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Almost 500 tickets were sold for the dance, which was themed 'Midnight Masquerade.'

Marshall High Celebrates Prom

Marshall High School celebrated its prom on Saturday, June 6, at the Westin at Tysons Corner. Almost 500 tickets were sold for the dance, which was themed "Midnight Masquerade." With some students donning masks, the prom was one of the last official school events for seniors until their graduation at the DAR Constitution Hall on June 16.

— CHRISTIAN EUBANK

VIEWPOINTS

What are you doing this summer?

— CHRISTIAN EUBANK

Bryan Todd – Senior

"I am working full-time as an intern at an engineering company and taking courses at NOVA."



Ria Firth – Sophomore

"I may go to Paris and go to work."



Teresa Nguyen – Senior

"I am going to Colorado to learn the guitar."



Roman Dadiomoff – Sophomore

"I am going to three summer camps with Scouts: one in New Mexico, one in Virginia and one in Indiana."



Diana Serodio – Senior

"I'm going back to Portugal. I'm an exchange student and it was great to be at Marshall this year."



Ajay Amin – Junior

"I'm playing soccer and going to the beach."



PHOTO BY JOHN NASH

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), middle, named Vienna's Howard Springsteen and Joan Dempsey her district's Lord and Lady Fairfax.

Lord and Lady Fairfax Introduced

Vienna super-volunteers named Vienna-area honorees.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Looking fresh-faced for 200-plus-year-olds, Lord and Lady Fairfax – 10 pairs of them — were recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for their leadership contributions to local communities at a breakfast reception in their honor on June 1. The honorees received certificates of recognition at the ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center. History of the honor goes back more than 20 years.

Fairfax County's 10 supervisors each named two outstanding citizens from their districts, and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) honored dedicated Vienna Volunteer Fire Department [VVF] volunteers, Howard Springsteen and Joan Dempsey, as her district's Lord and Lady Fairfax.

"I was surprised to receive that honor," said Springsteen. "I was completely blindsided. I thought the requests for information were just for Joan. She deserves the recognition."

Dempsey said that she, too, was surprised to have garnered the award.

"The funny thing is, I work for the Sheriff's Office, and someone who I work with has cancer," she said. "The entire night shift medical squad made a promise when she lost her hair that we would shave our heads to show unity and support. I had just got home from getting my head shaved and found out that I was receiving the award."

My first reaction was, I hope my hair grows back for the presentation."

Vienna's Dempsey concurrently holds the office of president for three volunteer civic organizations: the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, the Fairfax County Firefighters Association Auxiliary and Virginia State Firefighters Association Auxiliary.

"The thing about Joan is she is not an officer in name only or a title on letterhead, she is on the ground every day and can be found giving her time at all hours of the night and all over the place," said Hudgins. "She began volunteering 17 years ago and in 2008 logged in 1,499 hours for the three organizations including serving as a Canteen Coordinator, who provides food and water to first responders during large scale emergencies. When you ask people about Joanie, people say 'when does she sleep?'"

"FOR OVER 20 YEARS, Howard Springsteen of Vienna has always been there to volunteer and often first in line to help," said Hudgins.

"He is quite visible as a leader and long-time member of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. ... But, he is also an active member of his church and dedicated parent volunteer. All of this is in addition to his full-time job."

Hudgins said she has witnessed Springsteen's "boundless energy and juggling of priorities for years," and finds his "enthusiasm is unmatched."

Springsteen has lived in Vienna for more than 12 years with his wife and two children, and has been an active Vienna community supporter. He has served as president of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department since 2001, and was an active mem-

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CONTRIBUTED

Jessie Hunter, left, and Elizabeth (Beth) Armitage, right, have been members of Girl Scout Troop 3491 of Vienna since its formation in October 1996.

Armitage, Hunter Earn Girl Scout Gold Award

Elizabeth (Beth) Armitage and Jessie Hunter of Girl Scout Troop 3491 have been awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award. Several celebrations took place in May to mark this achievement.

The Gold Award requires Girl Scouts to complete a community service project involving a minimum of 65 hours of work. The service project must benefit a designated community and have some longevity of impact. Each project must involve the effort of other volunteers. Scouts must use their leadership, collaboration and organizational skills to achieve the culmination of the project. The Girl Scout Gold Award shares many characteristics with its counterpart in Boy Scouting, the Eagle Scout.

Armitage's Project, It's Music to My Ears, served underprivileged children at a community preschool. She created and taught a music appreciation program to the students. The children learned music fundamentals including notation and how sound is produced when various instruments are played. The children received an introduction to the four families of musical instruments and heard performances by different instrumentalists and sang and danced to music from around the world. The children also created their own musical program to perform for their parents.

Hunter's Project, Art Room Makeover, served a teen shelter house. She revamped the art therapy and conference room. She constructed custom-made, built-in, floor-to-ceiling shelves for holding all of the art supplies and materials. Following their installation, Hunter organized the materials so they are visually and physically accessible. She also repainted the room and installed curtains. She replaced the bulky conference table with a more comfortable and usable table for the teens and staff.

Armitage and Hunter have been members of Girl Scout Troop 3491 of Vienna since its formation in October 1996. The Troop has been active for 13 years providing community service, embarking on camping and high adventure trips, and offering leadership experiences. Over the course of this time, these two young women have earned the top service awards in each prior age group of Girl Scouting. As Junior Girl Scouts, they earned the Bronze Award. As Cadette Girl Scouts, they earned the Silver Award. The Girl Scout Gold Award recognizes these Scouts as exemplary citizens, who persist in striving for achievement and who are willing to work on behalf of others to make their community a better place to live.

— CONNIE HUNTER, ADVISOR, GS TROOP 3491



On behalf of Post 180, outgoing Commander Phil Dunn presents a gift of appreciation to Janet Renner, Unit 180 president.

Vienna American Legion Post Installs New Officers

Honors and dinner mark program.

More than 50 guests gathered at Vienna's Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180 on June 5 to recognize the contributions of Post 180's outgoing officers and volunteers as they welcomed and installed new Post officers. Outgoing Post 180 Commander Phil Dunn was honored for more than 27 years of service to the local unit.

Former Post 180 Commander Bob Hatter; returning Unit 180 [Auxiliary] President Janet Renner; Squadron 180 [Sons of the American Legion] Commander Bob McQuail; and incumbent Junior Unit 180 Honorary Junior President Mackenzie Duffy were installed in the hour-long ceremony.

Dellinger spoke to Hatter and McQuail, reminding them that the "care and dependence of those who answered the final call" is their responsibility, and that "to you will come the needy and in distress."

HATTER presented a plaque of appreciation to Dunn who served as Post Commander from 2004-07 and in 2009. "This time, this guy [Dunn] is going to be a hard act to follow," Hatter said. "We have a good team, a good family." Renner, on behalf of the Auxiliary, gave Dunn a certificate of gratitude. Dunn will serve this term as 1st vice commander.

Dunn introduced guests and officers, and the Auxiliary conducted



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Margaret Dellinger swears in new Unit 180 officers.



Incoming Post 180 Commander Bob Hatter, right, calls former Commander Phil Dunn a 'hard act to follow.'

a memorial service for deceased Auxiliary members, remembering each of the six with a lighted candle and a white rose. Dan Dellinger led the installation of new Post 180 and Squadron 180 officers. Margaret Dellinger installed the new officers of Unit 180

Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary. She brought laughter from the guests when she referred to the commitments facing the treasurers of both groups one of whom, representing the Junior Auxiliary in an honorary capacity, is 6-years old.

The "juniors" handed out poppies in Washington, D.C., during the Rolling Thunder rally and at ViVa! Vienna! on Memorial Day. Renner referred to the girls as the "most dynamic group of ladies," singling out the tiny tot Miraya Juerez. "Who could resist her?" Renner asked.

RENNER opened a gift Post 180 gave her, a painting of a poppy field, the inspiration for the symbol of sacrifice in Flanders Fields.

Tommy Bonner was named Post 180 Legionnaire of the Year and his nomination sent to the American Legion's state office.

Mayor M. Jane Seeman and Town Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher sat stage-side. A buffet dinner followed the program.

— DONNA MANZ

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Vienna Volunteers Honored

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ber of the VVFD for more than 20 years, serving in various positions. A member of the Vienna Transportation Safety Commission since 2000, Springsteen was named Vienna Citizen of the Year in 2007 by the Fairfax Times.

Currently, he works for Fairfax County. One of his most visible

successes as VVFD president was spearheading a local drive to raise funds to renovate and remodel the Vienna fire station. Working with Hudgins, Springsteen brought in a \$1.5 million-dollar grant to help fund the station's improvements.

Springsteen won a seat on the Vienna Town Council in May. His service begins on July 1. He said he will continue to

be active in the VVFD.

DEMPSEY MOVED to Vienna 20 years ago and received her bachelor's of nursing at George Mason University in 1992, joining the VVFD Auxiliary that year. In 2008, she became an EMT. In her present position with Fairfax County government, Dempsey is a medical supervisor for the Fairfax

County Sheriff's Office, working the night shift at the county jail.

Hudgins recalled a conversation with Dempsey in which the supervisor asked her why she does everything she does in the community.

"I was raised in an environment where you were taught to give back," Dempsey said. "So, when I decided to live here, I knew I had to find something to do."

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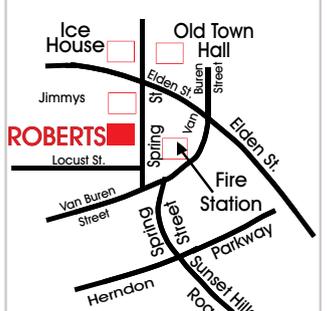
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Proms and graduation season is upon us. Most schools have organized events that deter drinking and driving around these joyous times, although there have been tragic exceptions in recent years.

Two years ago, on June 14, 2007, four young women died in on the Beltway in Springfield; two of them had graduated earlier in the day from West Potomac High School, and police reported that alcohol was found in the car.

The summer continues to be the most dangerous time of year for teens and drinking and driving. WRAP's top tips for parents to deter underage drinking and drunk driving this summer include:

- ❖ **Talk.** Parents can have a significant — if not most significant — impact as to whether their teens will engage in risky behaviors including the use of alcohol. Talk openly to your teen about alcohol.

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- ❖ **Provide structure.** The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse found that teen children of “absentee parents” were four-times more likely to abuse substances than children in structured homes.

- ❖ **Host a party.** Host a teen party in your own home following guidelines of no drugs or alcohol. Ask another parent to help chaperone; when a guest leaves, do not allow them to return; make your presence known; and if you suspect that a guest has used alcohol or drugs, contact their parents.

- ❖ **Instill self-confidence** in your teen by talking with them about peer pressure. At some point, your teen will be offered alcohol. As the National Institutes of Health points out, teens prefer quick “one-liners” that allow them to dodge a drink without making a big scene.

- ❖ **Lay down the law.** In Virginia, it's a crime to possess, transport or purchase alcohol if you're under 21. A new law went into effect

last year ensuring that teens convicted of driving after consuming virtually any amount of alcohol will lose their driver's licenses for a year.

- ❖ **Even if you know your teen won't drink alcohol,** make sure he or she also knows how to avoid getting in a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

- ❖ **Beware of your civil liability.** In most cases, it's unlawful for parents to allow their children's friends to consume alcohol in their home. If these same “friends” are later involved in a crash, the providing parents may be responsible for injuries, property damages and wrongful death. These same parents may also face criminal charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

- ❖ **Be a role model.** Parents, themselves, should be good role models by making sure their behavior is appropriate. Use alcohol moderately, serve as a responsible host and never drink and drive.

- ❖ **If you suspect that your child is drinking,** intervene. Talk to your child and obtain qualified professional help if necessary.

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Courage to Face Transportation Challenge

BY MARGI VANDERHYE
STATE DELEGATE (D-34)



Last week the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance sponsored a forum for business and government leaders to hear from Virginia Transportation Secretary Pierce Homer on the status of Virginia's transportation programs and funding projections. Secretary Homer's blunt assessment consisted of bad news and really bad news. Virginia's Six Year Program, part of the master plan for improving our transportation infrastructure, declined from \$11.5 billion to \$7.4 billion in two years. The state Department of Transportation (VDOT) has made substantial personnel and service cuts across the state. He summarized: “We are approaching a cliff. If we don't act quickly (to address the funding shortfalls) Virginia's prosperity will go elsewhere”.

THE PROBLEM far exceeds the congestion that slows our daily commutes. It impacts the economic vitality of the Commonwealth. We in northern Virginia suffer more as construction funds are diverted for maintenance requirements because of the way the different “pots” of money are al-

located. Without a new long-term statewide funding source, northern Virginia will suffer disproportionately, and so will our businesses.

Most troubling is that within a decade, Virginia will not be able to come up with the 20% state dollars to match the

80% federal funds for road construction and transit. We will not advance projects to increase freight and rail capacity, especially at Dulles Airport and the Virginia Port – two enormous economic generators that employ hundreds of thousands of workers each and together account for about 6% of our state's General Fund revenue. Without new transportation funding, the state will only be able to patch our existing infrastructure, both here in northern Virginia, and throughout the state. Worse yet, much of our concrete infrastructure, such as bridges, is 50 years old and failing and cannot be patched. Finally, state funding to provide the match for our transportation public-private partnerships is threatened, potential projects that can actually reduce costs to taxpayers in the long run.

THE CURRENT RECESSION offers an opportunity to think deliberately about what we can do when the economy improves. We

should identify agreed-upon “indicators” of economic health that would then trigger the initiation of regional and statewide funding streams. These funding sources should capture everyone who actually uses our infrastructure – not just Virginians. There will always be those for whom the time is never right to raise revenue for any reason, but a growing number of northern Virginians are impatient with that reasoning and with the gimmicks that simply shift the financial burden from one source to another.

With the consequences of inaction so dire, Secretary Homer suggested that it is time to call the perennial naysayers to account. We have one billion dollars in unmet transportation needs annu-

ally, almost \$700,000 right here in northern Virginia. Real solutions, even in a better economy, will require bipartisan collaboration and no small measure of political courage. The reality check for doing nothing will be the continual screech of brakes on our gridlocked roads and the silence of the brakes on our economic vitality.

Sixty-five years after D-Day, I marvel that the generation that gave so much came home from the war and invested unselfishly in the Interstate Highway Act to build much of the infrastructure we have today. Now that the infrastructure is aging like the generation that paid for it, I pray we will find the courage and vision to affirm their historic legacy and sacrifice.

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NEWS

Biking Against Cancer

Oakton boy, 11, bikes 200 miles to support cancer research.

BY ABIGAIL ALBRIGHT
THE CONNECTION

Alec Souders of Oakton turned 11 on May 27, and celebrated by riding 200 miles over Memorial Day weekend on his bike to raise money for cancer research.

"I wanted a bike for my birthday and my parents gave me a one for an early birthday present," Alec said. "So I thought I would ride a large number of miles, and my dad came up with the idea of doing it for a cause, and I came up with the idea of doing it for cancer research, because my grandfather and my grandmother both died because of cancer, and now my aunt has colon cancer."

Kristen Souders, Alec's mother, lost her father to melanoma, and Andy Souders, Alec's father, lost his mother to lung cancer, and his sister has been diagnosed with colon cancer, but is in high spirits.

ALEC, a student at Waples Mill Elementary School, wrote a letter to the American Cancer Society and didn't hear anything for over a month. Andy then asked a good friend if he could pass the word on to Mark McElrath, the income manager of ACS. That very afternoon, McElrath contacted the Souders and said he'd be happy to help.

Although his goal was to raise around \$3,000, to date Alec has surpassed that rais-

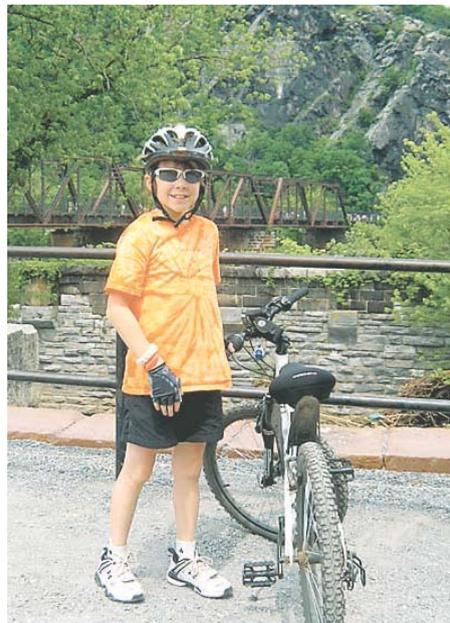


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Alec Souders takes a break from his 200-mile journey to enjoy the view at Harpers Ferry, W.Va. Alec is sporting his 'Go Alec' T-shirt that he designed for the trip.

ing more than \$5,000, and every penny of it is going to support cancer research through the ACS. The Souders said donations are still coming in, and of course, are always welcomed.

Alec saw firsthand the pain of cancer when Kristen's father stayed with them while receiving care because the treatment options for melanoma were better in Northern Virginia.

"That's when Alec learned a good deal of what happens to a person, it was so sudden

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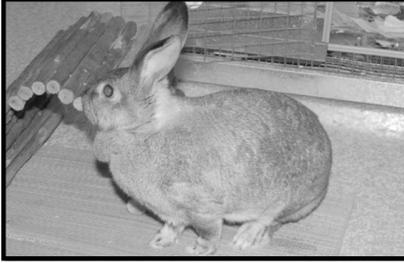
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Summer Concerts in Full Swing

Bavarian band plays Viennese selections on Vienna Town Green.

By DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Grab a blanket or lawn chair ... and a picnic, maybe. It's warm weather and time for Vienna's lineup of free summer concerts on the Vienna Town Green and at Nottoway Park.

After weekends of rain, families and friends turned out in full-force for the June 7 concert on the Town Green. Looking straight out of a Bavarian tourism brochure, the 25-member Alte Kameraden of the Fairfax City Band performed German-style Viennese music for a crowd of over 100 people lazing on the Green. "Since we're in Vienna, we will

play music from Vienna," said Band Director Samuel Laudenslager. And they did ... from Strauss polkas to Austrian and Bavarian folk music. David and Paula Stewart of Vienna brought their toddler Samantha, now 2, to the concerts on the Town Green every other week. Not only does Samantha say she likes the music, she dances to it, as well. Many young children were jumping to the music and some just toddling around as parents scooped them up. A single, laid-back dog curled up in the shade. "We come to a lot of these concerts," said Bruce Baltas of Vienna. Baltas sat with his wife and three sons on a picnic blanket. "What we like about this is being outside lis-

tening to music ... kind of like what we grew up with, a slower pace and time. It's good to get the kids away from the TV and video games."

THE FIRST American band to be voted for membership in Bavaria's association of village bands, Alte Kameraden makes over 50 performances each year in the Washington, DC, area. Last summer, Alte Kameraden's performances at the Town Green were cancelled due to rain twice, including the make-up rain date.

"I'm German by heritage, and this is my opportunity to really reconnect with German culture," said six-year Alte Kameraden trumpeter player, Dennis Sackman, of Vienna. Sackman, who picked up his horn after a more-than 25-year hiatus, plays for the Vienna Community Band and is principal trumpet

player with the Reston Community Band, as well.

THE 10TH SEASON of Nottoway Nights kicks off at Nottoway Park on Thursday, June 18 with mariachi group, Los Amigos, followed by local singer, Cathy Ponton King, singing the blues on June 25. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/nottoway-nights.htm> for performance schedule at Nottoway Park, and <http://www.viennava.gov/TownDepartments/Summer%20Sounds%202009%20May-June.pdf> for information on Town Green concerts.

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CALENDAR

Send announcements to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10
Luka Bloom and Birdie Busch. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
Ice Cream Social. 4 p.m., Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Vienna area sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to an ice cream social. Club Phoenix Teen Center. Free. Call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11
King Teddy, 8-10 p.m. at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 7:30 beginner lessons. \$10. 703-414-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.
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Pokemon League. 3 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.
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Louis Fabrizi (CD Release Show) and The OK Corral. 6 p.m. and DMV Showcase Vol. 5, Sketch, Jett Black and more at 9:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
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Author Meredith Murray will read from her new book 'Muki by Moonlight' Saturday, June 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at East Meets West Yoga, 144 Church St., Vienna. After the reading, enjoy a mini meditation and snacks. Call 703-281-2431.

presidential campaign. Stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office or call 703-573-SEAT to purchase tickets.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13
Third House Down Hidden Cove. 2:30 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Meet local Vienna author Kevin Garrahan and hear readings from his book "Third House Down Hidden Cove." Age 8 and up. 703-938-0405.
Cerca Trova CD Release Show and Jealousy Curve at 6:30 p.m. and Earth Note Syndicate, Dreaming Of Eden, To Speak Of Wolves and Red Shift at 10 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
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Summer Concerts Around Vienna

CONCERTS ON THE GREEN

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Annapolis Bluegrass, June 12; U.S. Navy Band Cruisers, June 14; Kingsley Winter Band, June 19; Jenn & The Tonics, June 21; Randy Barrett and the Barrettones, June 26; Open Mic Night, June 28; Richard Walton Group, July 10; Redstone, July 12; MOJO, July 17; Vienna Community Band, July 19; U.S. Navy Band - Commodores - Jazz, July 24; Open Mic Night, July 26; Mystic Warriors, July 31;
Difficult Run Jazz Band, Aug. 2; Celtic Cross, Aug. 7; Cletus and Lori, Aug. 9; The Sunny Daze Band, Aug. 14; Dagmar and the Seductones, Aug. 16; Splinters, Aug. 21; U.S. Navy Band Country Current, Aug. 28; Open Mic Night, Aug. 30

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Seahawk Boys' Track and Field Place Sixth at States

South Lakes' Fortes takes first in boys' discus event.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High boys' track and field team finished a solid sixth place at last weekend's state AAA Outdoor Championships, which took place May 29 and 30, at Todd Stadium in Newport News.

The Seahawks, who three weeks ago captured the Northern Region team title, scored 26 points at states. They were the top finishing team at states from the Northern Region. The next top team from the region was West Potomac. Western Branch (Chesapeake) won the boys' team championship.

Quintin Fortes of South Lakes won the state championship in the boys' discus event. He was the lone individual champion for the Seahawks, who also received good outings from Vincent Brown, who was second place in the boys' 110 hurdles, and Mike Harrell, fourth in the 110 hurdles and sixth in the 300 hurdles.

Herndon High's Rich Roethel finished second in the boys' high jump. Other area place finishers on the boys' side included: Stone Bridge's Trevor Springman (second in shot put); Stone Bridge's David Wang (fourth in shot); Stone Bridge's Daniel Allen (fourth



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The girls' team champion was Landstown High (Virginia Beach). The top Northern Region team finisher was Lake Braddock High, which finished ninth.

Herndon senior Hiruni Wijayarathne finished 11th in the girls' 3,200 race.

THE SOUTH LAKES High boys'

track and field team captured first place at the Northern Region Championships, May 21-22 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

The Seahawks were paced by Vincent Brown, who finished first in three events, the 100 dash, 110-hurdles and long jump, while taking second in the 200 race.

In the team standings, South Lakes took the title with 75.50 points, finishing ahead of second

place West Potomac (64.33), third place Stone Bridge (54.50), fourth place Edison (50) and fifth place T.C. Williams (47).

Along with Brown's big meet, South Lakes had outstanding showings by several other athletes. Mike Harrell finished second in the 300 hurdles event and took third in the 110 hurdles. Also for the Seahawks, Quintin Fortes was first in the discus; Sean Price was fifth in the triple jump; and Adrian Vaughn was sixth in the 200.

For Herndon High, which tied for 10th in the team standings, Rich Roethel finished first in the high jump, while Todd Van Luling was a second place finisher in the 3,00 race. Also for the Hornets, Kirk Nguyen finished fifth in the discus.

The Oakton High boys had several place finishers. Neal Hendricks and Andrew McCullen finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 3,200. McCullen also finished fifth in the 1,600. Luis Soriano was sixth in the shot put for the Cougars.

Daniel Allen of Stone Bridge finished second in the 200 and was fourth in the 100. Teammate Trevor Springman won the shot put event. Also for the Bulldogs, David Wang was second in the shot and sixth in the discus; Andre Best was second in the 110 hurdles; and Oludar Ewetusa was sixth in the high jump. The Stone Bridge 4 x 100 relay team was first.

Langley's Alex Maybury won the triple jump and was fifth in the 300 hurdles. McLean High's Kristoff Inocentes was fourth in the 800, while Highlander teammate Jourdan Samuels was sixth in the

110-hurdles.

On the girls' side, Lake Braddock ran away with the team title, scoring 105.50 points, well ahead of second place Robinson (44.50) and third place Herndon (44).

For the ninth place South Lakes girls, Lachelle Wallace won the 100 race and the triple jump. She was also sixth in both the 200 and 400 races.

For Herndon, Carina Peter was second in both the 100 and 200 races. Taking a first place for Herndon was Carolyn Hennessey in the 3,200. Her teammate, Hiruni Wijayarathne, was fourth in the same event. Also for Herndon, Emily Palmer was sixth in both the long jump and triple jump.

From Marshall High, Brittany Johnson finished third in both the 100 and long-jump events. Also for the Statesmen, Meara Goss was fourth in the shot put and fifth in discus.

From Oakton, Becca Kassabian was fifth in the 1,600 and Lanie Smith was fifth in the 3,200.

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From McLean High, Dominique Graham was second in the high jump and fourth in the long jump, and teammate Clare Nelson was third in the 300 hurdles.

From Madison, Jennie Zhu was sixth in the high jump and Brigid Byrne was sixth in the 3,200.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Marshall High girls' tennis player Faby Chaillo recently captured the Virginia State AAA singles title with a finals win over Kiersten Pappas of Loudoun Valley. The postseason competition took place on the outdoors courts at Jefferson Park.

Chaillo had reached the championship match with victories at both the state quarterfinals and semifinals. Those competitions took place indoors because of poor weather. In the quarterfinals, Chaillo defeated Megan Napolitano of Albemarle High (Charlottesville). Then, the following day, she was victorious over Atlee High's Yasmin Fotovat (Mechanicsville).

Those wins put Chaillo in the finals, where she met a seasoned and

determined Pappas, the Northwest Region champion. From the first point, which lasted 30 hits, one realized the match would be a hard-fought competition between two talented players. Chaillo won the first set, 6-4, but trailed in the second set 5-4. But she dug deep to win the next three games to win the set, 7-5, and the match.

In doubles play, Chaillo and teammate Ana Dominguez reached the state semifinals before losing. The duo opened with a quarterfinals' win over a team from Virginia Beach's First Colonial before falling in the following round. But it was an outstanding season for Chaillo and Dominguez, who captured both the Liberty District and Northern Region doubles titles.

The Marshall High girls also qualified for the Virginia State AAA team tournament. The Statesmen, under coach Robin Crider, saw their season end with a loss at Mills Godwin High School in Richmond.

"We came in confident that we could match up with their line-up and we did," said Crider. "We just could not quite close out some close matches in singles that surely would have put a tremendous amount of pressure on them."

In singles play, Marshall's Faby Chaillo won her No. 1 match, and Ana Dominguez won at No. 2. Sarah Doan (No. 5), Kelly Crider (No. 6), Lauren Hopwood (No. 3) and Amanda Crider (No. 4) each lost their singles matches, but played their opponents closely.



PHOTO COURTESY MARSHALL GIRLS' TENNIS

Faby Chaillo, second from left, captured the Virginia State AAA girls' singles championship. Here, she enjoys her winning moment with Marshall Principal Jay Pearson, far left, Marshall coach Robin Crider, third from left, and Marshall Director of Student Activities Joe Swarm.

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Lt. Gen. John R. Allen, Deputy Commander, United States Central Command and a 1971 Flint Hill School graduate, will be the guest speaker at Commencement ceremonies for the FHS Class of 2009 Friday, June 12, 10 a.m., on the Upper School campus.

Kryssy Cates, a graduate of Clemson summa cum laude 2007, and graduate of Fort Mill High School 2003, was accepted to the Columbia School of Medicine to advance her career in medicine. Cates grew up in Vienna. She was recruited by the National Institute of Health (NIH) under a Fellowship to explore and develop scientific studies in research to understand mechanisms of intracellular vesicular transport and its regulation. Her extensive research took place at both John Hopkins in Baltimore, Md., and currently at NIH in Bethesda, Md.

Cates will now further her studies in medicine at University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Columbia, S. C. While living in Chevy Chase, Md. and working full-time at NIH, Cates served as a nanny for tree children, and a discussion leader for Bible Study Fellowship. She also served at McLean Bible Church, with Lon Solomon as Lead Pastor, as a youth leader.

Vienna natives **Benjamin Appling, Garret Girmus, Melanie Hainesm Gagan Jindal, Rachel Jones, Gagan Jindal, Rachel Jones, Andrew Roach, Emily Shroder, Suzanne Traut, Christopher Moad, Michael Nedelcovych and James O'Leary** were named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the spring semester. In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

Oakton natives **Spencer Atkinson, Kelsey Budd, Katherine Hidalgo, Kathryn Matteson and Allyson McKechnie** were named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the spring semester. In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

Diana Paula Morse of Vienna received a Master's of Business Administration from the Wake Forest University Babcock Graduate School of Management. A full time MBA program graduate with academic distinction, Morse also received the Finance Award, which recognizes students who show excellence in scholarship in finance courses.

Lauren Larkin of Vienna was named to Centenary College's Dean's List for the spring semester.

Vienna resident **Mackenzie L. Stratton**, a junior majoring in Public Relations, was named to the President's List for the spring semester at Georgia Southern University. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must have at least a 4.0 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Vienna resident **Kevin Alton Mitchell** graduated from SUNY Cortland Cum Laude with a bachelor of science.

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna presented its annual Partners in Education awards to three Career Specialists who serve in local high schools: Lynn Otto from Madison High, Susan Malik from Marshall High and Marian Kendrick from Oakton High School were recognized for their dedicated service over the years in preparing our high school students as they transition to college and prepare to pursue lifelong careers. In addition, these educators have partnered with the Optimistic Club of Greater Vienna to help us identify students worthy of recognition and honor for their academic achievements and contributions to the community.

James W. Rice, Jr. of Vienna was named to the Dean's Scholars List at Millsaps College for the spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's Scholars List a student must have a GPA of at least 3.5 for the semester.

Catherine E. Brennan, daughter of John and Paulina Brennan of Oakton, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Saint Michael's College.

Yen Le of Vienna received the Mother Butler Gold Medal, awarded by the faculty to the graduating student who has shown the greatest devotion to the ideals of Marymount University. A native of Vietnam, Le participated in the Student Government Association and Campus Ministry Association. She also traveled to the Dominican Republic with a Marymount group for Alternative Spring Break and interned with Bread for the World, an organization that fights hunger at home and abroad.

Robin Monica Funsten of Vienna received a bachelor's degree in Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education and was a featured speaker at Brevard College's commencement ceremony. Funsten was president of Brevard College's Outing Club for two years and worked with the College's Institute for Women in Leadership, registering more than 100 voters for the 2008 presidential election.

Stephen Eltinge of Oakton, a student at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, is one of 20 of the nation's top high school chemistry students visiting the U.S. Air Force Academy June 3-17, vying for four spots on the U.S. team representing the nation at the 41st International Chemistry Olympiad. During the two-week camp, Eltinge joins 18 boys and two girls from 12 states to participate in classroom lectures and laboratory exercises covering analytical, organic, inorganic, physical and bio chemistry. From the 20 students in this year's Chemistry Olympiad at the Academy, four will be chosen for the final team which will represent the United States at the International Chemistry Olympiad. The four finalists will represent the United States during the international competition in Cambridge, England, July 18-27, and compete against teams from 65 other countries. More information on the 41st International Chemistry Olympiad can be found at: www.icho2009.co.uk/

Oakcrest School graduated 26 young women Saturday, June 6, in the G. Lloyd Bunting Sr. Theatre at Oakcrest School. The members of the class of 2009 include:

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Saheba Nanda of Great Falls graduated from the Foxcroft School on Friday, May 22, at the School's 95th commencement. She was one of 40 students from 11 states, three foreign countries and the District of Columbia, awarded diplomas by Head of School Mary Louise Leipheimer. Nanda, who plans to attend George Mason University in the fall, served as the head of Special Friends, a group of students who regularly visit the elderly and infirm at the Leesburg Longterm Care Facility and as Old Girl-New Girl prefect. She also participated in Current Events & Debate, Drama Club and the School's literary magazine. Athletically, she played varsity volleyball and track. She is the daughter of Bhupinder Nanda and Manjeet Singh of Great Falls.

Soren de Vos of Great Falls was named to the Dean's List at Florida Institute of Technology for the spring semester. A senior, de Vos is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Great Falls residents **Alison Janet Servis** and **Alison Brooke Weckstein** graduated from the University of Mary Washington summa cum laude with bachelor's degrees in German and political science, respectively.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The question was posed by my co-worker, Big John Smith, one night as I arrived at the office after hours to do a little organizing: "Hey Ken, how are you doing?" My answer: "John, I'm in pretty good condition for the condition I'm in." And the "condition" to which I refer is cancer. Yup, cancer as in the dreaded, often terminal, disease. (If only this column was going to be a light-hearted recounting of astrological antics but alas, poor Yorick, I know it well; it's not.)

No, this column is going to be about a health situation that I find myself in, quite unexpectedly, I may add. The situation to which I refer is as a recently diagnosed, stage IV lung cancer patient; at present, hairless and four "chemos" in to a six-chemo cycle, with no radiation to follow and surgery not an option. (There are two big tumors in my chest/lungs with multiple smaller ones located throughout so my oncologist feels that surgery would not exactly be a patient-friendly pursuit.)

My prognosis is not great (great, it's not even mediocre); 13 months to two years, although, as my doctor said to me recently, he's "wrong all the time." To which I replied, "I'm glad you're wrong all the time." Nevertheless, as a result of the seriousness of his prognosis, I have made a few changes. I have to tell you, though, if the shock of the diagnosis doesn't kill you; totally out of the blue, symptom free, and I'm a lifelong non-smoker (5 percent of lung cancer patients are non smokers) before the actual cancer does, you have, as Ricky Ricardo so often said to Lucy, "some 'splainin' to do." And for the week or so after we (team Lourie: me, my wife and my brother) received the diagnosis, you're in a daze, and you can explain nothing; assembling/researching information, trying to sort out fact from fiction, find some chink in cancer's armor, navigate a path to a longer and healthier life, a life that only days before was not so abbreviated.

Moreover, when you recall what the oncologist told you in that initial team meeting; that you should probably quit work and maybe consider taking that vacation you always wanted to but never had the time or the inclination to take, your world officially changes. I remember sitting in the oncologist's office listening to him read through the reports of the various scans/tests/biopsies that I had and then to hear him summarize the diagnosis — and severity, I swear I felt like I was watching a Lifetime movie, a movie I saw at least a hundred times while spending three nights a week visiting my parents/then my widowed mother, except that this wasn't a movie, this was real, this was me. Surreal doesn't begin to describe it.

The best answer we could get from the doctor as to why a lifelong non-smoker with no relevant (meaning cancer) family history to speak of would be so diagnosed at 54 was, the medical version of s--- happens: "Cells mutate." And that's pretty much where the conversation ended. The oncologist's motivation was to go forward and attempt to treat/cure, not to go backwards and research the past, and it wouldn't change the course of my present so moving forward we did, and we have.

I'm going through chemotherapy. I've changed my eating habits; I'm now eating an alkaline diet, basically fruits and vegetables; I'm drinking alkaline water; taking a teaspoon of baking soda once a day; drinking my Mona Vie and supplementing it all with vitamins and minerals, and miscellaneous other homeopathic-type remedies. And so far, I'm doing pretty well, "Above average," my oncologist said. My first post-chemo CT scan showed "significant" shrinkage in the two largest tumors. In addition, I'm "tolerating" the chemotherapy very well which allows/enables my doctor to treat me as aggressively as is prudent given my health and fitness. And my health, all things considered, is fit.

And as I find myself saying to whomever expresses an interest, "If it wasn't for the underlying diagnosis and the side effects from the chemo therapy, I'd be doing great." Really.

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Alec and Andy Souders on the C&O Canal Trail, where they rode from Frostburg, Md. to Georgetown, D.C., to raise money for cancer research.

Oakton Boy Bikes for Cause

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and he passed away in three months," Kristen Souders said. "He really saw the devastation of cancer. That's why he picked Frostburg, because it was where our parents were from."

The plan was to start on Friday morning from Frostburg, Md., because that is where his parents grew up and his grandparents lived, and to finish Monday, Memorial Day, in Georgetown.

"We were worried about the mileage, it wasn't like we picked 200 miles, it was 'that's where they were from, to here,'" Kristen Souders said.

"We thought 200 would be very tough. But they trained and trained and trained."

Andy Souders trained with Alec and rode with him for the whole trip.

"He got the bike end of February, and all of March, April and May we trained," Andy Souders said. "In the beginning, it was tough because of the weather. But on the first day he got his bike, he rode 26 miles. He never complained."

Although Alec was nervous, he took to the first day of the trip with enthusiasm. They had planned to break the trip up: 60 miles on Friday, 40 each Saturday and Sunday and 60 again on Monday.

"Before I left, my mom gave me her lucky acorn and on the first day we were peddling and I was like 'Man, there sure are a lot of bugs,' and five seconds later there was a full bottle of bug spray in the middle of the trail," Alec said.

IN ADDITION to his luck, Alec saw some inspiring moments on the trail. He and his father stopped to help a man with bike trouble, and a few miles down the trail saw

the same man helping someone else.

"That's when I came up with my saying, 'If you need help, you must help,'" Alec said.

Andy Souders said that the duo brought four different iPods, but never listened once because the weather and the surroundings were just too nice.

During their ride, when they would get a little cramped or sore, Alec made up exercises while on his bike, he called them "Go Alec Exercises." "Go Alec" was the slogan of the trip, and was printed on his T-shirt.

On the third day, Alec and Andy Souders battled some tough spider webs, which Alec said were his least favorite part of the ride

"That was the only thing he complained about the entire ride, the spider webs," Andy Souders said.

Because they were two hours ahead of schedule, some of Alec's friends who were planning to ride the last leg of the trip with him were unable to find him. But Alec was thankful for their efforts and to his friend Zac who was able to catch up with him on the trail and finish with him.

The Souders hope to make this a yearly event, and for the whole family to be able to do a leg of it together next year.

"Andy's father had prostate cancer, and he is a survivor, it shows what the research has done," Kristen Souders said.

Although Memorial Day is a federal holiday to remember military veterans, Alec made it a day to also remember cancer patients, both lost and healed, as well.

"Everybody can make a difference, it doesn't matter how old you are," Andy Souders said.

For information about Alec's trip, and about making a donation, visit Alec's blog: <http://goalecgo.blogspot.com/>.

"Everybody can make a difference, it doesn't matter how old you are."

—Andy Souders

Whole Foods Present Check to Three Schools

Five Percent of sales on May 13 was dedicated to recipients.

Whole Foods wants to be a good neighbor and on May 21, the Vienna store presented an oversized check to three Vienna elementary schools as part of the chain's public service commitment. Five percent of sales from May 13 was dedicated to Vienna, Cunningham Park and Marshall Road elementary schools. The three schools will divide \$4,107.60 among themselves.

"It was the most fun and most successful fund-raising effort we've had," said Katie Wolffe, store marketing specialist. She noted that consumers won't get color flyers in the mail from Whole Foods; the chain would rather put its money back into the community.

ON HAND to accept the symbolic check were the three recipients' principals, Jeanette Black of Vienna Elementary; Rebecca Baenig of Cunningham Park Elementary; and Jennifer Heiges of Marshall Road Elementary, as well as Mayor M. Jane Seeman, Cluster II Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Pajardo, Whole Foods Vienna manager Byron Hicks, and Wolffe. PTA representatives lent their support.

"Every quarter we do a different non-profit," said Hicks. "One of my customers asked if we'd do something for the Vienna schools."

"I visited Cunningham Park and was impressed. I went back to our regional marketing manager and asked if we could do schools here. We never did schools before."

Baenig was asked by Hicks to reach out to other local schools and she selected Vienna and Marshall Road elementary schools to participate.

As to what the recipient schools planned on doing with the surprise funding, let's just say, technology rules.

"We are using the money to support technology integration," said Baenig. "Our goal is to begin the school year with Smartboards in every classroom. I know that's a lofty goal, but our PTA has been so supportive of us."

Black said that Vienna Elementary, too, would use the funds to support the school's technology initiative. "We're looking to purchase mini video cameras for our teachers to use to document student learning and to create instructional materials," she said.

"We're very excited. We're neighbors of Whole Foods and this is a perfect fit. It's an opportunity for the community to support Whole Foods and to benefit from their generosity."

Heiges said the school will determine the best use of the money after meeting with Marshall Road's technology specialists and grade level teachers. "Whether it's Smartboards, a laptop or desktop, we have a variety of technological needs," Heiges said.

Baenig was counting Cunningham Park Smartboards in her head and making plans.

"With this check, we'll be able to purchase another Smartboard. It'll be our 13th. We need nine more."



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Whole Foods Manager Byron Hicks and store marketing specialist Katie Wolffe present a check in the amount of \$4,107.60 to principals Jeanette Black of Vienna Elementary, Jennifer Heiges of Marshall Road Elementary, and Rebecca Baenig of Cunningham Park Elementary. The Vienna schools will split the proceeds. Phyllis Pajardo, Cluster II assistant superintendent and Mayor M. Jane Seeman extended their congratulations.

Voters Head to Polls, Low Turnout Expected

Fairfax County officials expect 5-percent turnout.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Even though the polls had been open for 90 minutes, only 12 people had bothered to show up June 9, before 7:30 a.m., at the Great Falls Library and vote in the Democratic primary.

Typically, polling places experience a "morning rush" of people voting on their way to work. But that does not appear to be the case in the most recent election, where voters picked the Democratic Party's nominee for governor and lieutenant governor.

During the first hour the polls were open, only 20 people came to participate at the precinct in McLean's Spring Hill Elementary School. By 8:30 a.m., only 30 people had cast ballots at Lake Anne's polling station in Reston.

"We were expecting around 5 percent voter turnout. Right now, the turnout is very light so we believe that 5 percent number is right on the mark," said Rokey Suleman,



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe talks to reporters outside his polling place at Spring Hill Elementary School in McLean. McAuliffe was one of three Democrats vying to be the political party's nominee in a primary June 9.

Fairfax County's registrar, on the morning of the primary.

This week, Charlottesville state Sen. Creigh Deeds, former Demo-

cratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe and former Alexandria delegate Brian Moran faced off for the Democratic gu-

bernatorial nomination.

Virginia's former finance secretary Jody Wagner and political operative Mike Signer competed for the political party's lieutenant governor nomination.

The Connection Newspapers went to press before the polls closed on Election Day. Results and local coverage of the primary can be found in next week's edition or at www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Of the few voters showing up, many said they had only chosen which candidate to support in the governor's primary over last couple of days.

"I decided who to vote for very, very recently. ... I just hadn't focused on the race before then," said Nan Dearborn, a Reston resident.

In the governor's primary, several people also said the candidate's ability to beat Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob McDonnell was a key part of their decision.

"I want the one who is going to be a good match against McDonnell," said Paul Honigberg of McLean.

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Home Buying Seminar. 6:30 p.m., 1921 Gallows Road, Suite 360, Vienna. Learn the ins and outs of foreclosures, how to move into your next home with equity, how to increase your cash flow and more. Call 517-265-2434 to register.

Model Investment Club. 7 p.m., Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Learn more about investing following an investment club model. Adults only. New visitors welcome. Call 703-790-8088.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training.

9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. This American Academy of Pediatrics course provides current practices for safety and injury prevention while babysitting. The program provides extensive training in pediatric first aid, household safety and the fundamentals of childcare. Students must attend the entire session to receive their certificates. Bring a doll and a bag lunch. Grades 6-9. \$68/person, \$50/district residents. Call 703-790-0123.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m., Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Free. Call 703-242-4020.

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