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Richard Thorpe, right, poses with Mason Maddox, who he assists with milling demonstrations at Colvin Run Mill. Thorpe is one of three Great Falls residents selected by the Park Authority for Special Recognition awards this year.

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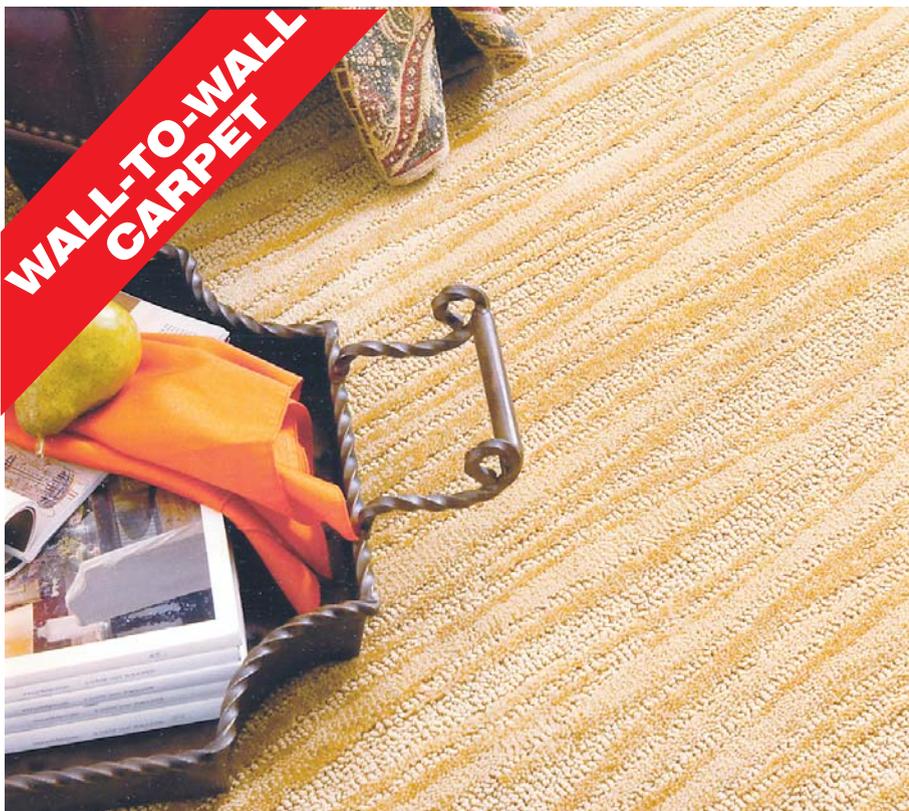
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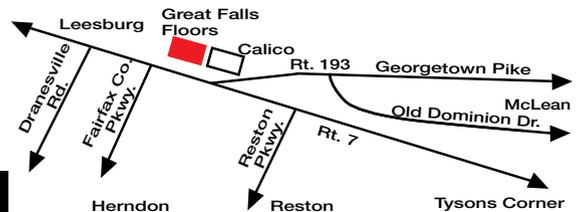
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Richard Thorpe poses with the model of the gears in Colvin Run Mill, which he made to help show children how the mill worked.



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Eleanor Anderson was selected for her work to help Riverbend Park.

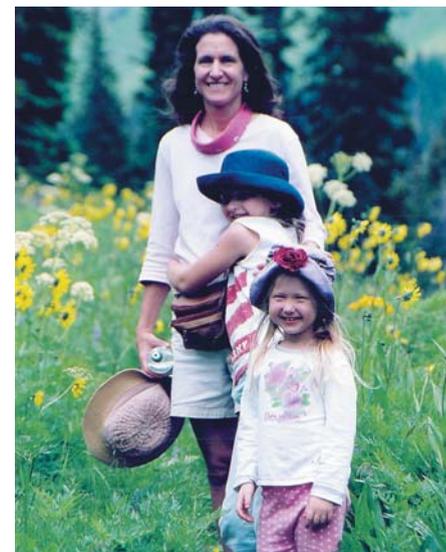


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Serena Wilson, shown with her daughters Mistaya and Windsor Smith, is in her third year as president of the Friends of Riverbend Park.

‘A Lot of Work but a Lot of Fun’

Three Great Falls residents chosen for Park Authority honors for service to parks.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Serena Wilson's two children took a number of nature classes at Riverbend Park, so when the Fairfax County Park Authority considered cutting the classes in 2003, she went

to the Friends of Riverbend Park and asked the group to intervene. The classes were preserved, and Wilson stayed on with the group. She is now in her third year as the Friends' president. Wilson is also one of three Great Falls residents to receive Special Recognition awards from the Park Authority this year.

The Park Authority has named eight recipients for the awards, as well as three Elly Doyle Park Service award recipients, all to be honored in November for their volunteer efforts at parks around the county.

Also recognized for her service to Riverbend Park was Eleanor Anderson, and Richard Thorpe was named for his work at

Colvin Run Mill. Great Falls was the only community to have three residents selected.

THE PARK AUTHORITY credits Wilson with growing Friends of Riverbend Park's membership, but she said membership was about the same. The group's budget, SEE GREAT FALLS PARKS, PAGE 7

More Families Choose Local ‘Gifted’ Classes

Parents worry about impact to traditional ‘GT’ centers.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

In 2005, Anne Whipple was faced with a choice. Her son, then a rising third grader, had scored high enough on a standardized test to enroll in the local gifted and talented center at Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna.

But Whipple's base school, Great Falls Elementary, was also starting a brand new advanced academic program that officials promised would be comparable.

Great Falls was one of school system's first elementary schools to provide “level IV services,” Fairfax's most advanced instructional programming, for students identified as gifted that wanted to stay at their base school.

Traditionally, elementary schools could only offer level IV services if they housed a regional gifted and talented center. With only a few locations in the county, each center pulls students from several communities and most students leave their neighborhood school when they enroll.

Whipple, a former Great Falls Parent Teacher Association president, wanted her son to be challenged in class but she did not like the idea of sending him to the school in Vienna, away from his community and friends. So her family decided he would remain at Great Falls Elementary and enroll in the homegrown gifted and talented classes.

“The reason to have non-center level IV services is so you can keep kids in their own community. We can provide

[gifted and talented education] without having to bus 25 kids all the way to Colvin Run,” said Whipple.

“This is our school and our community ... I have certainly heard the opinions that a proper center is better but there would have to be a really, really big difference in the quality of instruction for us to consider taking our kids out of our home community.”

OTHER PARENTS share Whipple's sentiment and find the concept of “level IV services” at base schools appealing.

At the request of a principal, Fairfax County school officials launched a pilot program providing local level IV services for “center eligible” students at Beech Tree Elementary in Annandale in 2004.

The principal pushed to offer advanced academic classes at the school because so many students were leaving Beech Tree early and transferring to the local gifted and talented center.

The success of the program at Beech Tree convinced officials to extend the arrangement to other neighborhood schools, like Great Falls, who were also interested in retaining their local students that were “center eligible.”

SINCE 2004, the number of base elementary schools offering local level IV services has grown to 33, more than the number of elementary schools with gifted and talented centers.

According to a school board presentation July 13, families tend to choose enrolling their children in gifted and

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Shalini Bhatia worries about the future of Forest Edge Elementary School's gifted and talented center now that several of the program's feeder schools are offering accelerated instruction.

Seeking More Information from Police

Candidates for Attorney General, General Assembly should encourage more openness from police.

In Virginia, police are entitled to withhold virtually all information from the public. Broad exemptions for police in the state laws pertaining to freedom of information requests leave it to the police themselves to decide what information from police reports of incidents and arrest can and cannot be released. The result is that the public has virtually no access to actual police reports.

Jody Donaldson, spokesman for the Alexandria Police Department, sums up succinctly: "We have a blanket policy to use the exemption in all cases."

This does not serve the public good.

In most states, the public and the press can access the actual reports filed by the police on the scene of an incident, with narrow excep-

tions — to protect the names of victims of sexual assault or undercover officers, for example.

In Virginia, the public, the press and even defendants facing charges based on those reports have no rights to see the actual reports.

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Instead they can request a "summary" of the report. There are few requirements or standards for providing information in these summaries. The summary of the suppressed document, known as "criminal incident information," includes a "general description" of the criminal activity, the "general location" and "general description" of the injuries.

There is no reason for this level of secrecy and obfuscation. Law enforcement agencies that serve the public would be well advised to

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be open with the public and the press, providing direct access to police reports and documents unless there is a specific compelling reason to redact some information to protect a victim, witness or law enforcement officer. No one would argue to release documents that might endanger someone.

"The exemption for police reports is overly broad, and it should be narrowed," Ginger Stanley, executive director of the Virginia Press Association told Connection reporter Michael Lee Pope. "But police and sheriff associations have very powerful lobbyists, and they do not want this to change," Stanley added.

— MARY KIMM,

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Let's Get Virginia Moving Traffic situation at a tipping point: failure is not an option.

BY BARBARA COMSTOCK

More than 25 years ago, when my husband, Chip, and I first moved to McLean, our area commuters sat in traffic on average for 16 hours a year. Now, the average commuter sits in traffic for 62 hours, almost a four-fold increase, the largest in the nation. Working men and women, and moms and dads trying to get to work, school plays, soccer or Little League games, probably aren't surprised to learn that the Washington metropolitan area ranks second only to Los Angeles in traffic congestion. They live it every day.

When it comes to solving our traffic problems, Richmond is broken. For over a decade now, the bipartisan failure on transportation solutions results in the current system facing near bankruptcy. Year after year, relieving traffic congestion is not the priority it should be in Richmond. Even when federal transportation stimulus money was being handed out this year, Virginia was the absolute last state in the nation to apply.

SOLVING the legislative gridlock on transportation has to be a top priority. When everything is a priority, nothing is a priority. For example, shouldn't transportation spending take precedence over weatherizing homes, which got a budget increase from \$4 million to \$94 million courtesy of the federal stimulus? We were sold the stimu-

lus as infrastructure spending in our states but only an estimated 6 percent of stimulus funds went to meeting infrastructure needs. Yet, why not push for flexibility to actually meet our state's needs? The extra \$90 million in funds for weatherizing a limited number of homes could have been far better utilized in Virginia for our crumbling infrastructure and keeping our rest stops open. And a tax credit would be a more efficient way to weatherize homes rather than creating new programs subject to fraud, waste and abuse.

Traffic congestion costs the average commuter \$1,207 and the region \$2.7 billion annually according to the 2009 Urban Mobility Report from the Texas Transportation Institute. That figure is based on a salary of \$14 a hour. For those in our area with higher salaries and dual incomes, the family costs are thousands — even tens of thousands of dollars — more.

We are reaching a tipping point on our traffic situation in Northern Virginia and failure is simply not an option.

First, we need to make relieving congestion our top priority so that we do not stall our economic recovery and growth. To that end, I support and will champion legislation to establish a bipartisan commission tasked with developing a comprehensive transportation plan that reprioritizes transportation funding to address traffic congestion and economic growth, and is committed to

changing the state transportation funding formula. Northern Virginia must get more than the estimated 17-20 cents on every transportation dollar we send to Richmond.

Second, I support utilizing Virginia energy resources and having a comprehensive energy strategy in Virginia that encourages wind, solar, alternative fuels, clean coal, nuclear power and offshore drilling. With appropriate safeguards to protect the environment, drilling for oil and natural gas off the coast of Virginia should be part of a comprehensive energy policy to lower our energy costs and create jobs in Virginia, with the royalties from drilling being largely dedicated as a new revenue stream to finance our depleted transportation fund. And nuclear power is another source for new jobs and new energy. Even though nuclear power only provides 20 percent of nation's electricity, it produces 70 percent of the carbon free electricity.

Third, I support an amendment to Virginia's constitution to prohibit raiding of Virginia's Transportation Trust Fund.

Fourth, I will push for accelerated use of the \$3 billion in bonds authorized for transportation improvements.

Fifth, I support increasing the use of innovative public private partnerships and promoting additional research into Intelligent Transportation systems to make our transportation system more

efficient. Right now with our uncertain economic situation, large amounts of capital are sitting on the sidelines. We need to tap into those resources and provide incentives to have the private sector help us solve these problems.

FINALLY, I will be a strong advocate for telework and I am committed to the goal of having 20 percent of the workforce taking advantage of telework options. In the 1990s, when I worked for U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), we were early pioneers on this front. Not only is this a solution for traffic congestion, but it also is a family friendly solution that provides more flexibility for today's working men and women.

When it comes to transportation solutions, Richmond is broken. We need to exercise the political will to roll up our sleeves and get the job done, rather than score political points. When we unclog our transportation arteries and get Northern Virginia moving again — Northern Virginia, the vibrant economic engine of the state, can do anything.

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Comstock Continues To Lead In Money Race

McLean resident Barbara Comstock raised \$247,736 during the first half of 2009, more money than any other candidate running for the Virginia House of Delegates raised in that same time period.

"It has not been easy. Barbara has worked very hard to raise every single penny in this economy," said Sean Harrison, Comstock's campaign manager.

Comstock will face off against Del. Margi Vanderhye (D) for the 34th delegate seat in a general election Nov. 3. The 34th district includes Great Falls, most of McLean and a small portion of Herndon.

Vanderhye is a first-term Democratic incumbent who won the seat over Republican Dave Hunt by about 3 percentage points in 2007. She replaced former Del. Vince Callahan (R-34) who retired after approximately 40 years in office.

According to the most recent campaign finance disclosure forms, Vanderhye may be catching up to Comstock in the money department.

Vanderhye outraised the Republican \$70,081 to \$43,876 in the most recent campaign finance re-



Margi Vanderhye

porting period, which lasted from May 28 to June 30.

In total, the Democrat has raised \$213,573 for her campaign, about \$34,000 less than Comstock.

It is unusual for an incumbent like Vanderhye to trail a challenger in fundraising. But the Vanderhye campaign said it is not concerned.

The Democrat's campaign manager, Julia Druhan, said Vanderhye was hindered by the fact that she



Barbara Comstock

was not allowed, as a active delegate, to raise money while the General Assembly was in session from January to March.

"We will be able to fund what we need to do to win," said Druhan.

The campaign promises to be an expensive one. Vanderhye spent \$662,636 to win a primary and general election two years ago.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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Trailblazers President Mary Anger, Elliott Morris and Scoutmaster Alex Drew take a break to discuss the Great Falls trail project.

Scouts Join Project To Link Great Falls Trails

Nike Park, Forestville Elementary now joined to trail system.

On Saturday, July 25, Life Scout Elliott Morris of Herndon led approximately 25 volunteers affiliated with Boy Scout Troop 673 and the Great Falls Trailblazers in 90-degree heat to construct a trail in Great Falls. The new trail connects Nike Park's eight athletic fields and two tennis courts, as well as Forestville Elementary School, with trails that connect to Turner Farm Park in central Great Falls.

The new trail penetrated brush and undergrowth on a ridge that had been the last obstacle to connecting the athletic fields and elementary school to the trail system. Morris, a 17-year-old with a longtime interest in the environment, organized and planned the effort that connected his former elementary school to the trail system and neighborhoods as his service project. The project was sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority, which owns the land and provided support.

"Without disturbing the environment, the new trail will connect the playing fields to the community, encourage hiking between Nike Park and Turner Farm Park and enable local residents and children to walk to the school," Morris said.

The project was made challenging by the slope of the ridge, which necessitated reinforcing the trail with wooden beams. The volunteers, wielding machetes, rakes and hoes, first cleared the area of brush and undergrowth, then used spades, hoes and shovels to level a path through the clearing. Finally, limiting themselves to natural materials, the volunteers added wooden beams to reinforce the trail on the slope and finished the trail with stone dust provided by the Fairfax County Park Authority.



Part of the new trail linking Nike Park in Great Falls to the trail system.

The Great Falls Trailblazers, a nonprofit community organization led by President Mary Cassidy Anger, provided partial funding for the project, as well as volunteers to aid in the construction. The Trailblazers, formed in 1999 with the goal of creating a multi-use trail system, now has more than 750 members.

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Andrew Paulson of Great Falls has

been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at the Westminster Choir College of Rider University, Princeton, N.J.

Charles Evangelisti of Great Falls has graduated with a master of arts in history from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

Preserving Great Falls Parks

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though, has tripled under her leadership. She said she had obtained a number of grants and that some "very generous members" had made large contributions.

"My professional career was in environmental law, and so it was nice for me to stay with local environmental issues now that I'm staying at home," she said of her decision to volunteer for the parks. "Riverbend Park has such a great staff and it's such a beautiful place, it seemed like an obvious choice for me," she said.

Wilson also nurses injured animals back to health as a certified wildlife rehabilitator. Virginia residents are not allowed to care for sick or injured wildlife. Instead, they are to contact the Wildlife Rescue League or a similar organization, which will send someone like Wilson to pick the animal up. If it needs medical attention, she will take it to a veterinarian who offers volunteer wildlife rehabilitation, such as Great Falls Animal Hospital.

With park budgets being slashed and the possibility of further cuts next year, she said the Friends were now looking at ways to preserve staff and programs. One revenue-generating option being considered is a ropes course, Wilson said.

A PROGRAM that has been bringing in money for the Friends, and therefore the park, for years is the annual native plant sale, for which Anderson has been selecting all of the plants for the last four years or so. "It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun and it's a good fund-raiser for FORP (Friends of Riverbend Park)," she said. Anderson said the plant sale netted between \$3,000 and \$6,000 each year. The money is used to support the park's summer internship program, which she said was critical for providing summer programs for children. Anderson also helped to get the park's first paint-out off the ground, which she said was a small fund raiser for Riverbend, but also a way of bringing people into the park.

The retired Department of Housing and Urban Development manager also has worked for parks and other natural resources through the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA), of which she is a board member and past president. Through the GFCA, Anderson has helped to organize invasive plant removals at Riverbend and Turner Farm parks, as well

as stream cleanups along Pond Branch and Difficult Run. She supported efforts to have Great Falls certified as a community wildlife habitat and to aerate and mulch the earth around a grove of 47 badly stressed oak trees behind the Grange.

"I feel very humbled because I don't do anything anywhere close to what a lot of people do," she said of her selection for recognition.

Anderson said she had decided to focus her efforts on Riverbend Park because she and her husband visited the park almost every day to walk their dogs. "All the parks are great. But our favorite is Riverbend and I think it's important to support a resource like this that we use all the time," she said.

On the other hand, Thorpe was on his first trip to Colvin Run Mill when he offered to volunteer there. Having driven past the mill hundreds of times, he finally stopped there in January 2008. "When I was on the tour, I said, 'Gee, do you guys need any help?'" he said. "I know how much maintenance a thing like that takes. It's just amazing."

A carpenter in his spare time and an engineer by trade, Thorpe built a working model of the gears that transfer power from the mill's water wheel to its grinding stones. The model, which he built in June 2008 using blueprints from the mill's reconstruction, is now used to educate the thousands of third-graders that visit the park each year.

Ann Korzeniewski, the assistant manager and volunteer coordinator at Colvin Run Mill, said Thorpe had also built exhibit cases and brochure racks at the park and re-hung wooden plaques and fixed the wooden stanchions that hold the ropes surrounding displays. He has also been known to perform "drive-by leaf-rakings" when he passes the park and sees that the leaves are getting out of hand. Moreover, she said, he is training with miller Mason Maddox and helps with grinding demonstrations two Sundays a month, as the miller's assistant, or "dusty."

Thorpe was named as the mill's 2009 site volunteer of the year.

Park Authority spokesman Matthew Kaiser said volunteers had provided more than 200,000 hours of work last year. "The tangible value of that work is just over \$3.9 million," he said, noting that volunteers help keep the parks clean, are often the first people to greet visitors or callers and perform a variety of other work. "We value them greatly."

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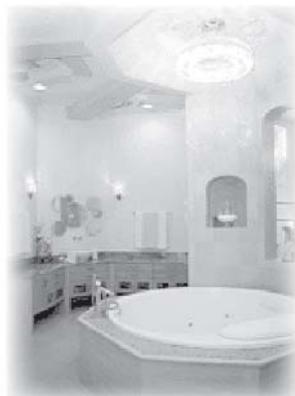
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THURSDAY/AUG. 13

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FRIDAY/AUG. 14

Crosby, Stills & Nash. 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$25-\$45. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFRAP.
Mid-Atlantic Band Battle Finals. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 15

Family Fun Weekends at Colvin Run Mill. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 12-3 p.m. Hand-crank ice cream then sample your efforts for \$1.25 a cup. Watch grinding, take a mill tour, \$6 adults, \$4 children and seniors. Visit the farm animals on loan from Frying Pan Farm Park and play old-fashioned games. 703-759-2771.
Angel Taylor and Megan McCormick. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
Bonnie Raitt and Taj Mahal & The Phantom Blues Band. 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$30-\$48. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFRAP.

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SUNDAY/AUG. 16

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1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFRAP.
Great Falls Concert with Western Electric. 6 p.m. at the Great Falls Village Green.

American Legion Auxiliary Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., Vienna. \$7 adults, \$3 age 12 and under. Janet Renner, 703-625-5736.

MONDAY/AUG. 17

Eddie Jobson 'Ultimate Zero Project.' 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/AUG. 18

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The concert participants came from multiple localities in Northern Virginia, including McLean, Vienna, Burke, Fairfax and Great Falls.



Violinist Angela Tran plays 'The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy,' written by Peter Tchaikovsky.

Camp Ends on High Note

Participants in 'Summer Strings' Program play classic, contemporary pieces.

BY KENNETH BURCHFIELD
THE CONNECTION

When the participants in the Summer Strings youth music camp performed in their first rehearsal, director Ruth Donahue was not sure that they could perform a concert.

But her students did just that on Aug. 4, performing both contemporary and classical songs at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in McLean.

"Music and kids together: the best [two] things on Earth," said Donahue, who teaches the orchestra at Spring Hill Elementary.

Students from grades three to nine participated in the concert. The songs ranged from Doris Gazda's "Banana Boogie" to Johann Sebastian Bach's "Minuet in G Major." The performance featured multiple soloists and an awards ceremony.

"This really challenges them," Donahue said.

A number of Summer Strings participants were on vacation, according to Donahue, meaning the performers were "certainly a smaller group of kids." This may have affected the performance, as Donahue said that "they're much less apt to play out" when fewer students are involved.

Participants in the Summer Strings program learned about the history of music and the lives of composers. They also developed their musical talent. Donahue said that their ability to play in tune had greatly improved.

Vienna resident and violinist Andy Berkin, 12, helped younger players develop as the camp went on. He said that "the wackiness" of the program would be one of his memories. Students at the camp had a chance to dress up for Wacky Wednesday, Freaky Friday and Messy Monday.

In the coming few years, Berkin and other players his age will be too old to play in the camp. However, "we can come back to help," he said.

Julian Villacorta, 12, played viola in the concert. He said that



Villacorta, left, and Andy Berkin, both 12, were some of the older performers in the concert.

Donahue "does a lot of fun stuff," recalling one piece he had learned from her in chamber orchestra: "Flop Eared Mule."

It's "one of those pieces that are just fun to play," Villacorta said.

After an awards ceremony, violinist Angela Tran played "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" by Peter Tchaikovsky. Her performance impressed Donahue.

"[Tran] played that beautifully, just flawlessly," she said.

The event concluded with George Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm." Following the song, Donahue told the concert participants to "have a happy, happy rest of summer."

The students participating in the Summer Strings program had the chance to practice multiple classical and contemporary pieces. But those returning next summer should not expect this year's experience to make things easy. Next year's camp, Donahue says, will feature "a whole different set of music and composers."

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NEWS

Dozens 'Arrested' for Fund Raiser

Fairfax County Sheriff's deputies "arrested" 43 men and women in Tyson's Corner and McLean. Rather than being taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, they were brought to Fleming's Prime Steakhouse on Chain Bridge Road where they posted bail money and were released.

These individuals were not typical offenders. They are all business and community leaders who dedicated their time raising money for the Greater Washington Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Deputies arrived at their workplaces where several played along by being handcuffed and brought to the restaurant. Upon arrival, the MDA staff gave each of them a black and white striped jail outfit to wear before being photographed behind bars made of PVC piping.

"Thank you so much for coming out and taking the extra time for the event," said Anya Mclin, whose 4-year-old daughter Ava is diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy. "Ava is always thrilled to see law enforcement officers."

MDA set the bail at \$4,000. MDA Fundraising Co-



Sitting from left: Anya Mclin and Ava Mclin; standing, Lt. Sonny Cachuela, Deputy James Heinz, Gary Walters, Pfc. Alma Smith, Collin Walters and Capt. Sean Whitmore.

ordinator Melanie Mastin said they raised \$32,172 from this event. MDA conducts lock up events throughout the year in different parts of the Washington-Metropolitan area.

Muscular Dystrophy (MD) is a group of genetic disorders that progressively weakens skeletal muscles that help the body move. More than 40 genetic diseases are associated with MD and at this time there is no known cure. For more information or to make a donation visit www.mda.org

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WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

OBITUARY

Paul E. Peters, 87, of Great Falls, Dies

Paul E. Peters, 87, of Great Falls, formerly of Long Island, N.Y., died on Aug. 8, at Cameron Glen Nursing Center in Reston. He was born on April 10, 1922 in Queens, N.Y. to the late Paul L. and Magdalena Peters. Peters was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II. He was a member of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Great Falls and was an avid sailor and dedicated family man. He was the beloved husband of Catherine Peters, loving and devoted father of Paulette Simpson of Great Falls and Kathy Jones of Mequon, Wis., proud grandfather of five grandchildren.

A prayer service took place Monday, Aug. 10, at 4:30 p.m. at Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden St., Herndon.

Late-August Camp At Forestville Elementary

Forestville Elementary School offers a solution to this year's extra-long summer break. With the first day of school still three weeks away, parents and children hunting for August activities can check out Camp Forestville. The school's PTA is sponsoring a late-August camp for area children the week of Aug. 17-21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. The Camp offers a variety of classes and activities. The camp also boasts a staff composed of Forestville Elementary teachers. Campers are grouped by grade level in either first-third or third-sixth grades and signing up with friends is encouraged.

For information including the camp format, a camp schedule and descriptions of each of the classes, and to register online, visit www.campforestville.com.

Great Falls Woman's Club Induction Luncheon

The Great Falls Woman's Club members and past presidents Barbara Gwiizdz, Bobbie Kondracki, Jan Lucca and Barbara Slaybaugh gathered at the Hidden Creek Country Club to induct next year's board. Judy Smith, president, welcomed everyone and introduced the most recent members: Elaine Rothwell, Flo Bercal, Jackie Culhane and Joanne Alexander. Each of the women shared her special inter-

ests. Later, Smith delivered the end of the year club review and thanked each board member for her contributions. Ellen Arthur addressed the club renewal process. Pat Kuehnel spoke about the up and coming trip. The program concluded with Jan Lucca installing the 2009-10 board. Smith encouraged all to become involved to move the club forward in achieving its goals.

Woman's Club On the Road Again

The Great Falls Woman's Club recently went to a two-part trip that began in Winchester at the country estate of Julian Glass Jr., known as Glen Burnie and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. Two docents led the tours of the home rich in paintings, fine furniture and antiques. The gardens are divided into terrace, knot, parterre, The Grand Allee, Chinese and water, formal vegetable, perennial, sculpture, rose and herb. The bright, modern, museum showcased decorative arts, portraiture paintings by William Beechey, John Constable, Thomas Gainsborough and others, R Lee Taylor's homes with miniature furniture and crafts. Half of the women had lunch at the Tea Room in the museum followed by visits to the various gardens. The other women set off for Middletown to a luncheon at the Wayside Inn and attended a performance of "Man of La Mancha" in the restored Wayside Theater.

To learn more about the Great Falls Woman's

Club contact membership chair Ellen at 703-471-1025.

Area Students Win NWFCU Scholarships

The Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation (NWFCU Foundation) awarded more than \$87,000 in scholarships at its annual scholarship awards ceremony and luncheon, honoring the 2009 scholarship winners. Fifteen students were recipients of the \$5,000 Ben DeFelice Scholarship and included Gyan Das of Langley High School and Aleksandr Vandalov of James Madison High School. Additionally, five students received the \$2,500 Central Intelligence Retirees CIRA Scholarship sponsored by the Central Intelligence Retirees Association.

The criteria for the Ben DeFelice Scholarship, named for Northwest Federal Credit Union's longest serving volunteer Board Member and the CIRA scholarship focused on leadership, dedication and commitment at home, school and in the community.

Gerriane Burks, president/CEO of Northwest Federal Credit Union and Chairman of the NWFCU Foundation's Board, spoke to the recipients at the award ceremony, remarking that "judging the caliber of individuals receiving this award today, there is nothing wrong with the youth of today. You make us all proud and our future will certainly be brighter because of each of you."



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SPORTS



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With an 18-round score of 76 on Monday afternoon, Aug. 10 at International County Club for the Cougar Classic, Oakton's Amanda Steinhagen finished tied for sixth place.

Despite difficult weather conditions for the annual Cougar Classic on Monday, Aug. 10, Madison senior Joe Maloney finished tied for seventh with a 79.

Hot Start at Cougar Classic

Local golfers return to action with Oakton's annual tournament.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Lightning-fast greens and duffed tee shots left Oakton's Amanda Steinhagen shaking her head in frustration at International Country Club in Chantilly on Monday, Aug. 10.

Steinhagen, along with golfers from 11 local high schools, faced near 100-degree weather, sporadic wind gusts and challenging pin placements for the season-opening Cougar Classic golf tournament, which was hosted by Oakton High.

In 2008, Steinhagen won the Cougar Classic, but a string of bad luck and a double bogey on the fourth hole — a 192-yard par-3 — put repeating the tournament's champion out of reach.

"[The day] just started out rough and I had bad luck on hole four," the 17-year-old senior said. "I just couldn't do anything to save myself."

Steinhagen finished 7-over-par on the front nine but managed to salvage her rough start on the back, turning in a total score of 78. As a former champion, Steinhagen said that she wanted to repeat but ended up creating unnecessary pressure for herself.

"I think I put more pressure on

myself because it's my home course," she said. "I didn't have pressure from anyone else. Things just happened that you can't really control."

Despite the early setback this season, Steinhagen is confident that she can recover and continue to be one of the top golfers for Oakton's team.

"I want to try and take the team as far as we can go," said Steinhagen, who finished third in the Concorde District and fourth in the Northern Region last fall. "I want to try to get to [the state championship]."

OAKTON FIELDED two teams at the Cougar Classic. The group featuring Steinhagen finished third overall in the tournament with a total team score of 339. The second Oakton team, consisting primarily of younger players, finished seventh with a score of 349.

"I'm very impressed with my second team," said Jack Masich Oakton's head coach. "We had a round in the 70s and one in the 80s, I'm very happy with that."

Many coaches used the Cougar Classic as a way to gauge their potential. Masich said he believes his team has what it takes to compete for a top spot in the Concorde District.

"My expectations are high," he said. "I think we can be one of the top two or three teams in the conference this year."

Aside from a chance to look at the team's progression, Masich said he enjoys hosting the Cougar Classic because of the quality of International Country Club's course.

MARSHALL AND MADISON also participated in the Cougar Classic. Marshall's Scott Henning, a 15-year-old sophomore, shot a 92 and fell victim to International's fast greens.

"I'm used to playing on slower greens," he said. "I just need to practice on the putting. I just never got a consistent feel for the greens."

Madison finished with a total score of 341 to tie for fourth with Lake Braddock and had two scores in the 70s, which were provided by Joe Maloney and Al Hubbard. Maloney, an 18-year-old senior, said the weather conditions provided an additional challenge to the already tough course.

Westfield finished first in team scoring with a 302. Westfield's Tim Ritter finished in first place individually with a 74 and Sarah Stanley, also of Westfield, took second with a 75.

Robinson Secondary School finished second with a 315, with Robinson's Alex Austin taking third overall with a 75.

SPORTS ROUNDUP



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The Vienna Wildcats celebrate their championship at the Mid-Atlantic Soccerfest.

Vienna Wildcats Win in Soccerfest

The Vienna Wildcats placed first in the girls' U-9 age group at the Mid-Atlantic Soccerfest in Poolesville, Md., on June 27. The Soccerfest is a four-on-four soccer tournament for youths ages 5-16 and adults within divisions based on age, gender, and ability. The tournament — designed to capitalize on a developmental program that MSYSA and VYSA have introduced to regional soccer organizations — is ideal because it enables younger players more opportunities to touch the ball than in regular games. The Wildcats put up a good fight and came out victorious, playing their best game of the season in the championship round.

Site Determined

Beijing had the 2008 Summer Games. Vancouver will host the 2010 Winter Games and the 2015 World Police and Fire Games. They'll be right here in Fairfax County. A group of Fairfax representatives from the police, fire and sheriff's departments, Team Fairfax recently learned that it was awarded the right to host the event, which will include events at George Mason University, the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, various regional parks, the National Mall, Nationals Park, Reston Town Center and Quantico Marines Corps Base. In its 30th year of existence, the WPFG brings together participants from more than 65 countries, and the event has been going on since 1985. This year will coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the Fairfax Police Department. The WPFG include over 60 different sporting events, which range from soccer, basketball and tennis to stair climbing, shooting and SWAT exercises.

Lange Booked

After headlining the previous seven professional boxing shows at George Mason University's Patriot Center, Great Falls native and Bishop O'Connell graduate Jimmy Lange will return to Fairfax on Saturday, Sept. 26 to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) U.S. National Boxing Championship (USNBC) 154-pound title against Jonathan Reid. Lange is familiar with Reid, too, as both spent time on NBC's "The Contender," a reality boxing show. Lange (30-3-2, 21 KOs) and Reid (34-11, 19 KOs) will meet in the card's 12-round Main Event. Tickets, which range in price from \$30-\$500, are available at the Patriot Center box office and through all Ticketmaster outlets. Lange last appeared at Patriot Center in May, scoring a fifth-round TKO of Frank Houghtaling.

Joseck Shines

Hanna Joseck of the U-16 NOVA Blaze Blue was recognized as a Player of the Game at the 2009 Fast Nationals (fastpitch softball tournament) in Ocoee, Fla. Players of the Game are chosen by the opposing team's coaching staff. The Fast Nationals tournament brings the top travel softball teams and players in the country to one venue, where teams compete to become the 2009 Fast National Champions.



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's been nine consecutive weeks of cancer-columns and though I have every intention (and need, quite frankly) of continuing them, this week I will be deviating from that most recent norm. And the reason for this deviation is a sad one. After 14 years and nearly two months, and after careful consideration and consultation with our veterinarian, we made the extremely difficult decision to euthanize Bailey, our sweet, affectionate and loving golden retriever.

Purchased as an 8-week old, pure-bred puppy in Aug. 1995 (born June 10), Bailey was my constant companion. As is common with goldens, they tend to bond with one member of the family; I was that family member. I nurtured him, attended obedience classes with him, trained him, fed and watered him, "treated" him, played with him and slept with him. And for that, I received his loyalty and devotion, as only dogs can give.

His death, from complications from pneumonia (of unknown origin), a mega-esophagus, a cancerous tumor in his spleen which required major surgery, and hips which couldn't support his weight, were too much to overcome.

Trying not to be selfish, and trying to consider what would be in Bailey's best future-quality-of-life interest, given his age (88 on the relative-to-humans age chart), we all agreed that the medical demands on an old dog with limited life expectancy under ideal circumstances, let alone one needing anesthesia, surgery, post-op recovery and rehabilitation, multiple medications to treat his miscellaneous infections, all to be followed by weeks of chemotherapy, seemed excessive.

Three hours after the first phone call with our veterinarian when she outlined Bailey's multiple health problems, we decided to end Bailey's suffering and so we called back. A verbal authorization was needed. A second veterinarian came on the phone and asked me the necessary questions. With tears streaming down my face and my answers a jumbled, cracking mess, I got the words out to euthanize Bailey. And then it was over. We said we wanted Bailey's ashes and then they asked if we wanted a clay-mold paw print. Which of course we did; physical reminders we will always cherish. We'll likely bury Bailey's ashes next to his cat-brother Smokey, with whom Bailey was raised. They began their lives together (as kitten and puppy) and they now they will spend their after-lives together as well.

Bailey's demise seemed to happen so suddenly. Days before, he was trotting around the yard with a huge rock in his mouth (as usual). Then his eating slowed down, then he had trouble getting out of his bed, then he started throwing up; all in matter of days. I called the vet that morning and got an appointment later that same day. After an initial examination, the vet asked if he could take x-rays of Bailey.

With my help, we lifted Bailey on to the x-ray platform. A few minutes later, the vet showed me Bailey's x-rays. There was a huge mass/blockage in his throat, which explained why Bailey hadn't been eating. He had a temperature as well. The doctor's mood was grim. He recommended that to get Bailey the immediate medical care he needed (rather than waiting weeks to see a specialist; they're all so busy, he said) I should take Bailey to the Emergency Veterinary Hospital in Bowie, one with specialists, that night, for an immediate assessment, which I did. And the rest you've read. The end came approximately 20 hours later.

Bailey was a great dog. He was the center of our lives for more than 14 years. We loved him and miss him terribly. We think we see him and hear him all over the house. The last thing I did with him was hug him and kiss him on the mouth. We know he's at peace now and out of pain.

I imagine that soon we will be as well. Time is all we need.

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

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MARY JO HOFFMAN

Mary Jo A. Hoffman, 44 of Sioux City, IA and formerly of Arlington, VA died July 31st in Rochester, MN.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, at Heartland Community Baptist Church in Sioux City. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. at a later date. Condolences may be sent online to www.meyerbroscapels.com. Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel is handling arrangements.

Born in Centerville, IA, on April 5, 1965, Mary Jo graduated from Chariton (Iowa) High School in 1983. She received her B.A. from the Univ. of Northern Iowa in 1987. During a distinguished career, she put her faith in action through teaching and public service. She worked on Capitol Hill for many years, serving proudly on the staff of Senator Chuck Grassley. She also earned an M.A. from George Mason University, Arlington, VA. While living in Virginia Mary Jo (Archibold) met and married Brent Hoffman. In 2004, they returned to Sioux City.

Survivors include: children, Silas and Lydia; husband, Brent; parents, Ron and Karen Stein, of Mason City, IA; sister, Malinda Hiltzer, of Des Moines, IA; and many other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, D.W. Archibold, and her grandparents.

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Homegrown Talent

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talented classes at the local school over sending them to a gifted and talented center somewhere else if they have the option.

Of the 602 elementary and middle school students who were both "center eligible" and had level IV services available at their neighborhood school last year, 53 percent chose to remain at their base school and 42 percent chose to attend the gifted and talented centers.

YET THE SPREAD of gifted and talented classes at base schools worries some people, including several local advocates for gifted education. The proliferation of base school gifted and talented programs has already begun to threaten the integrity of some gifted and talented centers.

Forest Edge Elementary may only have enough students for two classes of third grade at the Reston school's gifted and talented center next year, even though they typically have three classes per grade, said Shalini Bhatia, a Herndon resident who is president of the parent teacher association.

Bhatia said the drop off in center's enrollment is a direct result of some of the gifted and talented program's largest feeder schools, including Aldrin Elementary School in Reston, introducing local level IV services to their own campus next year.

The Forest Edge center already lost some students when Bhatia's own base school, Forestville Elementary in Great Falls, started to offer local gifted and talented classes a few years ago, she said.

According to the school system's advanced academic coordinator Carol Horn, Fairfax County does not intend to phase out gifted and talented centers. Staff would be very pleased to see both local level IV services and center programs remain options for parents.

"Some of the centers have probably reduced in size but, at the same time, the centers are doing very well. I don't think local level IV services has drawn any centers down to the point where they are in danger of closing," said Horn.

The centers also have to be maintained because many Fairfax elementary schools do not have enough students who are "center eligible" to create viable gifted and talented classes, she added.

"We don't have 139 elementary schools that could offer local level IV services. There are students who won't have that option at their school," said Horn.

And though the number of base schools with level IV services is rapidly increasing, only about 795 students across the county participate in these programs at the 33 schools that offer them. There are 5,549 elementary students in the county in the 24 centers, according to school board documents.

WITH JUST under 800 students partici-

pating across 33 schools, there are several places with local gifted and talented programs that fall short of having a full class of students who are "center eligible" at every grade level.

For example, only 10 to 12 students in Bhatia's daughter's class had qualified to attend Forest Edge's gifted and talented center, yet the base school now has its own gifted and talented classes.

This is largely because the standards for being accepted into gifted and talented class at a base school are more flexible than those for being accepted into a center program.

Students must achieve a certain standardized test score to be considered "center eligible." But base school principals that do not have enough students who qualify to fill an entire gifted and talented class can

accept other students into a local level IV services program if they think they will be able to perform academically.

Unlike centers, where students only take their classes with other students enrolled in the same program, pupils at a

school that offers local level IV services can place into advanced classes for individual subject areas.

"There might be kids in some classes who have not been identified as 'center eligible' but that does mean they aren't 'subject eligible,'" said Cindy Waters, chair of the school board's advanced academic advisory committee.

BUT FOR MANY, the notion that all the students participating in a local level IV services class at a base school do not have to be "center eligible" means that the programs are automatically not on equal footing.

"I really find it a miracle that suddenly a school that could only identify 15 children as qualified to go to a center can suddenly find 25 to 28 kids for its own [gifted and talented class]," said Bhatia.

Louise Epstein, president of the parent teacher student association at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, worries about the inherent inconsistencies among local level IV services at different base schools.

Some base elementary schools with gifted and talented services, like Spring Hill in McLean, have close to 80 students in every grade who are "center eligible." Other schools have five or fewer children that qualify and would not be able to provide the same type of rich learning experience for their gifted pupils, she said.

But school officials that local level IV services is on par academically with the program offered at the gifted and talented centers, even if all the students are not all "center eligible."

"When I got to visit local level IV services classes, I can't tell you who is 'center eligible' and who is not," said Horn.

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