

Recognizing the entire Vienna Volunteer Fire Department membership with the Vera I. Lloyd volunteer award are Vera Lloyd (front, left) and Joanie Dempsey. Back is VVFD Chief John Morrison and VVFD president Anthony Stancampiano.

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The Optimist Club of Greater-Vienna installed seven new members on Feb. 3. The members' sponsors accompanied them to their installation.



# Optimists Present \$29,000 Donation to Growing Hope

At Feb. 3 dinner meeting, check presentation and installation of new members.

On Feb. 3, the Optimist Club of Greater-Vienna presented a \$29,000-plus donation to Growing Hope of Northern Virginia, in support of local families confronting childhood cancer. Growing Hope began, simply, in 1988, by providing art supplies to young cancer patients. Today, Growing Hope supports the patient and the family equally with tickets to big events, birthday cakes, picnics and needs that arise. And, for a decade, the Optimist Club of Greater-

Vienna has supported Growing Hope.

"Families appreciate that we help make wishes come true," said Growing Hope board member, Paula Lackey, who accepted the check on behalf of the non-profit.

The Optimists' annual Christmas tree sale and Family Fun Day raise funds for the Optimists' support of Growing Hope and other youth-focused programs in the community. Since the launch of Family Fun Day in 2006, the Optimists have raised more than \$351,000 for Growing Hope.

The Optimists' motto is, "bringing out the best in kids." To learn more about the Greater-Vienna Optimists club, go to [www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org](http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org).

—DONNA MANZ



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From left — Greater-Vienna Optimist Anna Ryjik presents a check for more than \$29,000 to Paula Lackey of Growing Hope at the club's Feb. 3 meeting.

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**VVFD Chief John Morrison, VVFD president Anthony Stancampiano, and Auxiliary president Joanie Dempsey present the Kate Johnson Spirit Award to Valentin Neacsu, department member, and Jane Towle, Auxiliary member.**



**Adam Searle was honored as both Firefighter of the Year and Department Volunteer of the Year.**



**Carol Blevins and Lisa Emerson were co-recipients of the Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year award.**

## Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Honors Volunteers

**Fire department, Auxiliary recognizes selfless service in 2015.**

Approximately 130 friends of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department came out on Feb. 6 to salute the department's volunteers and staff for service to the community in 2015. The banquet and recognition awards program was held in the fire station's Flame Room for invited guests. VVFD president Anthony Stancampiano, fire chief John Morrison, and Auxiliary president Joan Dempsey co-hosted the program. New officers of the department and of the Auxiliary were sworn in by Town

Council member Linda Colbert.

On behalf of the VVFD, Morrison and Stancampiano recognized Adam Searle as Firefighter of the Year and Kelsey Lanza as EMT of the Year. Jason Crawford received the Robert Hunter Award, given to the career person who best embraces the volunteer/career relationship during the year. The Chief's Award went to Kevin O'Callaghan, and the President's Award to Howard Springsteen. Lydia Russo received VVFD's Certificate of Appreciation. Searle also was named Volunteer

of the Year.

Dempsey presented Auxiliary awards to Joshua MacNabb - Certificate of Appreciation, and Carol Blevins and Lisa Emerson - co-recipients of Volunteer of the Year. The Kate Johnson Spirit Award went to Auxiliary member Jane Towle, and to Department member Valentin Neacsu.

The Vera I. Lloyd Award honored the entire Vienna Volunteer Membership for its support of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary, through its fundraising ef-

orts, presented a check for \$20,000 to the department.

Volunteers logged more than 30,000 hours of service in 2015, averaging over 260 hours per person. Many volunteers have served for more than 10 years with the VVFD and Auxiliary. Local businesses offered support for the awards program.

The evening began with a social hour, followed by dinner, awards presentations and dancing.

To learn more about the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, go to VVFD.org. The VVFD Auxiliary is actively recruiting new members. For information on the Auxiliary and its many support arms, email Joanie@vvfd.org.

- DONNA MANZ

### Vienna Church Kicks off the Holy Season of Lent with Ashes and Dashes

Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 2589 Chain Bridge Road will once again be offering Ashes and Dashes, a drive-thru service that quickly provides ashes and prayer to Christian observers of Ash Wednesday, in its church parking lot on Feb. 10, from 6-8:45 a.m.

Emmanuel is part of a nationwide movement that has clergy and lay people stepping outside of churches to mark the foreheads of interested passers-by in parking lots, at transit centers and on street corners with ashes and encourage them to gain a better sense of self by examining their humility and mortality, and seek renewal.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the holy season of Lent for Christian churches. It is a time for reflection and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

"Ashes and Dashes is about bringing the important traditions of our faith out from behind church walls and into our daily routine," says Pastor Mark Edwards, who leads this ministry at Emmanuel. "People are busy, and we need the church



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**A drive-thru service that quickly provides ashes and prayer to Christian observers of Ash Wednesday.**

to evolve in new and non-traditional ways to reach both busy churchgoers and those who don't regularly attend worship services. Everyone needs reminders of forgiveness in the fast pace of our daily lives."

Contact Emmanuel's church office for more information about Ashes and Dashes at 703-938-2119 or visit their website, [www.elcvienna.org](http://www.elcvienna.org).

### VIENNA CRIME REPORTS

#### Notable incidents from the Vienna Police Department from Jan. 29-Feb. 4.

##### Incidents

Police were called to an apartment in the 10300 block of Appalachian Circle in Oakton, for a report of a trespassing on Monday, Feb. 1, at about 9:24 a.m. The complainant informed responding officers that her estranged husband was refusing to leave her apartment after they had an argument. Officers made contact with the man through the locked door of the lower level apartment and he refused to heed to the officer's request to come out. After negotiating with the man for over 2 hours, he made statements that he would damage the property unless officers left. Officers detected smoke and an odor of something burning emanating from the apartment. Further resources were summoned to the scene and out of an abundance of caution, the residents in the surrounding apartments were evacuated. At about 4:43 p.m. the man surrendered to Special Operations Division Officers without incident and was taken into custody. A 39-year-old man of Oakton was charged with Malicious Burning, Threats to Burn, Unlawful Entry and Violation of a Protec-

tive Order. He did not incur any physical injuries during the arrest and was evaluated by Fairfax County Sheriff's Deputies trained in Crisis Intervention at the Adult Detention Center.

**Telephone Case** - 100 Block Patrick Street, SE. Between Nov. 1, 2015 at midnight and Jan. 31, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. A resident reported her ex-boyfriend had been repeatedly sending her harassing and vulgar text messages. This case is being investigated.

**Fraud** - 500 Block Malcom Road, NW. Between Dec. 1, 2015 at noon and Feb. 1 at 9:45 p.m. A resident reported he received a tax form for income received in 2015. He stated he never worked for the company listed on the form. He also stated in the past year he also received two credit card scanners he had not ordered. He believes these incidents are related to a previous income tax return that had been filed using his personal information without his knowledge. This case is being investigated.

# OPINION

# Limiting Local Authority

## Assembly rushes bill limiting proffers without addressing who will pay for infrastructure.

In Virginia, a Dillon Rule state, local governments have only the powers explicitly granted by the General Assembly. And what the assembly gives, the assembly can take away.

It's the reason, for example, that localities have limited means of raising revenue and limited taxing authority. And those limited means are one reason localities have turned to proffers, payments and improvements to infrastructure agreed to by builders as part of approval and zoning changes for new development.

Members of the General Assembly, including many who represent only Fairfax County districts, agree with builders that in many places, the way local governments are using proffers is unfair, even out of control.

Many point to Loudoun County, where builders pay substantial cash proffers, as an example. And to other counties where large, off site intersection improvements were required.

Everyone seems to agree that the "abuses" are not taking place in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria. But the restrictions apply to these areas as well.

How are local governments supposed to pay for the costs of growth? Should the lion's share be paid by existing residents through increase

property taxes?

This is a complex question, not one that should be rushed.

But right now, the General Assembly is rushing to restrict proffers and to give developers and builders substantial clout in legal challenges to local government action. And they are doing this without any consideration to how localities will replace the resources they will lose.

### EDITORIAL

It's time to slow this process down, and for a reasoned consideration. What exactly are the abuses that require action? Look at specific examples and address the specifics.

Local delegates voting in favor of the bill restricting local proffer authority included Dave Albo (R-42), Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41), Charniele Herring (D-46), Patrick Hope (D-47), Tim Hugo (R-40), Paul Krizek (D-44), Mark Levine (D-45), Ken Plum (D-36) and Vivian Watts (D-39).

Local delegates who voted against the bill included Jennifer Boysko (D-86), David Bulova (D-37), Mark Keam (D-35), Kaye Kory (D-38), Jim LeMunyon (R-67), Alfonso Lopez (D-49), Kathleen Murphy (D-34), Mark Sickles (D-43), and Marcus Simon (D-53).

The Virginia Senate was expected to vote for

an amended version of the bill on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Reasonable action will fall to the conferees in reconciling the House and Senate versions, and to the governor, who would be able to amend the bill before signing or veto.

— MARY KIMM

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## Pet Photos for the Pet Connection

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on Feb. 24, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by Feb. 17.

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## Safeguarding Others in Time of Need

To the Editor:

"To be successful, there must be strong community will." These words couldn't be any more accurate than during our recent "Snowzilla" snow event. I was gratified to see our nonprofit, faith and business communities working together with state and county public safety and transportation staffs to ensure that people were brought in from the elements to sufficient food, physical warmth, and medical supplies. These organizations are to be commended for their proactive planning and organization as well as their execution. The county

experienced no loss of life to our homeless population during the storm.

While I was snowed in, I monitored my email and took phone calls. Among the many messages I received was one from the Police Communication Assistant on duty at the Reston District Station during the storm. She informed me that she had given two coats, a scarf, hat and a pair of shoes from the Hunter Mill Coat Closet to a gentleman who had come to the building wearing just a sweatshirt for warmth and only tube socks on his feet. Thank goodness the Coat Closet, which is sponsored by my office and Cornerstones, was able to save the day.

Along with our public safety and Department of Public Works and Environmental Services staff, I also want to acknowledge health and

human services staff, along with those who manage county shelters, and the volunteers from our houses of worship and non-profit organizations, who worked very hard to safeguard others in true time of need.

I wish to thank everyone and every organization for their stellar performance and contributions during this historic weather event.

**Supervisor Cathy Hudgins**  
(D-Hunter Mill)

## Saving Elephants from Pain

To the Editor:

Right now, Virginia legislators are considering a bill that would ensure humane treatment for elephants in Virginia. As it stands,

trainers in traveling shows and roadside zoos use a device called a bullhook to control and manipulate elephants behavior. A bullhook is a steel rod resembling a fireplace poker, which is used to prod and hook an elephant in its most sensitive areas of the body, such as behind the ears and knees. Elephants become so fearful of bullhooks that just the sight of the device evokes fear and pain.

Richmond recently passed a bullhook ban, and we have the opportunity to ban the bullhook in Virginia, and save elephants from pain and suffering. Please join me and contact your legislator; ask him/her to vote YES on HB 302 and ban the bullhook.

**Eileen Hanrahan**  
Lorton

### VOLUNTEER EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Fairfax County's free **Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group** meets by phone on **Tuesday, March 8, 7-8 p.m.** to discuss Incontinence Issues and Caregiving. Join us to discuss your concerns and learn more about making this issue more manage-

able. Register beforehand at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults) and click on Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call **703-324-5484**, TTY 711.

The **Lewinsville Senior Center in McLean** needs instructors for the following classes: **Line Dance, Zumba**

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# NEWS

## Vienna Teen Wins Best Delegate Award

Otilia Danalache, of Vienna, a freshman at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, won the Best Delegate Award at The Ivy League Model United Nations Conference 2016.

The conference, which took place Jan. 28-31 in Philadelphia, featured debate, discussion, and the opportunity for the world's future leaders to engage with and solve myriad pressing issues.

TJHSST's Model United Nations team won 9 Gavels, 9 Outstandings, 6 Honorables and 4 Verbal Awards, as well as the ILMUNC XXXII Outstanding Large Delegation Award.

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**Otilia Danalache, of Vienna, and Atharv Gupta, of Arlington, win Best Delegate Award at the Ivy League Model United Nations.**



## WEEK IN VIENNA Profiles of Women Past and Present

The reader's theatre production in honor of "Women's History Month" will be performed on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East in Vienna. The Vienna Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) is co-sponsoring this program with the Patrick Henry Library. The dramatic presentation profiles outstanding women including polar explorer Ann Bancroft, pilot and humanitarian Jerrie Cob, and nuclear physicist Chien-Sheung Wu. Adults, teens and school age children are invited to attend this free program. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact: ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com. Register for the program online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or by phone at 703-938-0405.

## 'Flying the HUMP in WW II'

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the March 17 chapter meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna at 7:30 p.m. As part of the chapter's WWII Veteran Remembrance program, Nedda Tho-

mas Davis, author of the "Hump Pilot," will discuss her father, Ned Thomas, service as a C-46 army air corps pilot, in supplying Chinese troops fighting the Japanese during WW II. The vital flights endured the challenges and dangers of the high Himalayas Mountains of quickly changing adverse flying weather, invisible hostile wind currents, and primitive mountain airfields. For information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit the web site at [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org).

## Vienna Decorating Firm Wins Best of Design

Interiors by LH/Laura Hildebrandt of Vienna won "Best of Design on Houzz." The three-year old interior decorating and home staging firm was chosen for the second year in a row by the more than 35 million monthly unique users that comprise the Houzz community.

The Best Of Houzz is awarded annually in three categories: Design, Customer Service and Photography.

"We're so pleased to recognize Interiors by LH/Laura Hildebrandt voted one of our 'Best Of Houzz' professionals by our enormous community of homeowners and design enthusiasts actively remodeling and decorating their homes," said Liza Hausman of Houzz.

## Broadway Hits at Shepherd's Center

### 'Lunch 'N Life' event to feature singer Jocelyn Jackson.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) is hosting their first in 2016 schedule of Lunch n' Life events. The March 14, Lunch n' Life includes lunch and dessert plus guest singer, Jocelyn Jackson, who will be performing Broadway hits from the 40s - 50s. Everyone is welcome. A free blood pressure screening begins at 11 a.m. Lunch served at noon followed by performance. \$10 per person. Registration and payment due by March 9, 2016. Visit <http://scov.org> or call the office at 703-281-0538; email - [office@scov.org](mailto:office@scov.org) for more information, to register and confirm space availability.

Jackson has been singing and acting all over the world since the age of two, professionally by the age of twenty. She has appeared on many television shows and movies. She is the



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**Jocelyn Jackson**

Activities director at Tall Oaks Assisted Living.

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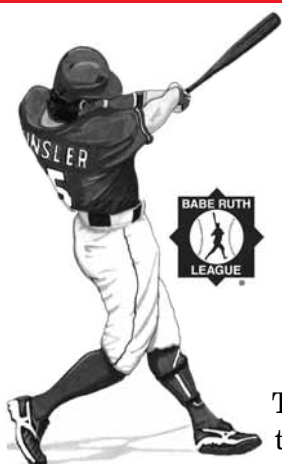
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# HomeLifeStyle



While red is often the go-to floral color for Valentine's Day, shades of pink, peach and purple can offer elegance and romance.

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## Stylish Valentine's Day Table Settings

Flowers and candles create romantic designs.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Fresh flowers and candles are an easy way to add elegance and romance to a Valentine's Day table. From dramatic to understated, local tastemakers offer suggestions for setting the mood for a memorable dinner.

"Candles are key to set a romantic atmosphere," said Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda, Md. "Soft lighting is flattering to all of us and creates a sense of intimacy for conversations."

The ambience is enhanced, says Meyer, when the candlelight glints off of metallic accessories like candlestick holders. "You can use silver, mercury, glass or even gold or brass to help move the light," she said.

In fact, gold accents are a current trend, says Angela Phelps of Le Village Marche in Arlington. "They pair well with pinks, reds, and fuchsias," she said. "So, as you're planning a romantic dinner at home, think about incorporating china, vases, candle votives, trays, and glassware with a gold trim for a stunning table."

Metallics combined with a few pops of a soft color help create an elegant setting. "White and silver tables can be very romantic — for example, a white tablecloth, mirrored or silver placemats, silver flatware and crystal stemware," said Fay Johnson, an interior designer with J.T. Interiors in Potomac, Md. "The centerpiece [could be] a silver ice bucket with white and blush colored roses and a array of assorted size candles and votives."

For a more traditional table, Johnson stated that "a black, white and red table can be very dramatically romantic. A black and white tablecloth [such as] a houndstooth or herringbone ... pattern with red, glass stemware, white dinner plate, a ruby-red glass salad plate and silver flatware."

Johnson suggests completing the look with a crys-

tal or silver vase filled with red roses and accented with few red glass votive candles.

Johnson believes that not all centerpieces need to be flowers. She suggests filling three compote dishes, graduating in size, with chocolates and red and pink rose petals for table design with a touch of whimsy.

A vase can add a powerful style impact. "A vase is like a frame for a picture," said Linda Wilson-Vertin, floral designer with Merrifield Garden Center in Fair Oaks. "A clear vase is like not having a frame on the picture."

Instead, choose a vase that has visual interest or one that is meaningful on a personal level. "I like using things that are special to the individual," said Wilson-Vertin. "I ask clients to bring in a container that they like so that I can create an arrangement that works with it."

While red is often the go-to floral color for Valentine's Day, Wilson-Vertin says that shades of pink, peach and purple can offer elegance and romance. "Go with what works for you and what works in your home," she said. "For example, red doesn't work in my home, so I use watermelon and apricot."

Consistency adds an unexpected touch of enchantment. A monochromatic palette conveys more romance than contrasting colors," said Wilson-Vertin. She recommends using "red roses with deep burgundy mini carnations to vary the size of the flower head and texture. Mini carnations have ruffled texture."

For the ultimate in texture and color variety, "think English garden, like roses, hydrangeas, lisianthus and snapdragons," said Wilson-Vertin. "Add berries and eucalyptus" to complete this elegant floral arrangement."

Linen napkins offer a finishing touch to an elegant table setting, says Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md.

"Use pretty salt and pepper shakers, festive napkin rings, and if you have fancy water or wine glasses, now is the time to use them," she said. "And don't forget the champagne bucket nearby for cooling white wine or champagne."



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**Marika Meyer designed a romantic table setting using candles, flowers and colorful place settings.**

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# Bringing Order to Household Chaos

Clever design solutions for hiding clutter.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**W**ires, cable boxes, soccer cleats, pet bowls and other items are life's necessities, but they can be unsightly and disrupt the aesthetic of an elegant living space. From textured baskets to custom-made furniture, local architects and designers believe that everyday items can be concealed, maintaining the design integrity of a space while incorporating the household items that make daily life run smoothly.

For pet owners, a kitchen renovation is an ideal time to consider adding a custom space for pet bowls and beds. Hidden drawers near the bottom of a kitchen cabinet can keep pet supplies out of sight.

"When designing kitchens and baths, we always consider the best ways to store essentials in a neat, aesthetically pleasing way," said Jim Rill, principal of Rill Architects in Bethesda, Md.

The kitchen is also an ideal room for carving out storage space for electronics and charging stations. "Add an outlet to a small drawer in the kitchen for charging phones so the cords ... are not all over the countertop," said Michael Winn, principal of Winn Design Build in Falls Church. "Use flip, pop-up and other types of hidden outlets in kitchen countertops, like those used in some offices."

Winn says outlets can be hidden in spaces such as fake drawer fronts, under cabinet lighting or a countertop edge. "Use a built-in wireless phone charger on a table," he said. "The Holy Grail is wireless electricity. It's not a stretch to imagine that the homes we'll be building a decade or so from now will have this technology."

Interior designer Molly Bruno, owner of Molly Bruno Interiors, suggests choosing one area as the "hot zone" for high-tech devices. "A specific place where your family's phones, iPads and tablets can all charge to-



PHOTO BY RON BLUNT

**Wentworth designed and built an entertainment system around the TV that includes pullout cabinets for electronics.**

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— Jim Rill, Rill Architects

gether. A central spot is key ... someplace away from bedrooms, possibly a corner of the kitchen or a designated tray on your desk."

Mudrooms have evolved into an essential space for inclusion in home design, says Rill. "[They] provide a drop-off spot for coats, hats, keys, and more when entering a home and [are] often hidden from view," he said.

Interspersing closed storage with open is a design strategy that Bruce Wentworth, president of Wentworth, Inc. uses to hide frequently used household products.

"Closed storage to conceal the necessities of life that are not always so attractive and open shelving to display personal treasures and books," he said.

From soccer cleats and shin guards to basketballs, corralling clutter becomes less daunting with textured baskets, says Bruno. "Pottery Barn's beachcomber baskets are great placed at the end of a couch for extra blankets and pillows or by the back door for shoes or sporting equipment."

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# SPORTS

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**Madison sophomore Kelly Jackson won the Conference 6 vault championship on Feb. 5 at Washington-Lee High School.**

## Madison's Jackson Wins Conference Vault Title

**Sophomore qualifies for regionals in all-around.**

**M**adison gymnast Kelly Jackson qualified for regionals in the all-around with her performance during the Conference 6 championship meet on Feb. 5 at Washington-Lee High School.

The sophomore placed third with a score of 36.425. The top four in the all-around qualified for the 6A North region champi-

onship meet on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Patriot High School, along with any gymnast who scored 35 or better.

Jackson won the conference vault title with a score of 9.5. She placed third on floor (9.325), tied for fourth on beam (9.025) and finished 10th on bars (8.575).

Hayfield senior Molly Overstreet won the all-around championship with a score of 37.875. Yorktown

freshman Julia Hays finished runner-up with a total of 37.45 and Yorktown junior Juliette Mitrovich placed fourth (36.375).

Yorktown's Marisa Daugherty (36.25) and Olivia Zavrel (36.15), and McLean's Caroline Brown-Kaiser (35.825) also qualified for regionals.

Madison freshman Christie Noble earned a regional berth on beam, placing eighth with a



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**Madison gymnast Kelly Jackson placed third on floor during the Conference 6 championship meet on Feb. 5 at Washington-Lee High School.**

score of 9.

The Warhawks finished fifth in the team competition with a score of 129.35. The top two teams qualify for regionals.

Yorktown won the team championship with a score of 146.225. McLean finished runner-up, earn-

ing the other regional berth with a total of 139.6.

Washington-Lee finished third (136.875) and Hayfield took fourth (135.8). South Lakes finished sixth (126.25), Langley was seventh (114.525) and Fairfax finished eighth (102.65).

## Oakton Girls' Swim Places Third at Regionals

The defending state runner-up Oakton girls' swim and dive team placed third at the regional meet on Feb. 6 at Oak Marr Recreation Center with a score of 183. Robinson won the region championship with a score of 222, and Langley finished runner-up with a total of 194.

Oakton senior Megan Byrnes, the defending state champion in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle, won the 500 free regional title on Saturday. She finished with an All-American-qualifying time of 4 minutes, 45.6 seconds, beating Langley junior Isabella Rongione by four-tenths of a second.

Byrnes finished runner-up in the 200 free with a time of 1:48.32 (All-American), half of a second behind West Potomac sophomore Cassidy Bayer.

Oakton's 200 free relay (Nika Sauger, Elise Bourdelais, Evelyn Pickett, Byrnes) finished second with a time of 1:36.77

(All-American consideration). Robinson finished first (1:35.83).

Madison finished ninth in the team standings with a score of 111.

Warhawks sophomore Rachael Holp placed second in the 200 IM with a state-qualifying time of 2:05.54.

The Oakton boys' team finished sixth with a score of 152. Langley won the team title with a score of 229.5, followed by Patriot (215), McLean (187), Robinson (184) and Chantilly (173).

Madison finished 11th with a score of 96. Madison senior Grayson Campbell won the region diving championship with a meet-record score of 577.5. Junior teammate Greg Duncan placed fourth (485.6).

The 6A diving state championships will be held Feb. 19 at Oak Marr. The 6A swimming finals will be held Feb. 20 at George Mason University.



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**Oakton senior Megan Byrnes placed second in the 200 free at the 6A North region swim and dive meet on Feb. 6 at Oak Mar Recreation Center.**



# CALENDAR

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## ONGOING

**Northern Virginia Photographic Society Art Show.** Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 15-Feb. 29. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna.

**"When the Rain Stops Falling."** Feb. 4-28. 1st Stage Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Epic in scope and poetic in language, this beautiful, haunting play crosses continents and challenges the boundaries of time to tell the story of one family and the events that bring them together and drive them apart. \$15-\$30. www.1ststagetysons.org. 703-854-1856.

**Weekly Storytime.** Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and Titles vary. Free admission.

**Gentle Yoga.** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase your flexibility, improve your breathing and health, reduce your stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

**"Poetry in Motion" Exhibit.** Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. From Feb. 2-27. Exhibition of VAS members paintings with the theme "Poetry in Motion. Free.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 11

**Valentine Making and Champagne Tasting.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The Valentine Making workshop will be led by one of McLean Project for the Arts' experienced faculty members, and the tasting will be special curated selections of champagne and prosecco provided by The Vineyard. \$35/\$30. 703-790-1953.

**Vienna Arts Society Monthly Meeting.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. The speaker will be VAS member, oil painter Dave Delano who will discuss his unique style of portraiture and figurative paintings. www.delanoart.com. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-3971.

**Natalie York.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Vienna singer-songwriter opening for Elizabeth and the Catapult. \$12, \$15. www.jamminjava.com. 703-255-1566.

## FRIDAY/FEB. 12

**Voces8.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. British vocal octet presents "Light Divine," a performance exploring the desire for comfort and light throughout the ages. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 13

**Model Trains and Thomas at Open House.** 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Train Station, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. See and hear model trolleys and steam and diesel trains plus Thomas and some of his friends. The layout reflects the mountainous terrain and towns of Western North Carolina with award winning structures. Free. Donations accepted. www.nvmr.org. 703-938-5157.

**Puppeteer Jim West performs at the McLean Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 20.**



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**David Parmley and Cardinal Tradition.** 7:30 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Traditional style of bluegrass music and magnificent vocal blend and supreme mastery of instruments. \$15, children 12 and younger free. http://hclbluegrass.wordpress.com. 703-435-8377.

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Valentine's Market. www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org.

**Yippee Yupo Workshop.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. Worksho with Marni Maree. Paint with watercolor on yupo which is a sheet of plastic meant for painting. \$100. For information, go to http://www.theframefactory1.com/.

**Bill Frisell.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy winner performs his "subtle but stunning" (Rolling Stone) eclectic music with touches of jazz, folk, classical, country, and more. \$35-\$40. www.wolftrap.org.

**Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Showcasing unique cultural performances from The Jow Ga Shaolin Institute continuing with more fun family festivities, crafts and entertainment. Free. 703-997-0977.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 14

**All You Need is Love 4: A Tribute to The Beatles and Love Songs.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., East, Vienna. Official Valentine's Day tradition of Jammin' Java. Anthony Fiacco, Todd Wright and Luke Brindley pay homage to the group that influenced every musician out there, The Beatles. \$16. jamminjava.com.

**Marcia Ball.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy-nominated pianist and singer/songwriter she blends Louisiana swamp rock and classic Texas blues. \$35-\$40. www.wolftrap.org.

**Grain Grinding Demonstrations.** Noon-3 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls. \$7 for adults, \$6 for students, \$ for children and seniors. 703-759-2771.

## MONDAY-TUESDAY/FEB. 15-16

**Graham Nash.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer/songwriter and founding member of iconic bands Crosby, Stills and Nash and The Hollies, Graham Nash is a two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Songwriter Hall of Fame inductee, a Grammy Award

winner, a New York Times bestselling author, and an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. \$80-\$90. www.wolftrap.org.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 18

**The Jones Family Singers.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The family that sings together stays together. The seven Jones children and their father, Bishop Fred A. Jones, have been making a joyful noise for more than 20 years. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

## FRIDAY/FEB. 19

**Kevin Griffin of Better than Ezra.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Frontman of the alt-rock band Better Than Ezra, this prolific singer/songwriter has penned numerous hits for Train, Sugarland, James Blunt, Howie Day, Missy Higgins, Blondie, and more. \$25-\$27. www.wolftrap.org.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 19-21

**Hope on Ice.** 3-8 p.m. Tysons Skate Rink, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Community ice skating extravaganza benefiting American Cancer Society and honoring cancer survivors. DJ Civil, live music, entertainment and Luminaria on ice ceremony. First 50 cancer survivors receive commemorative T-shirt. \$12. skatetysonscorner@gmail.com. 703-673-8044.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 20

**Puppetry Festival.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Jim West Puppets and Crabgrass Puppets will present and perform. Children can enjoy two puppet shows and learn how to make their own puppets. \$15/\$10. http://ow.ly/WLmhq. 703-790-0123.

**Winter Wine Tasting.** 7-10 p.m. River Bend Golf and Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls. Mingle with and join your neighbors for a delicious selection of hors d'oeuvres, cheeses and fine wines. \$75. http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/winter-wine-tasting/.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 20-21

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# Not Snow Fast



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As an originally diagnosed-as-terminal, lung cancer patient, I try not to panic or worry unnecessarily or be a harbinger of doom or a purveyor of gloom. Unfortunately, the providers of the news/weather reports of "accumulating" (that seems to be the popular phrase of late) snow in the forecast currently and in general, apparently are of the opposite opinion. Rather than make light of the inches predicted, the common (as if they're all reading from the same script) presentation is typically fraught with inferences of impending disaster and/or catastrophic loss. Not only is the message tiresome, its redundancy is downright distressing, as if the goal is to strike such fear into the local population that toilet paper, bread, water, and batteries aside; it's the media that will be the most important must-have.

Do you know what my most important "must-have" is? Sanity, and calm in the face of adversity; logical and rational behavior in the midst of over-the-top reporting of events (maker that snow/weather predictions) destined to change lives – of the media, for the most part. Granted, there's lots of valuable information that must be disseminated when a storm of generational proportions smothers the area. Nevertheless, don't burden us with emotional baggage in the interim. The weight of the snow, especially for us manual shovelers, will do more than enough to keep us "sheltered in place." Sometimes, the message is lost in the hyperbole, or in the "emergency" programming as seen on the non-stop, 'round the clock reporting. The sheer volume of it diminishes its impact. Quite frankly, less is more, and more manageable, too.

What us viewers and listeners endure in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Area, or what it has increasingly become known as: "The D.M.V.;" (yet another media creation forced upon us residents) is above and beyond the call of citizen duty. Being called as a juror appeals to me more than being subjected to the media maelstrom that precedes (and of course, follows), these "weather events."

Yet here I sit and write, approximately two weeks after the "Blizzard of 2016," trying to filter out fact from fiction concerning next week's "snowcast." And even though the two-plus feet of snow is mostly long gone (but not forgotten), I fear its effect on our preparations and predictions will inhibit us for years: fueled in no small way by the media's fascination with itself and its presumptive place in the world as well as its presumptive place in the lives of thousands of local residents for whom they feel uniquely responsible.

Not that I totally understand many of the ulterior motives behind the means and methods of communication when snow is in the atmosphere, but the pattern seems familiar: create the fear, report the fear, and then cover the effects of the fear; and then in another occasional adjunct: the after-the-fact self-analysis of the fear that was created, the reporting of that fear, and then a post-mortem on all the fear and its consequences.

I have to tell you; as a cancer patient, I can't live my life this way. Every day, I have to buck up and not look for trouble – and not make any trouble, either; not exactly the mission of the media. Ergo, I don't need to make matters any worse than they might otherwise be, nor can I presume and anticipate the worst, or create consequences in advance of them being consequential. Since I'm a great believer in context, having an incurable form of cancer (NSCLC, stage IV) may make me less tolerant of the snow coverage by the media. Then again, maybe I'm just a victim of circumstance, tired of being made to feel like the victim.

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

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lication.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 10

**"Dwelling Detective: Researching the  
History of Your Fairfax County House."** 7  
p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike,  
Great Falls. Presented by Susan Hellman,  
Architectural Historian, Great Falls Historical  
Society Program. She is the Historic Site  
Manager for the Carlyle House Historic Site in  
Alexandria. 703-757-8560.

**Monthly Meeting Advisory Committee for  
Students with Disabilities.** 7:30 p.m.  
Gatehouse Administrative Center, 8115  
Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, Room 1600.  
Guests welcome to observe, comment. <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/ACSD>.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 13

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike,  
Great Falls. Valentine's Market.  
[www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org).

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 17

**McLean Newcomers and Neighbors Monthly  
Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m. Nostos, 81 Boone Blvd.,  
Vienna. Vienna. Ruth Robbins, senior program  
coordinator of the Smithsonian Associates, will  
describe programs she has organized with  
luminaries like Sonia Sotomayor, Henry  
Kissinger, Tom Brokaw and Martin Sheen. RSVP  
by Feb. 12 to [mfskelly@verizon.net](mailto:mfskelly@verizon.net). \$38. Non-  
members welcome.  
[www.McLeanNewcomers.org](http://www.McLeanNewcomers.org).

## ONGOING

The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care  
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## FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events  
in the faith community. Send to  
[vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is  
Friday.

**Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550  
Georgetown Pike, Great Falls: Experience  
Lent in a New Way.** Each Thursday, Feb. 18  
through March 17, partake of a free supper of na-  
tive foods, discuss how those who lack food,  
money, or resources in five countries are coping  
and how the Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America is assisting, and join in prayer and remem-  
brance of those in need. Visitors are welcome to  
come for one or all meals: 6-7:15 p.m. Thursdays,  
Feb. 18 (Bolivia), Feb. 25 (Cambodia), March 3  
(Colombia), March 10 (Costa Rica), and March 17  
(Egypt). For information: 703-759-6068 or <http://www.gflutheran.org/>

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain  
Bridge Road in Vienna** will hold a drive-thru ser-  
vice that quickly provides ashes and prayer to  
Christian observers of Ash Wednesday in the  
church parking lot on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 6-  
8:45 a.m. For more information, go to  
[www.elcvienna.org](http://www.elcvienna.org) or call 703-938-2119.

**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 ser-  
vice, 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](http://www.antiochdoc.org)

**The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA)**  
offers a wide variety of support groups for those  
with emotional, social, and physical challenges.  
[www.jssa.org/growth-learning](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning).





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**Caboose Brewing Company in Vienna joined 19 other craft breweries in the area in tapping special kegs of Kerri's Cure on Jan. 29.**



**A memorial set up in the taproom of Forge Brew Works celebrated the life of the brewery's owner Kerri Rose, who died from stomach cancer.**

# Tapped Out for Good

**Kegs of Kerri's Cure special ale kick within hours.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**G**olden afternoon sun gleamed in through windows and lit up cold, grey cinder blocks, faces already beginning to blush after a beer or two, and lush flowers atop large barrels in memory of Kerri Rose. Rose and her husband Matt, Mount Vernon residents, own Forge Brew Works in Lorton. In August of 2015, she was diagnosed with Stage IV stomach cancer. Kerri was also pregnant.

On Jan. 29, Forge and 19 other local craft breweries tapped kegs of Kerri's Cure, a Belgian Pale Ale brewed before she died as fundraiser to help cover her medical expenses, lost wages and travel to Pennsylvania for alternative treatment. She died before the beer was released; all proceeds from its sale will still go to her Go Fund Me page for medical expenses and an educational trust for Kerri and Matt's infant son Lance.

Kerri's Cure was the beer brainchild of Lorton-based Fair Winds Brewing Company CEO Casey Jones of Falls Church and Head Brewer Charlie Buettner of Burke.

Jones said Fair Winds and Forge both sold out of their three kegs of Kerri's Cure within three hours of tapping them. "It was a huge success in our minds," he said. "There was an incredible turnout, and incredible generosity."

The morning of Jan. 29, Matt, his family and close friends held a closed service to remember Kerri. "He definitely feels like he got lifted up by the huge outpouring," Jones said, "and then the speed with which it moved. He was really excited by that."

Jones initially predicted sales of the beer to raise about \$25,000. After Friday, he thinks that number could go as high as \$30,000. As of going to press, Kerri's Go Fund Me page had raised \$57,188 of a goal of \$75,000, with donations from breweries continuing to come in.

At Forge the atmosphere was energetic and communal. "Like a proper Irish wake," Matt said, holding his sleeping son Lance



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

**Matt Rose and his son Lance of Mount Vernon enjoy the comfort and company of friends and family at Forge Brew Works, the Lorton brewery Rose built with his late wife Kerri.**

in his arms.

"To see Forge full of people, excited and drinking beer, it's heartbreaking that she can't see all this," said Katy Dyke, Kerri's younger sister who drove in from Middletown, Del. "This is exactly what she wanted."

Forge Head Brewer Rory Ricks was quick to remind people that Kerri was not just the wife of a brewer. "She's the one who built the brewery, she was a brewery owner, she's the reason Forge exists," he said. "Kerri was

also one of the sweetest and most wonderful people I've ever met. She was giving and so strong, quietly strong."

One of Matt's friends and neighbors Josh Rolando attended the tapping in support of the Roses. "Matt's been so good," he said, "for a single father, whose wife was pregnant, with Stage IV cancer. He's done better than I think I ever would. He's throwing himself into things he knows: the brewery and his son."

Kerri and Matt's son Lawrence "Lance"



**Bartender Chris Kayler pours a pint of Kerri's Cure at Caboose Brewing Company in Vienna on Jan. 29.**

was born two months premature so she could begin chemotherapy. After that was unsuccessful, she began immunotherapy. Lance has been a healthy and otherwise normal baby.

"Kerri worked extremely hard," her sister Katy said. "She was always an overachiever. We call Lance the overachieving baby."

Kerri's Go Fund Me page where she posted about her experience is online at [www.gofundme.com/daywalker](http://www.gofundme.com/daywalker).