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Disney Princesses Anna, Elsa, Ariel, and Moana of the Vienna Singing Princess with Lauren Eaglet during the Founder's Day celebration at Lake Anne Plaza in Reston on Saturday, April 8.

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**Second Story Communications Associate Lacy MacAuley helps register guests and patrons at the Rebranding event for Second Story. They recently changed their name from Alternative House to increase their visibility in the community.**



**From left, Tina Seeley, project manager for teens in crisis; Angel Cregge, project manager for young mothers; Meghan Huebner, vice president of resident services; and Michelle Stitt, program manager for homeless youth, at Second Story's event Wednesday.**

## Alternative House Becomes Second Story

**Youth homeless initiative has new name; keeps focus on positive impact.**

BY COLIN STOECKER  
THE CONNECTION

**A**lternative House is more than a shelter for runaway and homeless youth in the northern Virginia area. It is a non-profit that has provided a second story for more than 40,000 young people since it started in 1972. It will continue to do this under the new name — Second Story.

One of these young people helped by Alternative House was Jonesha Fullerton, 20, a shift lead there, who spoke in front of an eager crowd at the rebranding event Wednesday evening at Maggiano's in Tysons Corner.

"Alternative House has been helpful in a lot of ways both physical and mental," said Fullerton.



**Second Story's Chief Executive Officer Judith Dittman prepares to give a speech to a crowded room about her non-profit's rebranding, officially adopting its new name.**

The rebranding event Wednesday, April 5, which included talks from the executive director Judith Dittman and board president Craig Adler of DLT Solutions, was meant to unveil the new brand of Alternative House, as Second Story.

"You don't get to make a lot of decisions



**Jonesha Fullerton, 20, a shift lead, poses for a picture before giving her speech about how Second Story has changed her life for the better. She is now pursuing a college degree.**

in your first story," said Dittman. "Your second story is your own to choose, and ask yourself what choices are there before me? And this can lead to crises."

Second Story, formerly known as Alternative House, was founded by seven churches in the Vienna area in 1972, and

since has been serving northern Virginia's homeless youth for four decades as Alternative House.

"A lot of people know us as the house with the purple door," said Jade Leedham, development director at Second Story. "Purple became our color as Alternative House. The youth shelter is located in a single family home on Gallows Road, but it stands out."

Second Story is there to help youth in times of crises, when they are thrown out of their homes, run away, or need guidance or simply a helping hand.

"Young people didn't like the name Alternative House," said Dittman. So she decided to ask for the assistance of a marketing firm and come up with a new name. Two years ago, the Meyer Foundation gave Alternative House a grant, and this helped spark the rebranding efforts. The process is also a way for Second Story to reach out into the community.

"There were a lot of misconceptions about us," said Dittman. "People thought we were just an emergency shelter, but we have many more programs in the community."

These programs include a young mother's

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## Slebonick Named Vienna Officer of the Year

On April 5, the American Legion Post 180 in Vienna held its annual ceremony and banquet dinner to honor their 2016 Town of Vienna "Police Officer of the Year." This year's recipient was Officer Andrew Slebonick.

Officer Slebonick has been with the Vienna Police Department since 2013. The letter of nomination described Officer Slebonick as an asset to the Vienna Police Department because of his positive attitude, upbeat disposition and unwavering dedication to the mission. Although Officer Slebonick is a relatively new officer, he serves the department and the community

by field training junior officers, serving as a Breath Alcohol Technician, working as an instructor for the women's self-defense program (RAD) and volunteering as a police academy simulation trainer. Officer Slebonick is always willing to go the extra mile to serve the community. To that end, Officer Slebonick was also recently awarded the Bronze Medal of Valor for helping to save the life of a suicidal citizen.

**From left, Chief James Morris, Officer Andrew Slebonick, 1st Vice Commander Phil Dunn.**





# OPINION

## Your Award Winning Papers

**Richmond Times-Dispatch (daily) and the Mount Vernon Gazette/Local Media Connection (non-daily), win the VPA's highest awards.**

Virginia Press Association's highest award, the VPA Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, went to Local Media Connection/Mount Vernon Gazette for coverage and editorials throughout 2016 relating to police reform in Fairfax County.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch won in the daily category for its series about the death of a mentally ill prisoner, Janycheal Mitchell, in a Portsmouth Jail.

The judges noted, "The Mount Vernon Gazette covered the complex issue of police reform from February through December 2016, sparked by the shooting of an unarmed man by a Fairfax County police officer. ... The Gazette focused community attention on the case, particularly on the efforts of citizens and representatives of law enforcement agencies working together on reforming police practice. This led to the creation and implementation of a Civilian Review Panel to provide oversight of police policy, procedures and activities. ... The approach of the Gazette in this matter provides a good illustration of the positive role a community newspaper can play when it takes an activist approach to issues of importance to its readers." Editor Mary Kimm and reporter Tim Peterson accepted the award.

Virginia Press Association honored its 2016 award winners on Saturday, April 8, 2017 in Richmond at its annual dinner. The Connection papers, including the Alexandria Gazette Packet, garnered more than 35 awards in many categories, including investigative reporting, education coverage, headline writing, photography, column writing, sports writing, obituaries, environmental writing, food writing, graphics, and more.



PHOTO BY ROBIN MOGLE

**Local Media Connection writers and photographers won 37 Virginia Press Association awards for work in 2016, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service. Pictured here from left, John Bordner, Mark Mogle, Mary Kimm, Shirley Ruhe, Tim Peterson, Vernon Miles, Eden Brown, Andrea Worker and Jeanne Theismann.**

aries, environmental writing, food writing, graphics, and more.

Shirley Ruhe was the top award winner, earning seven different awards including two first place awards, one for investigative reporter for her series on sex trafficking.

Other first place award winners include photographer Mark Mogle, who also won two first places; Bonnie Hobbs for General News for her coverage of the rise and fall of the mayor of the City of Fairfax; Eden Brown for Education writing; Tim Peterson for Public Safety writing

and for Sports writing; Joan Brady for Feature Series on foster care alumni success stories; Jeanne Theismann for headline writing; Alexandra Greeley for food writing. Steven Mauren, editor-in-chief, won first place for Editorial Pages in Alexandria Gazette Packet, along with Mary Kimm, cartoonist Steve Artley, and designers Geovani Flores and Laurence Foong.

— MARY KIMM

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## 2016 Virginia Award Winners

- ❖ Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, the association's highest award, went to **Local Media Connection/Mount Vernon Gazette** for coverage and editorials relating to police reform in Fairfax County.
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 1st Place, In-Depth or Investigative Reporting, Arlington, Investigative Series-Sex Trafficking
- ❖ **Mark Mogle**, 1st Place, General News Photo, Wreaths Across America, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Eden Brown**, 1st Place, Education Writing, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 1st Place, Column Writing, People at Work, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Jeanne Theismann**, 1st Place, Headline Writing, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Steven Mauren, Mary Kimm, Steve Artley, Geovani Flores and Laurence Foong**, 1st Place, Editorial Pages, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Mark Mogle**, 1st Place, Picture Story or Essay, "Plaid Tidings," Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Tim Peterson**, 1st Place, Public Safety Writing, Burke Connection
- ❖ **Bonnie Hobbs**, 1st Place, General News Writing, Fairfax Mayor Caught in Sex-for-Meth Sting, Fairfax Connection
- ❖ **Joan Brady**, 1st Place, Feature Series or Continuing Story, Great Falls Connection
- ❖ **Alexandra Greeley**, 1st Place, Personal Service Writing, Food Features, Great Falls Connection
- ❖ **Tim Peterson**, 1st Place, Sports Writing Portfolio, Springfield Connection
- ❖ **John Bordner**, 2nd Place, General News Photo,

- Kluge Farewell, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 2nd Place, Feature Series, Homelessness, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Kemal Kurspahic and Staff**, 2nd Place, General Makeup, Fairfax Connection
- ❖ **Marilyn Campbell**, 2nd Place, Personal Service Writing, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection
- ❖ **Jon Roetman**, 2nd Place, Sports Writing Portfolio, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 2nd Place, Column Writing, In the Kitchen, Mount Vernon Gazette
- ❖ **Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Renee Ruggles**, 2nd Place, Informational Graphics, Guide to the Parks, Fairfax Station Connection
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 2nd Place, Personality or Portrait Photo, Vienna-Oakton Connection
- ❖ **Ken Moore**, 2nd Place, Health, Science & Environmental Writing, Great Falls Connection
- ❖ **Kemal Kurspahic, Andrea Worker, Donald Sweig, Ken Moore, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong**, 3rd Place, Front Page Design, Reston Connection
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 3rd Place, Personal Service Writing, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong**, 3rd Place, General Makeup, Arlington Connection
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- ❖ **Steve Artley**, 3rd Place, Illustrations, Editorial



PHOTO BY VERNON MILES

**Mary Kimm and Tim Peterson accepted the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service.**

- Cartoon, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Vernon Miles**, 3rd Place, Feature Writing Portfolio, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Jon Roetman**, 3rd Place, Sports Writing Portfolio, McLean Connection
- ❖ **Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Renee Ruggles**, 3rd Place, Informational Graphics, Guide to the Parks, Mount Vernon Gazette
- ❖ **Tim Peterson**, 3rd Place, General News Writing, Mount Vernon Gazette
- ❖ **Laurence Foong**, 3rd Place, Informational Graphics, Real Estate Map, Great Falls
- ❖ **Mary Kimm**, 3rd Place, Editorial Writing, Great Falls Connection
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## Second Story

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assistance program, afterschool programs, social workers, shelters, and residential programs to provide homeless youth with a place to pause and recollect their thoughts for their life decision.

Second Story, formerly Alternative House, has a four-star rating on Charity Navigator, a website that ranks non-profits throughout the country.


"Being a local charity, this helps us a lot with

our visibility in the community," said Dittman.


The programs at Second Story focus on homeless youth.

"These aren't just stand alone programs, kids go through all of them sometimes," said Dittman. "Kids that are homeless end up at a friend's house or end up in sex trafficking," she said.

And Fullerton, who is pursuing her degree in criminal justice in community college now, is an example of the good that Second Story has been doing for local youth.



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Designer Kelley Proxmire uses individual small flower arrangements to personalize the table setting in this Vienna, Virginia home.



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## Easter Table Design Ideas

### Local tastemakers offer spring table setting and centerpiece ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

The arrival of spring offers fresh inspiration for table setting and home décor, say local designers. "What's really beautiful about spring is that there is such natural beauty outside," said Amanda Mertins, co-owner of Patina Polished Living in Old Town Alexandria. "Everything comes to life in spring. It's all so fresh, you don't have to do anything too contrived because decorations present themselves naturally with lovely daffodils and hyacinths. Pastel colored eggs are also part of the scene. You can combine the natural elements with the givens like eggs and bunnies."

"Trim a few branches from a flowering bush or tree," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke, Virginia. "If you have tulips or daffodils, harvest some and make your own bouquet or place single stems in bud vases."

"You can't beat the amazing color display that's going on outside right now," added Anne M. Walker of Anne Walker Design in Potomac, Maryland.

"The deep magenta blossoms of the Redbud trees combined with the chartreuse color of the bud-

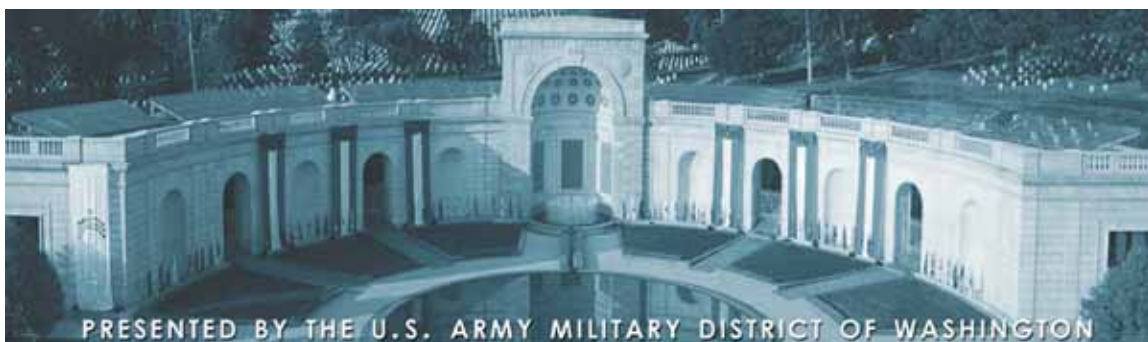
ding tree leaves and new grasses makes my heart skip a beat. Bring these vibrant greens and purples into your house any way you can: fresh flowers, throw pillows, candles. A little touch of coral is welcome now and is a wonderful harbinger of the warmer days ahead."

For a simple Easter centerpiece start with a tray, advises Thomas. "Cover the bottom with Easter grass or faux moss," she said. "Place a potted plant or bouquet in the center with decorative Easter eggs nestled in the grass around it. Add a bunny or two and you have a cohesive centerpiece that is easy to move if necessary."

Small accent pieces can have a big impact on table settings. "Make the table more festive by having place cards at each setting," said Kelley Proxmire, principal at Kelley Proxmire, Inc. "Make each setting a little bit more special by putting individual small flower arrangements, or perhaps an Easter candy at each place."

To create a sophisticated display, Walker advises forgoing traditional pastel colors and Easter eggs in lieu of vintage white décor. "[Home accessory stores] will all have decorating treasures, and they should be at deeply discounted prices this week," she said.

Mertins creates an "Easter tree" decorated with hand-blown, hand-painted eggs. "They're from Austria and they're really like works of art," she said. "You can hang these eggs from budding branches like those in a Forsythia [shrub] with green leaves and buds."



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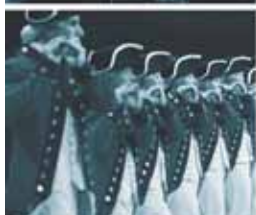


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**Remodeler David Foster (left) talks with a homeowner browsing in the recently-opened Design and Selection Center, which is holding an Open House on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Open House will feature three seminars, access to representatives from major home improvement product manufacturers, a raffle and chef-prepared hors d'oeuvres.**



**Major vendors and manufacturers participating in the Design Center have increased substantially. Options for cabinet facings, plumbing fixtures, surface materials, tile and flooring are part of the permanent display. Foster designers are regularly exposed to new products and materials.**

## Design Center Educates Homeowners with Remodeling Plans

**Open House, April 22, will feature three seminars, industry experts and new showroom.**

BY JOHN BYRD

**F**oster Remodeling Solutions will launch its new 3,270-square-foot Home Design and Selection Center in Lorton with an open house on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will include seminars on a variety of topics ranging from kitchen and bath design to "How to Plan a Successful Remodeling," to steps entailed in introducing "Aging-in-Place" modifications into the home. Seminar presenters are recognized experts in their respective specialties. Representatives from top manufacturers will also be on hand to answer questions about specific products, appliances and emerging technologies. Several manufacturers also will be contributing new products as raffle items.

Visitors can arrive as early as 10 a.m. and browse the newly-expanded Design and Selection Center. Chef-prepared hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served



**Three full-size kitchen displays are now on view in the Lorton showroom. The 3,270 square foot Lorton showroom is one of the largest home improvement product expositions in northern Virginia.**

throughout the day.

There will be several full-sized kitchen and bathroom designs on view, vignettes featuring cabinets, vanities, flooring and lighting, even a full-sized outdoor courtyard which spotlights break-through materials and styles being applied to roofing and siding.

"Our goal is to make it easy for attendees to find answers to an array of home improvement questions in a single day," said David Foster, who has operated Foster Remodeling Solution for over 34 years. "We encourage attendees to come prepared with ques-

tions, drawings and photos, and to bring interested friends and neighbors. All of the offerings are free and open to the public."

### Design and Selection

There are three design consultation rooms that allow homeowners to review in-progress design details of a home improvement on a flat screen television.

"Home improvement is a very dynamic industry," Foster said. "You have to stay ahead of changing technologies and evolving practices. We're expanding methods for



**A home laundry with mudroom features has proven popular in northern Virginia homes.**

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SUZY FOSTER

bringing ideas to homeowners that have already proven successful. ... This Open House will be more of an exposition than we've offered in the past; we're building on what we've learned about local homeowner interests."

The three one-hour seminars will be held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. so that interested parties can attend all three without conflict.

❖ Design consultant Sean McLarty, a veteran remodeler with 33 years of professional experience, will provide tips on "Kitchen and Bathroom Remodeling" at 11 a.m.;

❖ Dory Clemens, a space planning specialist, will conduct a seminar at 1 p.m. on "Aging-In-Place" applications. The session will focus how to assess which modifications to your home are most appropriate for near-term and foreseeable needs;

❖ At 3 p.m., Chris Arnold, whose 25 years of remodeling experience embraces every facet of the industry, will discuss "How to Plan a Successful Remodel," including best options for financing a project.

Interested parties can register for the show room opening and for individual seminars online at [www.fosterremodeling.com](http://www.fosterremodeling.com), or by calling 703-350-1371.

*John Byrd ([byrdmatx@gmail.com](mailto:byrdmatx@gmail.com)) has been writing about home improvement for 30 years.*



**The April 22 event will feature three seminars: Kitchen and Bath Design, Aging-in-Place Strategies for the Home and How to Plan a Successful Remodel.**







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 Deadline is Friday at noon for the  
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### ONGOING

**Stuff-a-Bus Food Drive.** Through April 15, various times at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. A food drive for non-perishable items to support Arlington Food Assistance Center. There will be drop off boxes for donations of non-perishable food throughout the church. Call 703-759-6068.

**Ed Behrens' Photographs.** Various times through April 30 at Katie's Coffee House, Village Centre, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. The showing will celebrate Ed's ten years as a member of Great Falls Studios, his very active 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Call 703-759-0927 for more.

**Free Tai Chi.** Every Saturday, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners' Practice, meet on the outdoor basketball court located directly behind the Dolley Madison Public Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. in McLean Central Park, McLean.

**The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia,** a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Play on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. Visit [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org).

**The Freeman Store & Museum** Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m. 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of history significant places, events, and persons. [Historicviennainc.org](http://Historicviennainc.org)

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

**Bingo Night.** Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. [www.vvfd.org/bingo.html](http://www.vvfd.org/bingo.html).

**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. \$15 per session. [www.edimprovement.org](http://www.edimprovement.org). 571-213-3192.

**Colvin Run Mill** open 11 - 4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Fairfax County's operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational activities for all ages through daily tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Admission to park is free except for some special events.

**Fundamentals of Watercolors.** Mondays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Artist Lorrie Herman will help students get comfortable working with watercolors and understanding this medium. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 13

**Adventures in Learning Open House.** 10 a.m.-noon at Shepard's Center Oakton-Vienna. 541 Marshall Road SW. Using laughter and entertainment in learning. Visit [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org) or contact the office at 703-281-0538, [office@scov.org](mailto:office@scov.org).

### EASTER EVENTS IN THE AREA



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## Easter Eggs-Stravaganza at Roer's Zoofari,

**On April 15-16, it's the Easter Eggs-Stravaganza, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Roer's Zoofari, at the corner of Hunter Mill Road and Baron Cameron Drive in Vienna. Egg hunts, safari tours, and more. Participants in the Easter Egg hunt are asked to bring their own basket. Call 607-757-6222, or visit [www.roerszoofari.com](http://www.roerszoofari.com) for more.**

### FRIDAY/APRIL 14

**Good Friday.** noon-3 p.m. meditations with organ accompaniment; 7:30 p.m. mass at St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-356-4902 or visit [www.stjohnsmclean.org](http://www.stjohnsmclean.org) for more.

**Good Friday Services.** Noon-3 p.m. at Dranesville Church of the Brethren 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. The service will be the Seven Last Words of Christ featuring six half hour services with six local clergy. Email Rev. Kelly at [tkelly@stfranciscgreatfalls.org](mailto:tkelly@stfranciscgreatfalls.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 15

**Easter Egg Hunt.** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Bring a basket and hunt for candy and eggs filled with treats, win door prizes and visit the Easter bunny. \$10. Call 703-324-8569 for more.

**Egg Hunt.** 9:30 a.m. at 777 Lynn St., Herndon, behind the Herndon Municipal Building. Story readings, coloring mural, tattoo shack, petting zoo, photo-op with Easter Bunny, instrument "Petting Zoo" brought to you by Bach to Rock. \$9 in advance or \$10 at the event. Visit [herndon-va.gov/](http://herndon-va.gov/) for more.

**Holy Saturday Silent Retreat.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Free. Spend a day in noble silence, meditating and creating a space to be still and listen. Day will be spent alternating between sitting and walking meditation with some periods of stretching. Only a small fraction of meditation practices will be guided. Call 703-281-1767 or register online at [unitysilentretreat.eventbrite.com](http://unitysilentretreat.eventbrite.com).

### SUNDAY/APRIL 16

**Easter Sunrise Service.** 6:30 a.m. at Great Falls Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Hosted by Great Falls Area Ministries. Contact Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church 703-759-3509 for more.

**Passover Celebration.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. more.

Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein of Temple Rodef Shalom speaks to the meaningfulness of the Passover and the Seder meal. Call 703-356-6336 for more.

**Cory Branan in Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. Visit [www.jamminjava.com/](http://www.jamminjava.com/) for more.

**Hanna Emrich Demo.** 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. The Vienna Arts Society presents Hanna Emrich, who will demonstrate how she alters magazine pages with CitraSolv to create images. Free and open to the public. Call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) for

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### APRIL 14-23

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**Easter Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m.-noon at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Vienna. \$9, children 12 and under \$3. Call 703-938-6580.

## MONDAY/APRIL 17

**Landscape as Habitat.** 1:30-3 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Join Laura Beaty and Donna Murphy of the Virginia Native Plant Society for a presentation on why conversion of lawn into wildlife habitat, using locally native plants, is an increasingly popular movement. Adults. Free. Call 703-938-0405 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 19

**Happiness 101.** 1 p.m. in the Main Room Lewinsville Senior Center 1515 Great Falls St., McLean. Speaker is Paul Singh, an international, award-winning speaker. He is a student of happiness and his mission is to be as happy as possible by making his surroundings happier. Lewinsville Senior Center 1515 Great Falls St., McLean. Call 703-442-9075 for more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 22

**Family Fishing Rodeo.** 9 a.m. at Wildwood Park, 700 block of Follin Lane SE. The creek will be stocked with hundreds of trout, bring a fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag, and ice. \$3. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 23

**Amadeus Orchestra.** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A pre-concert lecture by Music Director A. Scott Wood will begin at 3:15 p.m., 45 minutes prior to the start of the concert. \$30, students 17 and under and active military are admitted free of charge. [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com)

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Cheesetique LLC trading as Cheesetique, 4056 Campbell Ave., Arlington, VA 22206. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant on Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Melissa Pankow, Store Director. NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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## Exercising A Demon



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Last night, between 9:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., I traveled back in time — without leaving my bedroom and without the use of a Time Machine. I went back approximately 41 years to the fall of '73, to my sophomore year in college at The University of Maryland. A group of us decided to go see one of the most talked about movies of the year: "The Exorcist." Talked about because it was filmed locally here in Georgetown and because it was said to be scary as h---.

I believe we saw the movie at the old KB Cinema located on Wisconsin Ave., NW, adjacent to Rodmans. I could be wrong but there's no one to ask, so you'll just have to take my word for it. I remember little else about the evening, other than my return back to my dorm room, #103, at Cumberland Hall in College Park. Though I had a roommate, he had gone home for the weekend so I was all alone. And that is what I remember most, closing the door, shutting off the lights, sitting on my bed and staring into the darkness and seeing Linda Blair's face (from the movie) and being extremely uncomfortable being by myself so soon after having seen the movie. I had a difficult night. I don't remember if I had any nightmares however, but, it was a miserable experience trying to fall asleep. I have not seen "The Exorcist" a second time, in its entirety or in any pieces until last night, despite it being a movie readily available on cable, especially around Halloween.

I would say I saw the last 45 minutes. I saw Linda Blair tied up in her bed. I saw Linda Blair turn her head completely around. I saw projectile vomiting from her mouth. I saw her fiery, yellow eyes and her face all torn up with scars and scabs. I saw her bed shake. I saw her bed levitate. I heard the demon inside her growl, screech, curse and speak backwards and verbally attack all the priests held sacred. I heard the bells chiming in the movie score. I saw plenty but not enough to justify the fear that engulfed me all those many years ago. Having watched the movie again (and having slept peacefully through the evening), it almost feels as if I've survived a rite of passage somehow, faced off against my past and come out reasonably healthy — all things not considered.

Nevertheless, I have no interest in seeing "scary" movies. I guess I don't see the point or rather the point pales in comparison to the fact that I've been diagnosed with cancer: now that's scary. Moreover, having lived over 40 years since having seen "The Exorcist," a few other scary things have happened in life which places a movie in context; it's only celluloid (sort of), it's not real. So I've learned a few things and probably unlearned a lot more. I wouldn't say watching the movie tonight was an epiphany-type moment when the light came on and I realized what I had been missing or perhaps realized what I've been getting. Granted, it's only a movie, and one that's over 40 years old, but it's a movie/experience/ affect that had stuck with me for a long time, and now I'm free of its tentacles.

It reminds of another movie I saw as a young boy, when I was under 10 years old, it scared the h--- out of me and did give me nightmares: "Invaders From Mars," released in 1953. The Martians landed in a field just within view from a little boy's bedroom window in his family's farmhouse. I remember his wide eyes at seeing the light off in the distance. I remember the music. I remember the Martians having a device that made the ground disappear and then reform. I remember the Martian leader's head being carried around in a goldfish-type bowl of something. I don't remember the plot. I just remember being frightened. It wasn't until "The Exorcist" 15 or so years later that I had been similarly scared. And it wasn't until 35 years after seeing "The Exorcist" when I was once again so scared that I had trouble sleeping, and had nightmares, and experienced everything else associated with fear that your life may actually be coming to an end: my non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis in late February 2009. Having survived more than a few years now past my original "13 month to two-year" prognosis, maybe I am ready to go see another scary movie? After all, I could probably use the diversion.

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# BULLETIN

To have community events listed in the Connection, visit [connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline for submissions is noon on Friday.

## THROUGH SUMMER

**Vienna Street-sweeping Program.** The Town of Vienna begab its annual street-sweeping program beginning March 20. The Town is divided into eight sections for purposes of the sweeping program. During the first pass through Town, the Public Works Department asks that residents not park on the street. Find the "sweeping" sections at [viennava.gov/sweeping](http://viennava.gov/sweeping). Additionally, signs will be placed on streets marking a window of 7-10 days during which the truck will come through. Contact public works at 703-255-6380.

## APRIL 9-16

**Holy Week and Easter Worship.** St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-356-4902 or visit [www.stjohnsmclean.org](http://www.stjohnsmclean.org).

- ❖ **April 12:** 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
  - ❖ **Maundy Thursday, April 13:** 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
  - ❖ **Good Friday, April 14 – Meditations and Music** – noon-3 p.m. – Meditations by the Rector on The Seven Last Words of Christ and music on the Seven Last Words of Christ sung by the St. John's Choir with organ accompaniment. All are welcome for any part of the service.
  - ❖ **Good Friday, April 14 – Liturgy and Music:** 7:30 pm – *Dies Irae* from *Requiem* by Charles Villiers Stanford sung by the St. John's Choir and the Choir of St. Francis Church, Great Falls with organ and string quartet
  - ❖ **Easter Vigil, April 15:** 8 p.m. First Eucharist of Easter
  - ❖ **Easter Day, April 16:** 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Music with brass and timpani at each morning service.
- Holy Week.** Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Call 703-356-3312 or visit [umtrinity.org](http://umtrinity.org)
- ❖ **April 13: Maundy Thursday** — 7:30 p.m. — This service observes Jesus at the Last Supper.
  - ❖ **April 14: Good Friday** — 7:30 p.m. — Jesus is taken to Pontius Pilate for a trial; the sentence is passed and Jesus is crucified with the common criminals.
  - ❖ **April 16: Easter Sunday** — Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Easter morning worship is filled with Hallelujahs and rejoicing as we celebrate our risen Lord.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 13

**Maundy Thursday.** 6 p.m. Agape Meal, 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Call 703-938-6521 for more.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 14

**Good Friday Services.** Noon-3 p.m. at Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. The service will be the Seven Last Words of Christ featuring six half hour services with six local clergy. Visit [oaktonumc.org/](http://oaktonumc.org/) or call 703-938-1234 for more.

**Good Friday.** 12:10 p.m. The Way of the Cross, 7 p.m. The Liturgy of Good Friday at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Call 703-938-6521 for more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 15

**Holy Saturday.** 8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Call 703-938-6521 for more.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 16

**Easter Sunrise Service.** 6:30 a.m. at Great Falls Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Presented by Great Falls Area Ministries. Contact Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church 703-759-3509 for more information.

**Easter Sunday.** 7:30, 9 and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Call 703-938-6521 for more.

## MONDAY/APRIL 17

**Informative Presentations.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. Topic is "Understanding Small Kitchen Appliances." Call 703-759-3509 for more.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 25

**Autism Awareness Month.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Glen Finland's memoir, "Next Stop," is a moving account of a family caring for a child with special needs. Finland will share her own hard-won lessons as well as strategies and insights she has learned about the individual dynamics of families who have children with special needs. Register online at [bit.ly/2nLCy9s](http://bit.ly/2nLCy9s) or call 703-204-3941.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 27

**Autism Awareness Month.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other cognitive disabilities may not recognize danger, react well in an emergency or be able to seek help. Attend this workshop to learn safety risks for individuals with special needs, proactive steps to reduce the risk of potential dangers, information on the new Yellow Dot Program and more. Register online at [bit.ly/2ogNf84](http://bit.ly/2ogNf84) or call 703-204-3941.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church,** 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at [info@scmafc.org](mailto:info@scmafc.org). The Center's website is [www.scmafc.org](http://www.scmafc.org)

## ONGOING

**Master Gardener Training.** The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner's meetings. Fees vary. Visit [fairfaxgardening.org](http://fairfaxgardening.org) or call Dora Lockwood at 401-864-4778 for more.

**The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia,** a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. The games are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. For more information, visit [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org)

**Passages DivorceCare** If you are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, the caring community at Vienna Presbyterian Church invites you to attend Passages DivorceCare. This program offers a path toward healing. The next 15-week DivorceCare series will be held Tuesdays from 6:45 to 9 p.m. beginning on Feb. 21. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna. Cost to cover materials is \$20, scholarships available. For more information or to register call 703-938-9050, go to [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org), or send an email to [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org).

**Are You A Caregiver? Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna Caregivers' Support Group** takes place first & third Thursday of each month. February 2nd and 16th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join us at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton, VA. For more info contact facilitator, Jack Tarr, 703-821-6838 [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).

**Volunteers Needed.** PRS is looking for empathetic and caring volunteers to make phone calls to older adults who may be feeling socially isolated. The commitment is one 3-hour shift per week for one year. Located in Arlington. Ages 21 & up. Intensive training provided. Learn more and apply: <https://prsinc.org/carerer-volunteering/>. Questions? Email [lpadgett@prsinc.org](mailto:lpadgett@prsinc.org).

The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email [Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Also visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/).





## Vienna Honors Community Volunteers

More than 30 Town of Vienna individuals and organizations will be honored for giving their time and services to the needs of others at the Mayor's Volunteer Reception at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Each year, the Town requisitions citizens for nominations of all-star community volunteers. The good deeds for which volunteers will be recognized include giving someone a ride, tutoring students, providing daycare, and fundraising, among other community-building activities. The reception is free and open to the public. Last year, the staff at Georgen Scarborough Associates, shown here, were recognized for their volunteer efforts.



The topic of the April 24 discussion is 'A Practice Flower Show.'

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## Ayr Hill Garden Club Meets, Welcomes Guests

The Ayr Hill Garden Club will meet on Monday, April 24, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Complimentary refreshments will be provided at 12:45 p.m. followed by the 1 p.m. program. Guests are encouraged to attend. The program topic is A Practice Flower Show.

This flower show will be good practice for designing, learning how to put on a flower show, and the pleasure of knowing it can be done with no tablecloths or other prissy stuff involved. Members will bring their entries, then mingle, eat and after the business meeting, view the judged results. Flower show chair is member Marie Etoile, second vice president, Ayr Hill Garden Club.

Established in 1929, the Ayr Hill Garden Club's motto is civic gardening. The Club maintains six gardens of various sizes in the Town of Vienna, and has contributed to projects throughout Fairfax County over its 87 year history. Their fundraising and membership dues support their efforts in maintaining and

planting six gardens in Vienna:

- ❖ W&OD Trail, Maple Ave opposite Town Green
- ❖ Children's Garden by the Town Caboose
- ❖ Patrick Henry Library
- ❖ The Historic Herb Garden @ the Little Library by Town Green
- ❖ Salsbury Spring, off Lawyers Road
- ❖ Emmanuel Lutheran Church Butterfly Garden

In addition, the Ayr Hill Garden Club members decorate the Freeman Store for the December Holidays and the Vienna Caboose. They provide hospice trays and May Day baskets for homebound and institutional "friends." They hold flower shows every other year.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month, except December and May, when they hold special events for members only. Guests are welcome to many of their meetings. The Club is a Charter Member of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. since 1950 and is represented in District III.



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## BNY Mellon Wealth Management Opens in Tysons

BNY Mellon Wealth Management celebrated the grand opening of its Tysons Corner office with a ribbon cutting at Tysons Tower attended by more than 120 people, including members of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. Pictured here from left: Lee Woolley, head of BNY Mellon Wealth Management's Mid-Atlantic region; Jim Corcoran, head of the Chamber; Susan Traver, president of the D.C. and Tysons Corner offices for the firm and Don Heberle, CEO of the wealth management firm.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [north@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:north@connectionnewspapers.com) by noon on Friday.

**Jonathan Trainer**, of Vienna, graduated from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) in December 2016. Trainer graduated with a Bachelor of Science in engineering degree, majoring in engineering management.

**Brian Weingast**, of Vienna, was named to Denison University's (Granville, Ohio) 2016 fall semester dean's list.

**Kirsten Clements, Tyler Kimble, Logan Schwartz, Paul Campo, Iain Allingham, Adam Haichour, and Davis Mahony Grace Whitelock**, of Oakton High School, were recognized at the Virginia DECA State Leadership Conference held March 3-5 in Virginia Beach.

**Sky Zoom, Erika Atwood, Anna Bonaquist Jamal El-Hindi and Justin Shayne** of Madison High School, were recognized at the Virginia DECA State Leadership Conference held March 3-5 in Virginia Beach.

**Taylor Wreath**, of Vienna, a freshman at Randolph-Macon Academy, earned a place on the president's list for the second quarter of the 2016-17 school year.

**Margaret Gasser**, of Vienna, has been named to the University of Dallas (Irving, Texas) dean's list for the fall 2016 semester.

**Taleen Avedisian**, a member of the class of 2017 from Oakton, has been named to the fall 2016 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland (Baltimore, Md.).

**Jeffrey Scarmazzi**, of Tysons Corner, graduated from Salisbury University (Salisbury, Md.), with a B.S., in geography, summa cum laude.

**Carlisle Wishard**, of Vienna, was selected to present a research project titled "Characterizing the Importance of Spiral Arms in Galaxy Evolution" at The University of Alabama's Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Conference held on March 30.

**Bora Zaloshnja**, of Vienna, was awarded faculty honors for the fall 2016 semester at Trinity College (Hartford, Conn.).

**Ann Bigger**, of Vienna, earned an M.S. in nursing from Simmons College (Boston, Mass.).

**Lizzy Weingast**, of Vienna, is one of 10 members of the William Smith College hockey team who earned a spot on the 2016-17 ECAC West All-Academic Team. Weingast, a junior, is an economics and mathematics double major. She attended Langley High School.

**Leah Eskinder Negash**, from Vienna, was awarded an undergraduate degree, cum laude, in English from Longwood University (Farmville, Va.) in fall 2016.



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