about the man's actions in light of what had occurred in Paris. The citizen had taken down the flag and turned it over to Lt. Marsh. The information obtained in this case has been turned over to the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center (NVRIC)

Animal Case - Cedar Lane School, 101 Cedar Lane, SW. Nov. 12, 2:30 p.m. An employee reported their concerns about a student's treatment of their service dog. The employee believed the student may have been abusing the animal. ACO Barker contacted the Fairfax County Animal Control Department who will follow up with this case as the dog and owners live outside the Town of Vienna.

Noise Complaint - The Bey Lounge, 303 Mill Street, NE. Nov. 12, 11:40 p.m. Officer Herrera responded to the Bey Lounge after receiving a complaint of loud music emanating from the rear of the building. After speaking to the manager the music was turned down.

Open Door - First Baptist Church, 450
Orchard Street, NW. Nov 13, 4:58
a.m. An alarm company reported the alarm at the church had been activated. Officer Hylinski responded and located an unsecured door. After searching the church and finding nothing appeared to be out of place the door was secured.

Death Investigation - Meadow Lane, SW. Nov. 13, 10 a.m. Officers responded to a residence to investigate the death of a resident. A friend of the decedent's father arrived at the house to take the father to a doctor's appointment and discovered the decedent in the basement. There were no signs of foul play and next of kin was notified. A detective will follow up on this case.

Suspicious Event - The Cedar Lane School, 101 Cedar Lane, SW. Nov. 13, 12:16 p.m. An employee reported a student made threats directed at her. She stated she felt the threats were made because the student was upset and acting out. Since the threats had been made the employee reported she and the student are on good terms.

Animal Case - 400 Block Victoria Court,

NW. Nov. 13, 1:19 p.m. A resident reported an injured deer was in their backyard. MPO Nelson responded and determined the deer could not be saved.

Suspicious Event - 400 Block Maple Avenue, East. Nov. 13, 3:56 p.m. Officer Reedy responded to a parking lot after receiving the report of a physical altercation occurring between two individuals. After arriving he located the individuals involved who informed him they had been involved in a verbal argument only. One of the individuals was upset that the driver of another vehicle had parked crooked in the parking space and was too close to his vehicle. After speaking with both individuals they agreed to go their separate ways.

Narcotics Violation - The Wolftrap Hotel, 430 Maple Avenue, West. Nov. 13, 8:38 p.m. MPO Lyons responded to the Wolftrap Hotel after receiving the report of CPR being performed on a hotel guest. Upon arriving and entering the room with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel he was informed the unresponsive individual may have injected an illegal narcotic into her system. Fairfax County Rescue personnel treated the individual and transported her to an area hospital for further treatment. This case is being investigated.

Noise Complaint - The Bey Lounge, 303
Mill Street, NE. Nov. 14, 12:32 a.m.
MPO Shaver responded to the Bey
Lounge after receiving a complaint of
loud music emanating from the
building. Upon arrival he was able to
hear the music inside the business
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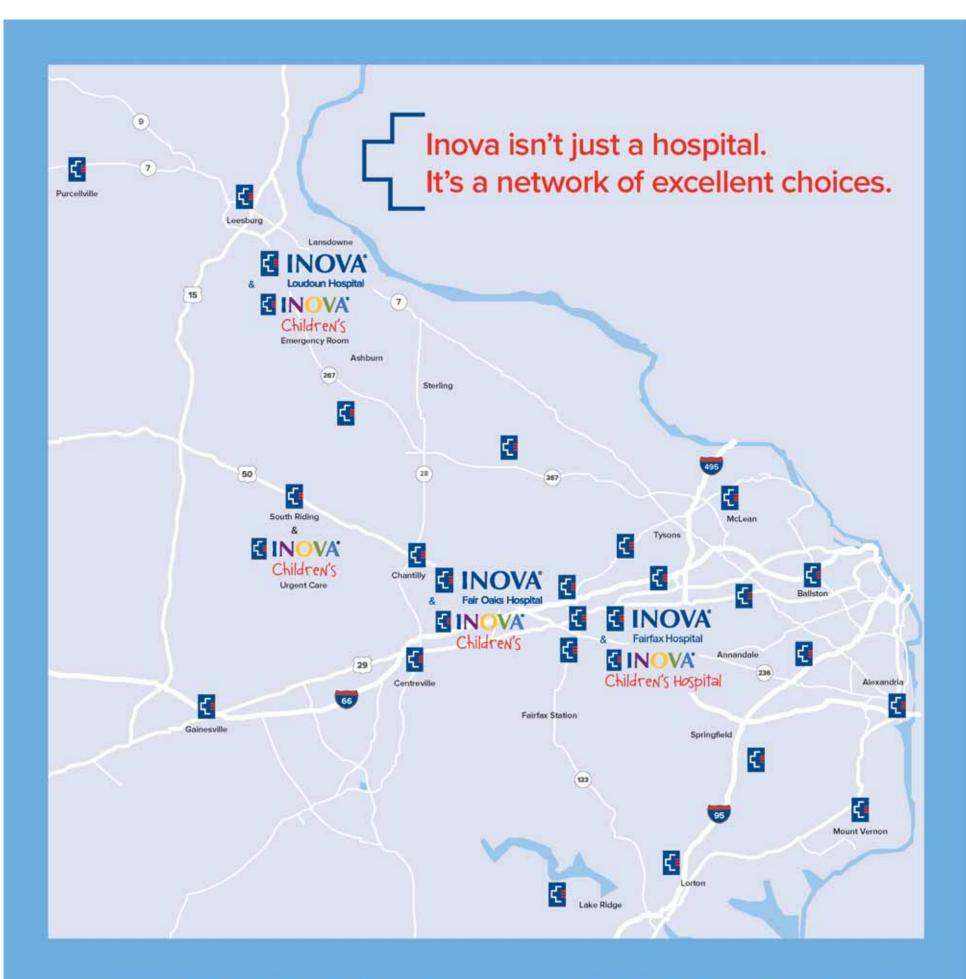
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OPINION

Celebrate, Shop, Dine Locally

Every day can be "small business day."

here is a joy to participating in com munity traditions and celebrations during the holidays, from walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to shopping in local stores, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambiance available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part

of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that is otherwise unmatched

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon. An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, also called Shop Small. This year that day is Nov. 28.

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive, and communities depend on those businesses as well. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, advocating for improvements, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face tough challenges right now. Competition from big box stores and online sellers makes the

holiday shopping season all the more important to locally owned retailers. EDITORIAL But local families will literally spend millions of dollars to shop and exchange gifts during the next month in a variety of places.

> Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. Everyone will shop online. Many will answer the call of the big box. But local shoppers should be sure to do some celebrating, shopping and dining locally. We promise it brings more joy.

> > - MARY KIMM MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

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Email submissions for the Children's Connection Card).

Children's Connection

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. It is a keepsake edition for many families. The annual Children's Connection

grade, school attended and town of residence.

to ChildrensNorth@connectionnewspapers.com. Subject line should be school name, town and teacher's last name (e.g. Westgate ES, McLean,

The Challenge of Ending Homelessness

BY MARGI PRESTON **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FACETS**

ometimes it takes a challenge to make progress. That's what happened here in Fairfax when leaders of six nonprofits serving those who are homeless decided to push themselves to do more.

With the second largest homeless population in the region, homelessness is a real problem in the Fairfax County-Falls Church community. A majority of the people who are homeless are in working families with children. Throughout the year, FACETS works in partnership with Fairfax's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness and other nonprofits to bring our community closer to a day when no one is homeless through a variety of effective programs. And in the summer of 2014, we decided to do even more by teaming up with five other local nonprofits to motivate ourselves to reach new records in moving people from homelessness to housing.

Our power team — FACETS, New Hope Housing, Cornerstones, Shelter House, NVFS and Volunteers of America-Chesapeake kicked off a year-long Fairfax County Housing Challenge. The challenge was modeled after the successful Rapid Rehousing Challenge, which was organized by the National Alliance to End Homelessness to motivate nonprofits statewide to rapidly re-house as many families as possible within 100 days.

Rapid re-housing is a proven and cost-effec-

COMMENTARY

country to reduce homelessness. It involves helping households move into housing as quickly as possible after they enter the shelter system. Families and individuals are housed in market-rate apartments or houses in the community, and receive rental subsidies and/ or services that are tailored to their specific needs, including a caseworker to help ease the

Our housing challenge showed the real benefits of collaboration. Together we set and met quarterly ambitious goals to find homes for even more people who were unstably housed and homeless. We brainstormed and found new ways to get people out of homelessness and into safe and secure housing. And it worked. At the end of the challenge, nearly 500 single adults and more than 220 families now have a home of their own and services to help them remain housed.

As important as it is to get people into housing right away so they can start the transition back to a stable life, we all recognize that preventing homelessness is the top priority. Like our nonprofit partners, FACETS relies on help from volunteers and partnerships with the faith homelessness throughout Fairfax County by counseling and outreach, educational enrich- arena. I hope you are not done fighting. ment programs, and permanent housing.

With the cold temperatures approaching, we tive strategy used by communities across the have begun to gear up for our Hypothermia

Prevention and Response Program. Through a partnership with over 40 faith communities, this program enables FACETS to offer refuge from the bitter cold to over 200 individuals in our community who are homeless each year. The success of the Fairfax Housing Challenge has inspired us to remain motivated in helping even more people come in from the cold this winter and ideally keep more from ever having to experience the cold at all. We are up for the challenge ... and I know our community partners are too. That's a win for the whole community. To learn more, visit us at www.FacetsCares.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Entering Into the Arena

Theodore Roosevelt once said that the credit belongs to those who are in the arena. Craig Parisot should be commended for stepping into the arena in what he knew would be a tough fight. Northern Virginia is becoming increasingly polarized and competitive and, as a result, the cost, both financially and personally, of running for office here is exorbitant. Respected incumbents declined to run for reelection this year, and business communities to prevent no doubt in part because of this strain. Craig knew what he was walking into, but he did it offering a full spectrum of services, such as anyway out of a desire to serve his community. basic needs and financial assistance, career Thank you Craig Parisot for entering into the

> Priscilla M. Griffith McLean

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LETTERS



An Inspiring Message

To the Editor:

I am fortunate to consider Craig Parisot a friend. I know that Craig is deeply humbled to have had the support of so many in our community. Although he did not win, he has been touched by the overwhelming support

and says that he is extremely grateful to have made so many friends during his run for Delegate.

As a senior in high school, I was honored to have Craig speak at our school on multiple occasions. He was always eager to come, and always answered all of our questions. Craig's positivity and outgoing personality coupled with his sincere vi-

ceptional choice on the ballot. I am grateful for his inspiring message and drive to serve his community on a greater level. I'm also grateful to the countless voters, supporters, and volunteers who helped make his campaign possible. I know that Craig will remain an active voice in our community, and I wish him all the best.

sion to serve as our delegate inspired many

local teens. I am grateful to Craig for run-

ning this year and providing us with an ex-

Paul Youssef Vienna Langley High senior

Women Inspiring Women in Sports

To the Editor:

After seeing the article, "Area Coaches to be Honored for Work Empowering Girls," I could not help but think how great it is to see women inspiring women in sports. I think female coaches have a huge impact on the girls they coach because the young girls can so easily relate to them. I remember being in elementary school and feeling anxiety or nervous every time I had to participate in the mile or any other physical fitness test. Once I started soccer, basketball and dance, my female coaches helped me conquer my fears of not only being shy but playing sports in general. My confidence definitely grew because of them.

We see more and more that female coaches are disappearing and being re-

placed by a male coach. The Title 9 act made it so that there needs to be an equal number of male and female athletes at a school. Because of this more male teams are being cut to equal the number of female teams.

As the male teams are cut their male coaches move over to the female team. There has been a huge decrease in the number of female coaches. In 1972, 90 percent of female teams had female coaches but in 2008 only 43 percent had female coaches.

To see that there are still female coaches in my community encouraging and inspiring young girls is a great and heart-warming thing to see.

> Mary Hagen Grow Great Falls

– Vienna Crime Reports -

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but nothing that constituted a violation of the Noise Ordinance. Sgt. Farhan responded to the area where the complaint was made and was not able to hear any noise violations either.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated - Maple
Avenue at Niblick Drive, SE. Nov. 14, 1:44
a.m. PFC Tracy was on patrol when he
observed the driver of a vehicle commit a
series of traffic violations. As a result of
those violations he conducted a traffic stop.
Upon his interaction with the driver he
detected the signs of possible impairment.
After failing to complete a series of field
sobriety tests he arrested the 56 year old
woman from McLean, Virginia for Driving
While Intoxicated. The woman was
transported to the Vienna Police Station
where she was giving the opportunity to
provide a sample of her breath for analysis.

After the analysis she was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. She was to be held until she was sober.

Arrest - Drunk in Public - 7-11, 427 Maple Avenue, East. Nov. 15, 3:52 a.m. Sgt. Farhan was patrolling in the area of the 7-11, when he observed a female walking around and appeared to be crying. After speaking with the female he located her intoxicated boyfriend sitting in his vehicle. Sgt. Farhan offered the boyfriend the opportunity to contact a friend to take him home. He made several attempts to get a ride but none of his friends would come to his aid. Sgt. Farhan arrested the 28 year old man from Lee Highway in Fairfax, Virginia for Drunk in Public. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was to be held until he was sober.



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News



Patrons and visitors paint some beer kegs at Caboose Brewing Company in Vienna. Caboose Brewing Company had its grand opening May 2015, and is preparing for its first winter.



Meth Gunasinghe, a manager at Caboose Brewing Company, giving a guided tour of the brewery. Gunasinghe, a resident of Falls Church, enjoys the Caboose Brown Ale. Darker beers will rotate at Caboose through the winter.



Caboose Brewing Company in Vienna has a familyfriendly feel, and welcomes area residents as well as travelers along the nearby bike trail. Some seasonal items at the brewery nclude a vanilla bean infused imperial stout called "Hobo Stout."

Vienna's Caboose Brewing Readies For First Winter

Caboose Brewing Company creates an enjoyable pub atmosphere.

cated at an industrial park near the ter. bike trail, Caboose combines varieties of beer with a farm-to-table

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made. I like the variety and the has wooden tables, a bar and rail, said McDermott. n the town of Vienna near location is great," said Wayne and views of the brewery's steel Mile Marker 12 on the Wash- Coakley, a resident of Fairfax and tanks. The restaurant logo deco-Trail (W&OD) past the red pany. Caboose Brewing Company and graffiti artists designed murals caboose and headed west is the had its grand opening May 2015, on the bathroom walls. "On Satur-Caboose Brewing Company. Lo- and is preparing for its first win- days, we get a lot bicyclists and trail people," said chef Brandon With its location next to the McDermott. McDermontt has been W&OD trail, you may hear the impressed as to how area brewer-

BY RYAN DUNN food menu from chef Brandon click-and-clack of bike shoes on the ies offered advice and assistance. "It has The Connection McDermott. "The beer is well weekend. The interior of Caboose been camaraderie instead of competition,"

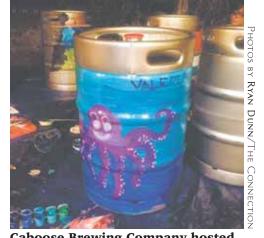
"We are definitely about collaboration," said Meth Gunasinghe, a manager at Caington and Old Dominion patron of Caboose Brewing Com- rates one end of the dining area, boose Brewing Company. Gunasinghe, a resident of Falls Church, enjoys the Caboose Brown Ale, which combines caramel with dark malts and a dash of hops to create a beer with a touch of sweetness. Another drink many of the staff enjoy is the Caboose Car Hopper IPA, an India Pale Ale (IPA). The brewery has five or six core beers crafted at the 15 barrel brewhouse and served on the premise. Guided tours of the brewery are offered Tuesdays 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. and the last Saturday of each month at noon and 2

"Over the last few years beer has gone from huge national breweries, to large scale micro-breweries, and now we are going to small scale local nano-breweries," said Dave Mackie, a beer buyer at The Wine Cabinet located at Reston. Gov. Terry McAuliffe declared August Craft Beer Month, and some believe Virginia is entering into a "Golden Age of Beer." Other area breweries include Aslin Beer Company in Herndon, and Mad Fox Brewing Company, which has a gastro brewpub in Falls Church.

CABOOSE signed with distributor Ferment Nation, and Caboose craft beer has been available at Norm's Beer and Wine store in Vienna. Caboose Brewing Company owners Matt and Jeanine Greer and Tim and Jennigastropub and brewery. The kitchen follows the "Farm to Table" model, sourcing ingredients from local farms and artisans. The **THE FIRST "TRAILS & ALES"** fun run is

Baltimore's Heavy Seas Alehouse. Darker led by instructor Marni Sclaroff, is \$15 dolbeers will rotate at Caboose though the winlars per person and welcome to all levels. ter. Some seasonal items the brewery will Heaters will be installed on the outdoor put out are a vanilla bean infused imperial patio soon. Caboose is currently booking for stout called "Hobo Stout" and a ghost pep- private events for the holidays. More inforper pale ale named "Ghost Train." Regard- mation can be found on the website at ing the food menu, seasonal items featur- www.caboosebrewing.com. ing celery root and parsnips will make an

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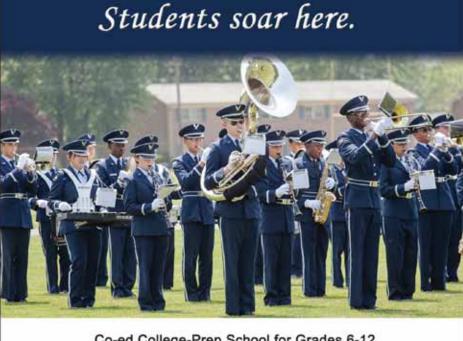
Caboose Brewing Company hosted a keg painting event this year. **Caboose** will host events to engage the community, including a running club (meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m.) and yoga group (Tuesdays at 9:30 -10:30 a.m.). The first "Trail & Ales" fun run is Nov. 23.

appearance. "Were doing a chicken pot pie for the winter as a warmer item," said

"I like the saison, it is peppery, and has been with us since the beginning," said Samantha Johnston, a server at Caboose. The saison is a belgian yeast strain, and is a dry beer with notes of citrus. Customers and visitors agree, Vienna's Caboose Brewing Company combines a small-town pub atmosphere with the modern environment of Northern Virginia.

While traffic along the bike trail will slow down with winter, Caboose will host events fer McLaughlin planned over a year for the to engage the community, including a runpermits and equipment for the Caboose ning club (meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m.) and yoga group (Tuesdays at 9:30–10:30 a.m.).

establishment highlights local resources and Nov. 23. Caboose has partnered with Joann the menu includes pot pie, and grass-fed beef Meginley, co-owner and fitness instructor at Grass Roots Fitness, who will lead these runs The brewmaster is Chris Mallon, of every Monday at 6:30 p.m. The yoga group



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Creating Families with Adoption

Adoptive parents described: 'Grateful. Generous. Awesome.'

By Joan Brady
The Connection

ovember is National Adoption Awareness Month. With that in mind, meet two families expanded through adoption; two families whose kids describe their family as "awesome."

The Hagens of Vienna are a family of two parents, Kelly and Scott; three boys, two adopted and one biological; and two family dogs. Appreciative is the word that comes to mind listening to the Hagens talk about their family.

Lewis, 17, describes family priorities. "Somehow we find time to do stuff together. Like eating dinner. I've heard some families don't do that. That's very sad to me."

Spencer, 16, talks of how his brother, James, influences his life. "I know there are a lot of experiences that I get to have because James is so outgoing."

James, 11, appreciates time spent with his dad. "I like working outside with my dad. And, I like that he pays me for it."

Lewis loves having brothers. "You have people who are always there. I play XBox with them. We talk. We listen to music. It's like having friends that are always there AND they are family." Would be different with sisters? Spencer says, "Well, they would probably make it all about them."

For parents Kelly and Scott Hagen, appreciation extends outside of their immediate family. "We have a lot of special issues in our family and that has made us more open minded about people," says Kelly. "We make fewer assumptions and we listen more."

Meet the Connelly Family

The Connellys have an immediate family that includes two parents, five sons — two



Hagen Family: Scott, Spencer, James, Lewis and Kelly of Vienna

biological, two adopted from Fairfax County foster care, and one foster son — and two cats. They hope to add a therapy dog in the next few months.

Jackson, 8, likes the commotion that a large family brings. "I like having brothers. It's interesting living with a lot of people. It's very loud, which means I'm never bored and I learn a lot about how to be nice."

Anthony, 17, has a deep appreciation for his parents, "Not every family would take in so many kids and do so much for them. My parents make sure to keep things fair and show us a lot of love."

Ben, 15, recognizes all that it means to be a family, "If you are looking for a family, you will find everything and more from the family right here. We are everything you would expect; the good and the bad. We are a real family."

Hunter, also 15, might complain about the noise, and apparently does, all of the time, but he wouldn't change a thing, "When we are at home and I'm trying to get work done and everyone's doing their thing around my area, it drives me crazy. But I wouldn't trade

them in for peace and quiet."

Scott and Megan Connelly have been foster parents to many kids over the years. According to Scott, the "spectacular" success of the foster children they have had over the years, many now grown, as well as the success of their biological and adopted boys is simple. "We make sure they know that we love them, unconditionally, and that we are going to hold them accountable. It takes a few weeks, but then they settle right in."

Megan adds: "One of the things that helps makes our household work is that the kids are flexible and giving. Each time we have added someone new into the mix, they follow the example set and pretty quickly, it's like they were always there."

Nicholas, the Connelly's 10-year-old foster son describes his foster parents this way: "They are grateful. They are generous. They are awesome."

Megan Connelly is one of 12 kids, 10 of whom were adopted. Megan says that with their current four, they are only just getting started.

Scott and Megan Connelly.

Photos and bios provided by Fairfax County Department of Family Services

Adame, an energetic 6-year-old boy has a big smile and big heart to match. Keeping Adame engaged will help him remain on task and minimize anxiety for him. A two-parent household, with one parent primarily in the home available to attend to Ad



home available to attend to Adame's needs would be ideal, Adame is resilient and would thrive in an adoptive family of his own.

Tim, an active 16-year-old, loves to keep busy. His favorite thing to do is go fishing. He would like a family who is active and loving. He gets along well with young children and has a good sense of humor. He hopes to one day attend a trade



school to become a plumber because he feels this would be a great way to become financially stable.

Damon, a kind and thoughtful 14-year-old young man enjoys eating out, watching movies and going to the park. He has discovered rock-collecting and can identify many different kinds of rocks. Damon likes school; he is energetic and loves sports especially here.



loves sports, especially basketball, rollerblading and riding his bike.

Summer, a 15-year-old young lady enjoys hiking and biking outdoors, and loves music and reading. She is self-taught on piano and guitar and can play songs by ear. She would like a family that has a love for music and enjoys being active in the community.



All 860

By Joan Brady

arental rights terminated. Available for adoption. Floundering in an imperfect system. These words describe many children who are currently living in foster care in Virginia. In Fairfax County, these four children are hoping that this will be the last Thanksgiving spent in foster homes

Gov. Terry McAuliffe wants those children who are currently available for adoption, adopted into loving homes, and he isn't messing around.

"Let's make it a goal – all of us in this room – that one year from today all 860 of these children will be adopted," McAuliffe recently charged a room full of adoption and foster care professionals at the Connecting Hearts Summit.

Focusing on Virginia is a good start. More than 26,000 young people across the United States age out of foster care each year to futures more likely to include homelessness and hunger than jobs and careers that will pay the bills. All of those young people were once children like the 108,000 currently languishing in foster care. Children who hoped, in vain, that someone would come forward and

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Connelly Family: Hunter, Jackson, Ben and Anthony (Foster son, Nicholas, not pictured).

Adoption

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choose them for adoption.

In 2014, McAuliffe elevated the priority of foster care adoption by appointing Debbie Johnson as Virginia's Adoption Champion. An adoptee herself, one of her achievements to-date has been to create Connection Hearts. www.connectingheartsva.org. With Ericca Facetti at the helm, Connecting Hearts works with the Virginia Department of Social Services, local departments of social services as well as local businesses to engage and educate the public about children in foster care who are waiting for adoptive families.

One of Ericca's immediate goals is to get as many of those children as appropriate included in the Adoptuskids/Virginia listings. Currently, of the 860, just 180 are listed. www.adoptuskids.org/ states/va/index.aspx

According to the Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG), there are 259 children in the DC metro area waiting for adoptive homes. Child Welfare Program Manager, Kamilah Bunn, works tirelessly to bring visibility to foster care adoption in our region. COG's adoption efforts include Wednesday's Child, The PicMe

Adoption Expo

What: 2015 Adoption Expo will educate, inspire and celebrate families formed through adoption. Prospective adoptive parents can meet adoption professionals as well as current adoptive and foster parents to learn about foster care adoption and foster parenting.

Cost: Free Dec. 5, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. When: 801 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 More: adoptionfosterexpo.org

Project, Regional Adoption Events and the Regional Adoption Ex-

Many children have no problem advocating for themselves. Perhaps one of the more memorable self-advocates was a 10-year old twin, who grabbed his brother, hopped on a stage in downtown DC, grabbed a mic and belted out to the cheering crowd, "WE NEED A FAMILY." Other children are not so forthcoming; They are embarrassed by circumstances that are no fault of their own. They have been disappointed by adults who have said they loved them, but who then turned away. They fear further rejection.

Social workers and other professionals like Kamilah Bunn and Ericca Facetti all work together to protect each child, as they work tirelessly to match children successfully with a small pool of potential adoptive families.



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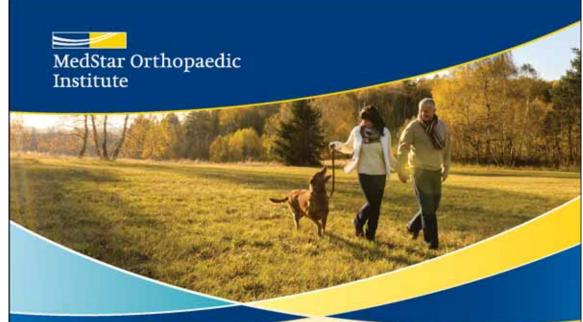
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ONGOING

"Harvey." Check for show times. Nov. 12-Dec. 20. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, this beloved classic is a treat for the whole family. Veta Simmons and her daughter Myrtle Mae have just moved back into town and are making quite a splash on the social scene. Gatherings and engagements abound as Mvrtle Mae peruses for a viable suitor. \$15-\$30. www.1ststagetysons.org. 703-854-1856.

Meadowlark Gardens' Winter Walk of Lights. Nov. 14-Jan. 4. 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 http://winterwalkoflights.com/

53rd Annual James A. Bland **Contest**. Through Monday, Feb. 15. Vienna Lions Club invites elementary and high school vocalist and instrumentalists to present a song or piece for cash prizes. For information and application, contact Susan Stiles at sandcs89@yahoo.com or 703-938

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WEDNESDAY/NOV. 25

7th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Wine Tasting Extravaganza. Noon-6 p.m. The Vineyard, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Pouring 25-30 perfect wines for Thanksgiving dinner and the rest of the holiday season. Special discounts on all the wines being tasted, as well as special prizes throughout the day. Free. www.thevineyardva.com. 703-288-

Nature Night. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Meadowlark, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Visit with the naturalist and his reptile and amphibian friends. http:// winterwalkoflights.com. 703-255-

FRIDAY/NOV. 27

John Eaton. 8 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Join renowned pianist and vocalist, John Eaton, as he interprets the Great American Songbook. Eaton is one of the flagship artists of the Wolf Trap Recording label and he has released eight albums to date that include the music of Richard Rodgers, Ray Charles, the Beatles, and Cole Porter. Tickets: \$25-\$27. For more information, visit http:// www.wolftrap.org/ or call 703-255-

SATURDAY/NOV. 28

Dream Discs: the Wild, the Innocent & the E Street **Shuffle/Moondance**. 7:30 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Experience a thrilling tribute to two of rock 'n' roll's bestloved albums, made famous by Van Morrison and Bruce Springsteen, as they're performed in their entirety by some of the finest musicians and vocalists in the D.C. area. Tickets: \$25-\$27. For more information. http://www.wolftrap.org/ or call 703-255-1900.

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Charming "Harvey" from 1st Stage

Screwball comedy with terrific performances.

BY DAVID SIEGEL THE CONNECTION

ith impeccable comic mastery, 1st Stage has produced a priceless, crisp "Harvey," the 1945 Pulitzer Prize winning play written by Mary Chase. Originally aimed at a WWII warweary America, "Harvey" is a delightfully acted show, full of absurd situations and small gems of serious-minded moments.

"Harvey" spins around a character named Elwood P. Dowd, who may or may not be a delusional alcoholic. The show probes the notion that being "a perfectly normal human being" might make someone a "stinker." It rummages into the possibility that a "pooka" (in Irish Folklore, a presence visible only to those who believe) exists in the guise of six-foot tall, "unseen" rabbit named Harvey.

Directed by Michael Chamberlin, "Harvey" has a cornucopia of stellar performances. A supporting ensemble has many laughable moments, making on-stage shambles into blissful entertainment. The supporting cast make the production appealing even with characters that might be viewed as outof-date given their 1945 origins and viewpoints.

Eccentric to a fault, Dowd is played by Jonathan Lee Taylor. He is a smooth-talking, mild-mannered man, often fueled by thoughts of having a drink. With well-placed special effects, Taylor easily leaves the audience wondering if he might be the sanest person on the stage.

The supporting cast includes a confident, terrific performance by Tonya Beckman as Dodd's on-stage sister Veta. Beckman has a matchless ability to present a bewildering range of emotions such as exasperation, and vexation without speaking a word. Her work is a bright candy-land of vivid comic energy with her expressive face and physicality.

Sue Schaffel and Emily Morrison provide superb



Johnathan Lee Taylor as Elwood P. Dowd and Sue Schaffel as Betty Chumley in "Harvey" at 1st Stage. Photo by Teresa Castracane.

Where and When

1st Stage presents "Harvey" performing at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances now thru Dec. 20, 2015. Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$30; with student, seniors and military discounts. Call 703-854-1856 or visit

moments of animated slow-burning, daftness reacting to the fraught situations their characters find themselves in. Elliot Bates, a boorish, highbrow doctor, who transforms into an engaging oddball who believes Harvey is quite real.

As tentative love interests, Carolyn Kashner and Tim Torre perform agreeably. Robert Grimm has an over-the-top, burlesque-like turn as a medical orderly. Kelsey Meiklejohn and DeJeanette Horne are solid as foils to the on-stage clowning. With only a few moments on stage, William Aiken hits the mark delivering sobering, wise lines of dialogue.

The seamlessly detailed WWII setting includes a fanciful use of a turntable that comes from the fertile minds of scenic designer Kay Hughes, lighting designer Brittany Shemuga, costume designer Kara Waala and sound designer Edward Moser.

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WEDNESDAY/DEC. 2

Eric Hutchinson, 8 p.m. The Barnes. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer/songwriter Eric Hutchinson takes the stage with radio favorites, including "Rock & Roll" and "Watching You Watch Him" and more and performs his foot-tapping brand of pop and rock. Tickets: \$22 advance; \$25 day of. For more information, visit http:// www.wolftrap.org/tickets/calendar/ performance/1516barns/ 1202show15.aspx or call 703-255-1900.

THURSDAY/DEC. 3

Face Painting. 5:30-9 p.m.

Meadowlark, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Children will enjoy festive snowflakes, snowmen and other holiday face painting images. Free. http:// winterwalkoflights.com. 703-255-3631.

FRIDAY/DEC.4

An Acoustic Evening with Over the **Rhine**. 8 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Founded Over the Rhine in 1991, music of the duo singers Linford Detweiler and Karin Bergquist is marked by literary influences by Lewis, Dylan Thomas, and T.S. Eliot. Detweiler and Bergquist released albums and have performed with Bob Dylan, Ani DiFranco and others. Tickets: \$25-\$28. For more information, visit http://www.wolftrap.org or call 703-255-1900.

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 4-5

Annual Renaissance Feaste. 7 p.m. Capital Church, 10233 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Journey back to Merrie Olde England for a festive evening of Renaissance-style dining and musical entertainment. Enter the Greate Halle for a spectacular holiday celebration featuring costumed servers, jesters, minstrels, musicians and the Langley Madrigals. Reservations required. Go to http:// www.langleychorus.com/monthlycalendar/ to find out how to reserve your spot.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

Christmas Bazaar. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Lane, Vienna. Handmade Wreaths, See's Candy, silent auction and more. 703-938-3494. www.epiphany.com. **Lofty Salon 10th Anniversary**

Celebration. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lofty Boutique Salon Spa, 354 W. Maple Ave., Vienna. Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and shopping specials will be provided, and owner Mona Harb will be on hand to greet and chat. www.loftysalon.com. 703-242-0609.

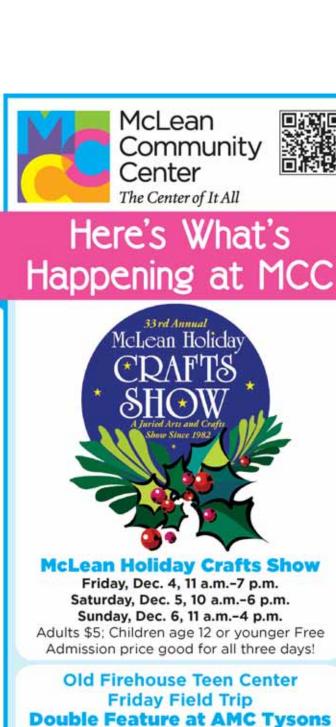
SUNDAY/DEC. 6

Calmus. 7:30 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Experience the German A capella quintet as they sing traditional and contemporary holiday music. Tickets: \$35. For more information, visit http://www.wolftrap.org or call 703-255-1900.









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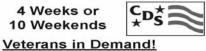
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All Four It

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In fact, it was my idea (and I do think much of it), as it has been previously, but this time, my oncologist felt – to quote my late father: "The idea had merit." And so, infusing forward, I will be visiting (I use that word loosely), the Infusion Center every four weeks instead of three. A change nearly seven years in the making. Now whether it hastens my demise or simply improves the quality of my life, I certainly don't know. All I know is what little I know. Nevertheless, given my amazing good fortune to still be alive so many years after my original prognosis "prognosed" otherwise: '13 months to two years," (as stated by my oncologist on 2/27/09), I suppose I'm living proof that cancer works in mysterious ways and not always according to medical expectations. Thank God!

Perhaps the future – and maybe even the present, is what I make of it. And though it's difficult – but not impossible – to do so, among the rather grim tales that one hears in the lung cancer/cancer-in-general world, there are success stories, many of which I've actually heard. And the more of these stories I hear, the more I feel empowered and realize that even though we have not won the war on cancer, we are winning battles, not just skirmishes. Lung cancer patients are living longer, as I have been fortunate to do; now we're going to try and improve the quality of that "living longer."

Not that you readers can't sort it for yourselves, but extending my infusion schedule by one week from three to four is not merely a 33 percent increase in that interval, it's an exponential increase in my head; meaning it feels way more significant than one week. It almost seems as if I can breathe normally again (not that I have any cancer-related difficulty breathing other than climbing stairs, lifting heavy objects or otherwise over-exerting myself); the sensation now, the expectation now, is that I have control of my life for an extra week EVERY SINGLE MONTH that I've not had for almost seven years. I don't want to go commercial here, but can you spell relief? For me, it's not a product, it's a lifestyle.

However, as relieved as I am, this decision/possibly even accommodation from my oncologist, is not because I'm cured, in remission or cancer-free. No. It's because I asked and my most recent PET Scan answered by indicating that I was "stable," according to my oncologist. News, I like to joke, with which I can live. But news which hardly extricates me from "Cancerville." Rather, news that allows/enables my oncologist to consider some options that many cancer patients are unable to consider. For the record, though: this is unlikely to be permanent and guarantees are not being made. Still, to invoke Hubert H. Humphrey: 'I'm pleased as punch."

As a long-time salesman, I've heard many technique advisories. One I will mention here: "Don't be afraid to take 'yes' for an answer." Well, I've learned my léssons. I am going to take "yes" for an answer. I'm not looking for trouble. If my oncologist is happy to oblige/agree with the four-week interval, then who am I to question it? Question it is the last thing \dot{l} 'm going to do. I'm going to embrace and enjoy it. Besides, I deserve it. I only wish there hundreds/ thousands of other "terminal" cancer patients receiving similar results and subseuent improvement in the quality of their lives. And though it may be temporary (until the results of my next CT Scan in January, that is), for the time I'm still being: "Oh, what a relief it shall be!"

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

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Tuesday/Nov. 24

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will hold its 17th Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Clergy will lead the service with prayers for peace and thanksgiving. Local choirs from participating congregations will join together under one roof to provide an evening of inspirational music. An offering will be collected to support CHO and The Lamb Center. Bring the family, or come with friends. The church is located at 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna.

Celebrate Advent and Christmas at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Weekly worship is Sundays at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays at noon. Holiday events include:

Sunday, Dec. 13, Children's Musical, 10:30 a.m. service.

Sunday, Dec. 20, Lessons and Carols, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 5 p.m. family service; 8 p.m., Candlelight and Communion; 11 Candlelight and Communion. www.imtrinity.org.

The Churches of the Ecumenical Council are offering a Blue Christmas worship opportunity Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2:30 p.m. at Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Rd., Great Falls. This is an opportunity to come together expressing the griefs, losses and challenges of our lives as we connect to hope and faith. Call Carol 703-582-1640 with ques-

Chancel Choir, children and youth of the Great Falls United Methodist Church invite you to join them for worship as they offer "Welcome to Our World," a musical for Christmas written by Claire Cloninger and Robert Sterling on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. The musical includes traditional carols, newer praise songs and original material.

Robert R. "Mitch" Mitchell, Director of Music Ministries at Great Falls UMC, former U.S. Army Bandsman, and local area Piano teacher/freelance Musician will be conducting the choir and narrators. Church keyboardist Thomas Pandolfi will be accompanying the musical. Great Falls United Methodist Church is located at 10100 Georgetown Pike, right next to the Fire Station in the center of the village. All are welcome.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, is holding Sunday evening worship service in a less formal atmosphere and more intimate setting to help you get ready for the week ahead. Sundays, 6 p.m. Communion offered. childcare. 703-938-2119 www.elcvienna.org.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music: 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs: 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum: and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org

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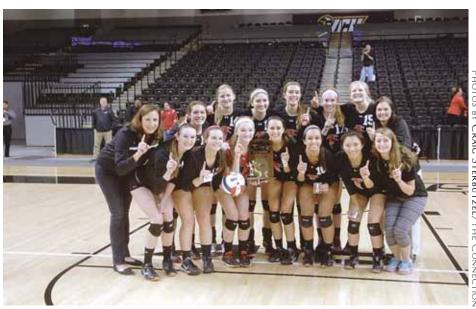
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Sports



Madison volleyball players celebrate their five-set victory over Langley in the 6A state championship match on Nov. 20 at VCU's Siegel Center in Richmond.



The Madison volleyball team captured the 6A state title with a five-set victory over Langley on Nov. 20 at VCU's Siegel Center in Richmond.

Madison Volleyball Captures State Championship

Warhawks beat Conference 6 rival Langley in five sets.

> By Jon Roetman The Connection

he Madison volleyball team's 2014 season ended on the Siegel Center court with an agonizing five-set loss to First Colonial in the 6A state final.

One year later, the Warhawks were on the winning end of a dramatic five-set match on the state championship stage and ended their 2015 campaign with a joyous pile on the Siegel Center hardwood.

After dropping two of the first three sets, Madison battled back to defeat Conference 6 rival Langley 3-2 (20-25, 25-17, 22-25, 25-17, 15-8) in the VHSL 6A state final on Nov. 20 at VCU in Richmond.

Madison captured the program's first state championship by winning the first all-Fairfax County big-school volleyball state final in VHSL history. It was the fifth meeting of the season between the Warhawks and the Saxons, including the third with a championship on the line. Madison defeated Langley in the Conference 6 tournament final, and the Saxons knocked off the Warhawks in the 6A North region championship match. The teams had split their first four meetings.

"This is great, especially with a daughter that's a senior (setter Kendal Hall)," Madison head coach Carrie Hall said. "We couldn't ask for anything better than this. I know that we were all sad last year, but this year, nothing was sweeter. There's nothing sweeter than winning against your neighborhood rival."

Last season, Madison had seven match points against First Colonial in the state final, but couldn't secure the title. The Patriots eventually pulled out an epic fifth set,



Madison senior setter Kendal Hall totaled 47 assists during the Warhawks' five-set win over Langley in the 6A state final on Nov. 20 at VCU's Siegel Center in Richmond.

25-23, and handed the Warhawks their only loss of the season.

ON FRIDAY, Madison never trailed in the fifth set. The Warhawks scored three straight to take a 4-1 lead and scored five of the final six points to secure the victory.

"That fifth set felt like a dream," said Madison senior Natale Zanellato, who tallied four kills in the deciding set. "We pulled ahead, but ... we have played them before and we knew they could come back. Even when it was 14-8, we were like, 'Do not give up a single point."

Zanellato said last year's state final loss didn't cross her mind Friday, but the experience of having played at the Siegel Center helped the Warhawks.

"We played here last year and a lot of the stars have played here and been in this gym," she said. "We all know what it's like. Last year was really big and scary and a different atmosphere and this year it felt comfortable."

Madison senior Jaynie Carter said she started to get emotional before the match

had ended.

"I've never cried tears of happiness before," Carter said. "But once I saw the score and we were [at] 13 [points and] we were [at] 14, I just started to tear up already because it's just so memorable. It's a special moment with a team like that — just the bond that you have. To have this moment, to cherish it with one another, it's kind of once in a lifetime."

While many Madison players contributed to the victory, the Warhawks' senior trio of Kendal Hall, Zanellato and Carter made clutch play after clutch play down the stretch.

Hall, a senior setter who will play for George Mason University next season, injured her left ankle in the first set, which initially caused her to stop using her hard-to-handle jump serve. Hall went back to the serve later in the match and had success, including a fifth-set ace that gave Madison a 3-1 lead.

Hall finished with five aces and 47 assists. "I thought she did a fantastic job tonight," Carrie Hall said. "She got taped right after

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> — Madison volleyball coach Carrie Hall

that in-between sets. ... I imagine she'll be a little sore tomorrow."

Zanellato finished with a team-high 19 kills, and Carter had 18.

"They really came up with some big time plays," Carrie Hall said about the senior trio. "They are all about one point [at a time and] never giving up. Motivators — they just move on from point to point, they don't harbor anything. They've been great role models to my younger players. They did a fantastic job."

Junior Emily Calhoun had 11 kills for

After winning two of the first three sets, Langley scored four straight points in the fourth set to pull within two at 16-14. But after a timeout, Madison pulled away with a 5-0 run and won the fourth set, 25-17.

Langley sophomore setter Elena Shklyar finished with 16 kills, 18 assists, seven blocks, four digs and two aces. Senior Jess Donaldson, who will play at Lehigh University next year, totaled 13 kills and 15 digs. Senior Kristian Stanford had 10 kills and 16 digs.

LANGLEY finished the season with a 25-6 record and the 6A North region title. Madison ended the year with a 23-6 record and took home Conference 6 and 6A state championships.

"It's unbelievable," Kendal Hall said. "I can't even process it right now."

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