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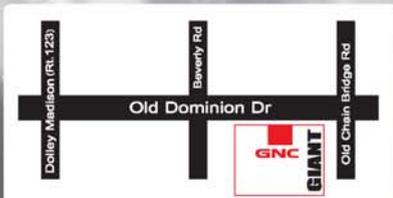
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County Sees Bleak Budget Proposal

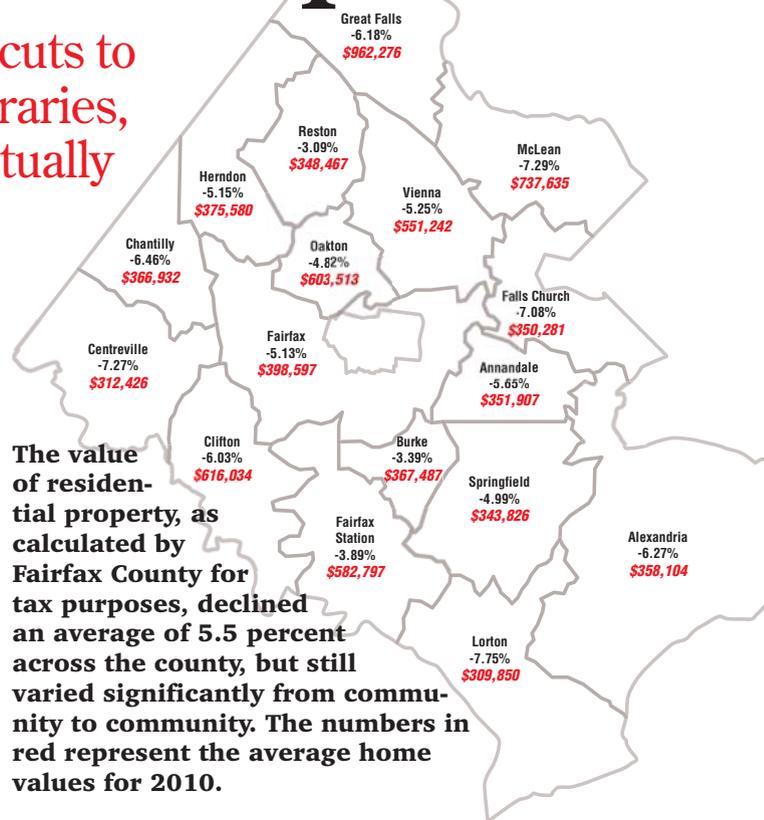
Proposal includes cuts to police, schools, libraries, recreation, and virtually everything else.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Four years ago, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors enthusiastically unveiled the locality's new bicycle program. Fairfax intended to create an interconnected county bicycle network that would encourage, among other things, commuting to work via bicycle.

Initially, the county focused on beefing up bicycle routes in five parts of Fairfax — the Vienna Metro station area, Dunn Loring and Merrifield Town Center, Fairfax County Government Center and Fairfax Corner, Reston and Tysons Corner.

But last year, the supervisors voted to slash funding for the bicycle program almost by half amidst a tough budget cycle. With the remaining funding, county staff could only move forward with plans for the bicycle network in the Tysons Corner area.



The value of residential property, as calculated by Fairfax County for tax purposes, declined an average of 5.5 percent across the county, but still varied significantly from community to community. The numbers in red represent the average home values for 2010.

Starting in July, the situation could be even worse. Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin has proposed cutting all local funding for the bicycle program next year, including money left to support a bike network in Tysons.

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Average Home Values

Fairfax County's residential property values have declined on average since 2007. Here is a summary of how different communities have fared. Source was taken from Fairfax County budget documents provided from 2007 to 2010.

	2006 Average Home Value	2007 Average Home Value	2008 Average Home Value	2009 Average Home Value	2010 Average Home Value	Decline in Home Value From Last Year	Decline in Home Value From 2006
Great Falls	\$1,101,518	\$1,118,953	\$1,098,136	\$1,025,623	\$962,276	-6.18%	-14%*
McLean	\$815,790	\$832,242	\$842,924	\$795,667	\$737,635	-7.29%	-12.5%*
Clifton	\$681,726	\$694,234	\$715,300	\$655,534	\$616,034	-6.03%	-13.8%*
Oakton	\$718,971	\$706,579	\$690,635	\$634,105	\$603,513	-4.82%	-16%
Fairfax Station	\$767,937	\$744,486	\$660,179	\$606,534	\$582,797	-3.89%	-24.1%
Vienna	\$635,971	\$629,420	\$631,767	\$581,505	\$551,242	-5.25%	-13.3%
Fairfax	\$502,643	\$492,225	\$471,010	\$420,142	\$398,597	-5.13%	-20.6%
Herndon	\$505,671	\$493,842	\$463,073	\$395,959	\$375,580	-5.15%	-25.7%
Burke	\$463,818	\$463,087	\$449,573	\$380,387	\$367,487	-3.39%	-20.6%
Chantilly	\$501,767	\$494,840	\$457,093	\$393,252	\$366,932	-6.46%	-27%
Alexandria	\$452,034	\$458,204	\$444,287	\$382,060	\$358,104	-6.27%	-20.8%
Reston	\$445,952	\$434,374	\$418,371	\$359,576	\$348,467	-3.09%	-21.9%
Springfield	\$455,105	\$455,037	\$436,583	\$361,876	\$343,826	-4.99%	-24.6%
Centreville	\$434,123	\$431,221	\$398,728	\$336,914	\$312,426	-7.27%	-28%
Lorton	\$408,594	\$431,355	\$423,871	\$335,863	\$309,850	-7.75%	-28.7%*

* In these communities, the average home value continued to increase into 2007 and 2008. When computing the total percentage of decline in home values in these areas, the highest value from the last five years — and not the figure from 2006 — was used.



GEB foster parent Roberta Huy with Vienna Woman's Club president, Diane Able.

Marie Ordeman, vice president-programs, presents a donation to Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

Woman's Club Hosts 'Guiding Eyes'

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The Vienna Woman's Club, a service organization in Vienna for 55 years, hosted a representative from Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) during its February meeting. Roberta Huy of Vienna spoke to the club about fostering a dog to who will train to become a guide dog for the blind.

"We're always looking for people to raise pups," Huy said during her presentation. "The people who do this love having these pups in their homes." Fancy, a young and playful black Labrador in his training jacket, lay by her side, tossing a rawhide treat and a toy. Huy called the GEB program the love of her life. In the 15 years she has been with the fostering program, she has never gone without a puppy to raise.

After 12-15 months learning socialization with his foster parent, a potential GEB pup goes on to training at GEB's facility in New York state. It takes two to three years of training, and approximately \$50,000, before a pup graduates to status of guide dog.

Three percent of the graduates are retained in the organization's breeding program.

THE VIENNA WOMAN'S CLUB is a civic and service organization focusing on the needs of the local community through contributions to other community-serving nonprofits, schools and Fairfax County social agencies.

"This is a nice place to meet other women of Vienna," said Vienna Woman's Club president, Diane Able. "It's an enjoyable group of women who want to serve the community. Social attributes come into play, too."

Formed in 1955 as the Vienna Hills Woman's Club, the group changed its name the following year to the Vienna Woman's Club and joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs during the same time.

WHAT STARTED OUT as an arts and crafts festival in 1961 eventually became one of Vienna's most-attended annual arts and crafts fairs, the annual holiday bazaar at the Vienna Community Center. With region-wide craftspeople manning their booths, food sales and raffles, the holiday bazaar remains the club's biggest fund raiser.

In May, the service club awards three \$1,000-scholarships to Vienna-area high school students, and a smaller amount to four local elementary schools. The club sponsors a family at Christmas time, and throughout the year, donates to local nonprofits.

Dues are \$30 a year with a one-time initiation fee of \$5. Meetings are usually at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., on the third Wednesday of each month, except June, July and August, at 1 p.m.

For information on the Vienna Woman's Club, contact membership co-chairs, Mary Davis at 703-560-8932 or JoLynn Westlund at 703-698-1237. The club does not yet have a Web site.



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Michael Sacks of Oakton, a member of the Fairfax County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and his Great Dane Moosie enjoy some light snow.

Volunteer Fairfax Steps In

Amateur radio operators lend a hand during February snowstorm.

By DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

When the paralyzing February snow storms hit the region, the American Red Cross staffed emergency shelters in the area. Oak Marr was the shelter nearest to Vienna-Oakton.

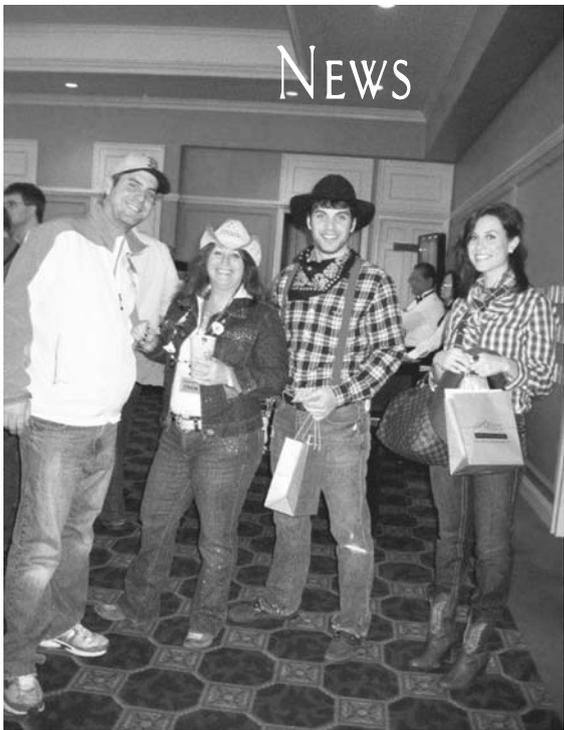
Getting the Red Cross workers to the shelter was a challenge. Enter Volunteer Fairfax.

Michael Sacks is an amateur radio operator, a member of the Fairfax County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). When Fairfax County opened up emer

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Oak Marr Recreation Center in Oakton served as an emergency shelter the weekend of Feb. 6.



Nick Stancampiano, Rebecca Diamond, Matt Stillitano and Leslie Grant socialize at VTRCC's Casino Night.



David Patterson, husband of VTRCC Board Chairwoman Gina Cocomello, deals a blackjack hand.



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Students and their parents representing Indonesia in traditional dress.

Casino Night, Taste of the Town Celebrate Good Times

Old West theme sets stage for gaming, food and friendships.

Cowboy hats and boots dotted the human landscape at Westwood Country Club on Feb. 27 as the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce (VTRCC) celebrated its annual Casino Night and Taste of the Town. Calling on the old west as its theme, VTRCC sold 300 tickets to the five-hour gaming, food-laden party.

Each ticket holder received \$25,000 in gaming cash and several drink coupons. Local restaurants donated signature dishes at their tables, and sampling was included in the ticket cost. Gaming proceeds were used by guests to enter in as many raffle pools as their gaming cash allowed. Raffle prizes were clustered in gift baskets, each worth a minimum of \$200.

Jewelry, vacations, sports memorabilia and more were auctioned off in silent and live auctions.

"The committee put months of planning time into last night's event and it showed," said Casino Night chairwoman Rebecca Diamond of Rebecca Diamond Marketing. "Guests enjoyed great food and raffle prizes. Our event is unique to the community because it combines the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, to include as many businesses as possible, and residents and neighbors of the town that come out to enjoy this fun-filled evening."

THE SILENT AUCTION, which included donations by Best Buy, Tysons Corner Center, Reston Town Center, Verizon Wireless-Zcom of Vienna, Washington Capitols, Washington Nationals and many other local Vienna businesses, raised over \$5,000.

The live auction featured the annual safari package, tickets to the Macy's Day Parade, a week in Myrtle Beach donated by Deb Earman of Long and Foster, six months of flowers donated by Maris Angolia of Karin's Florist and a game used stick signed by Washington Capitals captain Alexander



Tony Drosos, George Drosos and Christa Walker play blackjack.

Ovechkin. The live auction raised approximately \$4,000. Fourteen local restaurants, among them Bazins on Church, Vienna Inn, Noodles, Maplewood Grill, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Plaka Grill and the Pie Gourmet, shared favorite dishes with casino night guests.

More than 100 local businesses, individuals and elected officials donated prizes to the fundraiser. Tysons Corner Center was title sponsor, Karin's Custom Images was bar sponsor, Fitness Together was valet sponsor and Allegra Printing was print sponsor.

Julie Savia and her husband Ted, both born and raised in Vienna, brought 16 guests with them this year. "Every year, we bring more people with us," Savia said. "It's so much fun."

Nancy Curtis, who, along with her husband Lee sponsored a gaming table, agreed casino night is fun. "You get to see a lot of people you know," she said.

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Del. Mark Keam (D-35) and Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman mingled with guests.

"This year's committee was outstanding," Diamond said. "Each member of the group had assigned duties and each person fulfilled their volunteer tasks 150 percent. It was a wonderful experience for me to lead an amazing group of dedicated people."

— DONNA MANZ

Marshall High Celebrates International Night

Countries from Italy to Jamaica to Canada to Russia, and many in between, were represented at George C. Marshall High School's International Night on Thursday, Feb. 25.

The event, which was put on by Marshall's PTSA, started with a silent auction. Baskets with clothes, toys, and food were up for bid.

Then International Night started, which had many tables with information about different countries for people to explore. Everyone was encouraged to bring a dish of food to share from a different country.

The night offered scavenger hunts, prizes and performances. All proceeds go back to the school for the students.

— STEPHANIE KNAPP



Jenn Rhame, Maddie Divita, and Erika O'Neal, all 10th graders at Marshall High School, enjoying International Night.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

The following Vienna residents have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Virginia Tech at Blacksburg: **Carly A. Avesian, Danielle T. Bernabe, Galo E. Bowen, Matthew D. Brenyo, Maxwell S. Brooks, Daniel S. Cazenias, Evan A. Clinton, Marc A. Egan, Annie R. Ellis, Albert P. Fox, Megan H. Ginley, Do Young Gwak, Kevin A. Hia, Andrew R. Hobert, Mary Elizabeth F. Jarosz, Elizabeth M. Jaworski, Maya V. Kumar, Justin M. Kyker, Aaron R. Lambert, Derek H. Le, Michelle C. Le, William E. Libby, Sae Ryun Lim, Austin P. Marcus and Daniel L. Matthews.**

The following Oakton residents have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Virginia Tech at Blacksburg: **Denise M. Borges, Colin A. Braley, James H. Chung, Chris R. Cunningham, Christina C. Duell, Camille A. Falisse, Marin R. Fuhrmann, Emily A. Gerald, James D. Heard, Jessica A. Hekl, Gavin N. Hilburn, Clara A. Hintermeister, Dennis D. Hoang, Jason M. Hockman, Christopher C. Kiessling, Vassili Koupryanov, Kayla L. Krout and Enrique M. Longton.**

Kelly Weber of Vienna, a senior history major at James Madison University, has been named to the fall 2009 president's list. Weber presented a paper at the Phi Alpha Thete Biennial Conference in San Diego on Jan. 5-10.

OPINION

Increasing Burden, But No Tools

State will cut hundreds of millions in expenditures that localities will have to pay for; but how?

In Virginia, localities like Fairfax County, Arlington or the City of Alexandria, have only the exact powers that the Virginia General Assembly has bestowed upon them.

The right to extend protection from discrimination to particular groups? No.

The right to decide when school will open in the Fall? No.

The authority to tax income? No, only the state can tax Northern Virginia residents' income, and then the state spends that income everywhere but here. Northern Virginia gets

back less than 20 cents on the dollar it sends to Richmond. No "piggyback" income tax allowed.

The authority for local elected officials to consider a variety of broad based sources of revenue to fund schools and other services? No.

And let's be clear, voters could evict representatives who overstepped tolerances.

So now as the state budgets is shaping up, or shaping down would be more accurate, without knowing the exact details or numbers, it's clear that hundreds of millions of dollars in non-optional social services and education expenses (K-12 and higher education) will shift to localities.

Localities are already grappling with decreases in revenue because of the decline in real estate values. And taxing real estate, commercial and residential, makes up the vast majority of most localities' revenue base.

Arlington has proposed increasing the property tax rate by more than 11 percent, or 9 cents.

Fairfax's real estate property tax rate would increase from \$1.04 to \$1.09, though the drop in home values would mean that Fairfax residents would pay approximately \$48.55 less on their property tax bill than they did last year.

Home values in Fairfax declined between 3 percent and nearly 8 percent, depending on location (see chart at <http://connectionnewspapers.com/photoview.asp?id=218615>). But consider the drop in value since the top of the market. In McLean, the jurisdiction that held up the best, assessments are down 12.5 percent from the top a few years ago. In Lorton, assessments are down 28.7 percent from the top of the market.

So while in Richmond, the General Assembly slashes and burns its way to a budget with no revenue increases, here where the rubber meets the road, there are few options, because the General Assembly won't allow them. They're passing the bill, but refusing to allow any reasonable method of making up the difference.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INOVA Thanks Community

To the Editor:

On behalf of the staff here at Inova Fairfax Hospital, please allow me to thank the community for selfless care and concern for their community hospital and its operations during our recent weather challenges.

Weather conditions, like those we recently faced, can complicate any business. Unlike most industries, the hospital needs to run at full operation and, at times, proves even busier than usual. We are so very grateful to each person who came out in their 4 wheel-drive vehicles to shuttle staff to and from the hospital, assist with patient transportation needs, and even provided great conversation, news updates and never-ending smiles as encouragement. Even during the most-watched Super Bowl ever, volunteers, like staff, continued on the job!

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L. Reuven Pasternak, MD
Chief Executive Officer
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Storm Well Supervised

To the Editor,

Now that the snows are somewhat behind us, I want to publicly thank Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust and his staff for keeping his office open and the telephones staffed under difficult circumstances. Many of my neighbors called his office to inquire or complain about

snow removal, and members of his staff were on the phone with VDOT all the time trying to get roads plowed. They had the ear of VDOT and they bent it plenty.

Mr. Foust and his staff were also on the phone with Dominion Power helping people who were without power and getting frustrated and cold. Even if Dominion could not fix the problem right away, the resident still got a call from John Foust's staff to tell them, "nothing yet, but we're staying on it". I like that.

Douglas Potts
McLean

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FRIDAY/MARCH 5

Northern Virginia Technology Council Luncheon. 11 a.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Speaker, Enrique Salem of Symantec Corporation. www.nvtc.org/events.

SUNDAY/MARCH 7

Ostomy Support Group of Northern Virginia LLC Monthly Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at Physicians Conference Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-802-3457 or www.ostomysupportofnova.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 9

Tyson's Corner Kiwanis Club Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 229A 7731, Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is open to public and individuals looking to volunteer in the community.

www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org.
League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 7:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Public Library, 101 Maple Ave., Vienna. Discussion of the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

National Association Active and Retired Federal Employees Monthly Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Virginia Federation of Chapters Service Officers Dr. Constance T. Bails, Ph.D. and John D. Bails, CWO3 USN/Ret. will provide help regarding annuitant and survivor benefits. 703-698-1838 or shirleykeyes@aol.com.

Quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Oakton Mill Estates Homeowners Association. 8 p.m. at the Clifford residence, 2908 Oakton Ridge Court, Oakton. Bill Bogutski, 703-242-6395.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 10

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian

Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis and/or their family and friends. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. Free. 703-768-4841.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 10:30 a.m. at Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Discussion of the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 17

The Advisory Board of the Northwest Center for Mental Health Services. 7-9 p.m. at Northwest Center for Community Mental Health, 1850 Cameron Glen, Reston. Volunteers are needed to serve and act as advocates for women's shelters, homeless shelters, etc. The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact Cleveland at 703-435-0868 or leaderwilliams@gmx.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 20

Marshall High School Boosters Club Mulch Sale. At 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. To pre-order or for free home delivery, fill out the order form at www.gcmhsboosters.org, or stop by and purchase mulch at \$4.50 a bag. Contact Sandy MacDonnell at www.gcmhsboosters.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 21

NAACP Fairfax County Youth Council Meeting. 4 p.m. at the George Mason University Johnson Center, Robeson Room, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Meetings are open to youth ages 10-20. restonbell7@gmail.com.

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WEEK IN VIENNA

Pedestrian Dies in Hit and Run Crash

Fairfax County Police were called to a fatal pedestrian crash around 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24 on Leesburg Pike at Interstate 495. Police discovered a 49-year-old adult male deceased in the roadway with vehicle debris. The victim has been identified as Efrain Flores-Vasquez, 49, of no fixed address. Detectives have narrowed the details of the striking vehicle to be a four door Honda Accord EX, model years 1999-2002.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

For information about the Fairfax County Pedestrian Program, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/>.

Concert Fundraiser for Transplant Patient

Matt Price needs a lifesaving liver transplant but can't be added to the waiting list until he secures health coverage. Friends and family are planning a fundraiser to help with his expenses. Price, 53, was diagnosed with advanced liver disease several years ago, after he experienced extreme fatigue and swelling and discoloration in his legs. Doctors say a transplant is essential to his survival. Because of his declining health, Price is unable to work, adding to the financial strain.

To overcome these financial challenges, Price turned to the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT) for assistance. NFT is a nonprofit organization that helps transplant patients raise funds to pay for medical expenses. Volunteers are planning a concert and auction to assist with Price's expenses. Liverfest will take place Saturday, March 6 from 6 p.m. to midnight at Vienna Moose Lodge, 9616 Courthouse Rd. in

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THURSDAY/MARCH 4

The Guggenheim Grotto and Tiger Cooke. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Tennessee Williams' 'Orpheus Descending.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University TheatreSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$12. 703-993-8888.

Book Buddy Reading Reinforcement Program. 4:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Sign up to read to a Big Buddy for 30 minutes. Age 6-8. 703-242-4020.

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Stories and songs. Age 2 with adult. 703-938-0405.

FRIDAY/MARCH 5

Dear Sara Jane. 7:30 p.m. At The Sundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.sundry.net

Chase Coy. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Opening reception for 'Figurative Works' at the GFFFTA Gallery. 7 p.m. 1144-D and 1144-G Walker Road, Great Falls. Works by the 16 members of the Artists' Atelier. Exhibit continues through March, and is open 12-4 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment. www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org or 571-214-6784.

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English Conversation. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for adult non-native English speakers of all levels. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

SATURDAY/MARCH 6

Indoor Flea Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at City of Fairfax Senior Center, Green Acres Center Cafeteria, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Lunch available for nominal cost. Booth proceeds benefit the Senior Center. 703-359-2487 or jormesher@fairfaxva.gov.

New Zealand Dance Troupe Black Grace. 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. A fusion of traditional Pacific cultures and contemporary dance, thundering stomps and



Amy McShane, Landscape.

Amy McShane Exhibits at Applegate Gallery

The Applegate Gallery, 101 Church St., N.W., Suite C, second floor, in Vienna will be presenting new paintings by Amy McShane, from March 6-31. McShane's large oils on canvas show peaceful landscapes and serene skies. The reception is scheduled for March 6, 6-9 p.m.

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Dear Sara Jane. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. At The Sundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.sundry.net

Jane Seymour: A One Woman Show. 6 p.m. at the Wentworth Gallery, Tysons Galleria, 1731 M. International Drive, McLean. 703-883-0111 or 800-732-6140.

Jimmy Lange vs. Chase "The White Tiger" Shields Boxing Card. 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$30-\$500, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or at 703-573-SEAT.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance 8 p.m., open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. \$10 members, \$12 non-members, and \$5 for ages 16-20 with student ID. 703-860-4941 or www.nvwcwa.org.

Ronald McDonald House Charities 13th Annual "Kaps for Kids" Airbus 5K Walk. 8-10 a.m. at Tysons Corner Center in McLean. \$25, to benefit area Ronald McDonald Houses. www.rmhc.greaterdc.org.

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Scouts and Crafts. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Girl Scout Troop #1194 provides simple craft activities for children age 4-8 years. 703-293-6227.

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SUNDAY/MARCH 7

City of Fairfax Band Young Artist Competition Recital. 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Four high school instrumentalists vie for a scholarship

in the final round of the competition. The finalists are Dominic Favia of Vienna with Hummel's Trumpet Concerto Movements 2 and 3, Weily Shay of Chantilly with Debussy's Clarinet Premiere Rhapsody, Jacob Shochet of McLean with Grundman's Concertante on the alto saxophone, and Stacey Kropaczek of Fairfax with Grondhal's Concerto for Trombone. Free admission and parking. 703-757-0220 or info@fairfaxband.org.

IONA. 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Pan-Celtic vocals and instrumentals. \$15. 703-759-3309 or www.oldbrogue.com.

Dear Sara Jane. 2 p.m. At The Sundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.sundry.net

Jeffrey Siegel: Chopin the Storyteller. 7 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 6:45 p.m. Tickets \$19-\$38, youth through grade 12 half price. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

The 5th Annual Ticket to Art Fundraiser Afternoon Tea and Preview. 3:30-5 p.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Each person that buys a ticket will receive an original piece of art work created by a local artist. The minimum value of the artwork for selection is an average a great deal higher than the value of the raffle ticket at \$125. www.viennaartsociety.org.

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Audubon Society Bird Walk. 9 a.m. in Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Meet in the upper parking lot at the Visitor Center. 703-256-6895 or www.audubonva.org.

Boiling Down Maple Syrup. 12-2 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Mill Road, Great Falls. Mason Maddox, Colvin Run's miller for over 12 years, will demonstrate the maple syrup-making process as he reduces sap down to syrup over an open fire. Visitors can sample syrup served on freshly baked cornbread made from stone-ground grains milled onsite. 703-759-2771 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm/.

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A Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

Photo courtesy of the Shakespeare Theatre

Kent Jenkins was the Duke of York in the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" three years ago.

Local children and teenagers launch their show business careers early in life.

By **Julia O'Donoghue**
The Connection

Think of the Helen Hayes Awards as the Washington D.C. professional theater community's local version of the Tony Awards. To be nominated for the honor means an actor gave one of the best performances or was part of one of the best shows of the year in this region.

So the fact that Rachel Boyd was part of the Signature Theatre "Les Miserables" cast that won the Helen Hayes Award for outstanding musical ensemble last year is a big deal. And Rachel is now part of the "Show Boat" ensemble at Signature, nominated for the same award again.

The Fairfax resident has had the type of critical and professional success that many actors have to wait years to accumulate. But at only eight years old, she hasn't exactly been toiling away at her craft as a starving artist for years.

While another child might talk about joining the local soccer game, Rachel said she participates in professional shows because it is "cool." She doesn't get nervous when she is, for example, singing "Castle on a Cloud" as Cosette in "Les Miserables," despite the fact that it is one of the most recognizable musical theater moments of all time.

"It is fun to pretend you are the actual person and not just playing the character. It is fun to get emotional because it is an emotional part," said Rachel, who has logged almost enough hours on stage to qualify for her union card with the American Equity Association, not that she is that concerned about pay scale and benefits at this point.

"I like doing big shows, like that a lot. You have fun backstage experiences," she said in an interview.

LOCAL THEATRES have a need for talented children and young adults to play age appropriate roles. And Northern Virginia is home to many families who invest time and money on talent agents, dance classes and voice coaches so their children stand a better chance of landing

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Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

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a role in a production at the likes of Arena Stage or The Kennedy Center.

If a child is lucky enough to be cast in a role, it can devour hours of both the child's and the parents' time, going to and from rehearsals and performances that can run four hours on a week night and up to 12 hours on the weekend. It can be exhausting for everyone involved.

"This is all new to me. I was in athletics growing up and I don't remember it taking up this much time. My daughter spends three or four times as many hours on a production than I ever did at sports practice," said Tom Weichbrodt, whose teenage daughter Angela is in "That Face" currently running at the Studio Theatre downtown. The family lives in Belle Haven.

Most families said it is the child, not the family, who is the driving force behind devoting so much time and energy trying out and performing in professional productions.

"She goes to bed after a rehearsal or a show at midnight and gets up at 6 a.m. for school. I can't remember the last time she hung out with her friends. I don't know that many high school students who would be willing to give up time with their friends to do anything," said Weichbrodt.

STILL, some parents, particularly those with younger children, said they had a few reservations about getting their child involved in professional productions, which require being out late on several school nights.

When Kent Jenkins III, now 13 years old, was part of The Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" a few years ago, he had to perform in 72 shows in 74 days.



Photo courtesy of the Shakespeare Theatre

Burgundy Farm County Day School student Kent Jenkins juggled 74 performances of the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of Richard III on top of his schoolwork in 2007. He played the Duke of York.

The demanding schedule caused Kent, who also plays sports, to drop off his ice hockey team for a good portion of the season. When the show was running that winter, Kent, as fourth grader, didn't step off stage until 10:30 p.m. and usually got home around midnight on school nights.

"It is a real, significant commitment of time and energy and you do worry if it is simply just too much. But what we have found is that he really enjoys doing the shows. It is a lot of fun for him and he handles all the work just fine," said Kent Jenkins Jr., whose son also starred as Tiny Tim for two seasons in Ford Theater's "A Christmas Carol."

IN SOME CASES, children also have more flexibility in their schedule because their families have chosen to home school them.

"I actually enjoy teaching her myself and it helps with the scheduling. If she on stage until 11, she doesn't have to turn around and get up at 7 a.m. the next morning. We can also accommodate the other actors in the show because we can do daytime rehearsals and stuff like that," said Lori Boyd, mother of Rachel Boyd.

Brian Reimer, now a sophomore at Georgetown Day School in Washington D.C., was also home schooled earlier and said the flexibility benefited his interest in acting.

Reimer also played Tiny Tim in Ford's "A Christmas Carol" and had a part in a Kennedy Center production of "Hecuba."

The McLean resident has worked on commercials and as an extra in several movies, including "Night at The Museum II" and "National Treasure II."

"Because I was homeschooled I could go to extra rehearsals or early rehearsals and just watch the other

actors, who were really really good at what they did, work," said Reimer.

OTHER PARENTS, like Jenkins, said their children benefit from attending school.

"Kent is very social and a very outgoing guy. He likes being in school and it wouldn't be right to deprive him of that experience," said Jenkins, who added that his son's school, Burgundy Farms Country Day School, had been very flexible about homework and other matters when Kent is in the middle of a show.

At the high school level, many students who are seriously considering a career in theater and the arts opt to attend the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, where they take special classes designed to prepare them for a creative career.

Academy teacher Mike

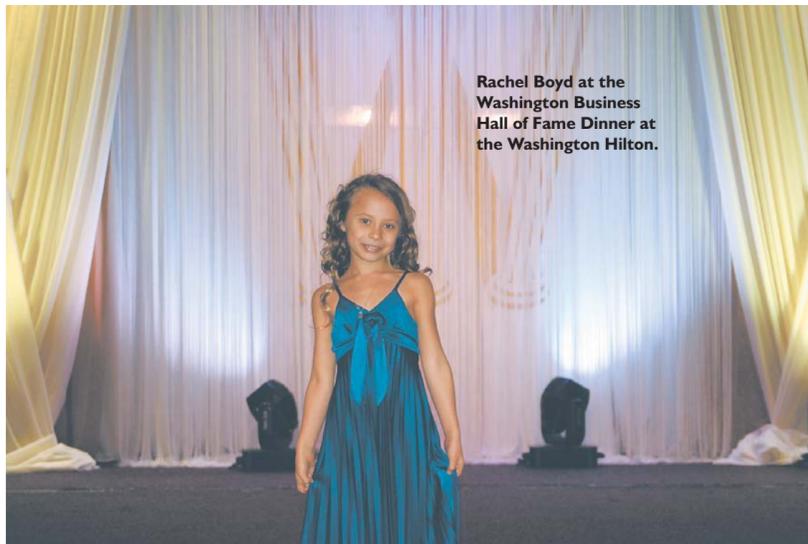


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"Frankly, if this is the life you are going to choose, it never gets easier. Most professional actors are working five days a week nine to five p.m. and then performing every night."

— Mike Replogle, Fairfax Academy

Kent Jenkins played Tiny Tim for two years in the Ford's Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol."



Rachel Boyd at the Washington Business Hall of Fame Dinner at the Washington Hilton.

only to improve their presentation and performance but also so they have a better understanding of how much rejection is involved in the performing arts world.

"If you are going to work in this business, you have to be in the top 25 percent in your age group and sex in terms of talent. And even then, you will only get called back once for every 25 auditions you go on. If you are Harrison Ford, maybe you get called back once every seven

so he just kind of shrugs it off," said Jenkins.

Kent said he tries not to think about shows where he doesn't get call backs or gets a call back but ultimately doesn't get the part.

"The best way to handle it is not to think about it. Rejection doesn't mean you were bad. It just means that you weren't necessarily what they were looking for," said Kent.

THERE IS NO better insight for a child or a young adult into what it is like to try and make a living as a performer than to work on a professional production, said several students and parents.

After her experience at Studio, Angela Weichbrodt has been considering not majoring in theater and coming up with a better "back up" plan to acting professionally.

"After getting involved and doing this professionally, I think she has talked to some people and realized it is good to have a fall back plan. If I, as her father, had told her that, she never would have listened to me. She had to hear that from a peer," said Weichbrodt.

At 13, Kent said his experience working with adult actors has made him doubtful about

Replogle, who worked as a professional actor for 22 years, said it can be a good lesson for his students on how to juggle school during the day time and performances at night, since that is what they would typically have to do as an adult.

Most actors, even those who work regularly as professionals, have to hold down a day job to pay the bills, even if they perform in productions regularly.

"Frankly, if this is the life you are going to choose, it never gets easier. Most

professional actors are working five days a week nine to five p.m. and then performing every night," he said.

APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD of Replogle's students, mostly juniors and seniors in high school, have been paid to perform already. Approximately 90 percent of them have been on a professional audition, the teacher said.

Replogle encourages students to audition for professional productions not

times," said Replogle. When Kent first started auditioning for professional shows, Jenkins said he was extremely concerned about the amount of rejection his son would receive and the toll that might take on his self esteem as a child.

"It was a big, big concern of mine. But happily, he figured out early on that he shouldn't take those things too personally and

whether he would want to pursue an acting career. "It is certainly a fun hobby but pursuing acting as a career is really hard. You have to look for work every few months and the pressure and the stress from that could get nerve racking," said Kent.

BUT SOME STUDENTS, particularly those who attend Fairfax Academy, could never see themselves doing anything else.

"It was never really a choice for me. It is something that has happened to me," said Ally Milewich, a Fairfax Academy student and Mantua resident who said she couldn't see herself doing anything else as a career.

For the right opportunity, academy student Alex Alferov, said he would be willing to forego college altogether and leave high school early.

A few weeks ago, Alex rode the bus to New York City and got in line at 6 a.m. for the opening cast call of the musical "Hair." If he gotten cast in the show, Alex said he would have had no qualms, outside of upsetting his mother, about dropping out of high school.

"Who needs a high school education if I can get work and this is what I want to do?" said Alex.

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SPORTS

D-E-F-E-N-S-E-Spells Region Title for Oakton Girls

Caroline Coyer and teammates are, once again, Northern Region basketball champions.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A year ago, the pressure on the Oakton High girls' basketball team continued to mount with every win. By season's end, when the Cougars lost their first and only game — at the state finals in Richmond to Princess Anne — it was heartfelt and an abrupt way to conclude what was a fantastic season.

"Last year, the pressure kept building and building and the kids withstood it very well," said Oakton coach Fred Priester, whose squad finished 30-1 last winter. "Then with the loss to Princess Anne and the overflow of emotion, it was hard to accept."

This season has been different. Oh, the Cougars still win with regularity. However, they did experience a regular season setback — a four-point loss to Robinson in mid-January. It might have been the best thing that could have happened to them. Following a 12-0 start, the pressure of being and remaining unbeaten was ended. Since that loss to the Rams, Oakton (23-1) has played outstanding and been freed of the burden of going unbeaten.

"Losing to Robinson was really important," said Priester, of the regular season setback that ultimately proved to be a positive for the team over the long haul of the season.

The Cougars certainly looked like a light-hearted, yet still hungry team at the just completed Northern Region playoffs, in which they played at a high level throughout their four wins, including Monday night, March 1's 54-39 title game triumph over West Springfield at Robinson Secondary School.

The championship victory earned Oakton its second straight region crown. Last year, the Cougars rode an unnerving route to the region title, having to come from 19 points behind to beat Mount Vernon in the semifinals before rallying from 11 down to defeat T.C. Williams in the finals.

This past week's ride to the title was less dramatic, with Oakton winning in fairly mundane fashion over McLean, Mount Vernon and South County before taking on and handily defeating a West Springfield team that had lost just one game all season.

"The greatest thing about this team is they believe in what we're teaching them and they'll go out and execute it," said Priester, who earned his 500th career coaching win with the championship game win. "I'm just proud of these kids. They've done everything I've asked them to do."

With Oakton, success starts with its outstanding defense, which once again was on display in the win over the Spartans. In all four region playoff wins, the Cougars held their opponents' scoring in the 30's.

"Definitely defense," said Oakton sopho-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

"The greatest thing about this team is they believe in what we're teaching them and they'll go out and execute it."

— Oakton coach Fred Priester

more off guard Katherine Coyer, when asked what the key has been to the Cougars' second straight region title run. "This is like [the fourth] game in a row we've held an opponent under 40 points."

AGAINST WEST SPRINGFIELD, Oakton held Spartan sophomore point guard April Robinson, one of the better back court players in the region, in relative check with 12 points, which did lead coach Bill Gibson's team in scoring.

"We've been playing with and against April since she was like 9-years-old," said Coyer. "She's gotten a lot better and her shot is like money."

West Springfield had no other players other than Robinson finish in double figures scoring. Meanwhile, Oakton had a little bit more of a balanced attack with Katherine's twin sister, point guard Caroline, leading the Cougars with 20 points along with six rebounds. Caroline, probably the top player in the region, earned tournament MVP honors for the second straight year.

Oakton displays its championship banner during the moments following its impressive victory over West Springfield on Monday night.

Two weeks ago, she also earned Concorde District MVP accolades after leading Oakton to a finals win over Westfield.

She, like her sister, said one of the keys to beating the Spartans was slowing down Robinson.

"We knew their whole offense goes through April," said Caroline. "If we were going to beat them we had to keep her limited. We played really tough defense [in the finals]. We've been working on it all week. A lot of our people have stepped up defensively."

She said winning another title was sweet. "I think we've continued to prove people wrong," said Coyer, of rumblings throughout the season that the Cougars might not be as powerful a team as last year's squad. "[Winning the title] means a lot. We wanted to keep the [winning] tradition going."

Katherine Coyer said the close-knit Oakton team had extra motivation to win the title game so that coach Priester could earn his 500th career win in such an important game.

"We're like a total family, always picking each other up," she said. "We wanted to win this game for coach Priester."

KATHERINE COYER helped Oakton get off to a good start in the finals by scoring six first quarter points as the Cougars took a narrow 13-12 lead after one quarter. Almost midway through the second quarter,

the Spartans tied the game at 18 on a basket by Robinson. But a three-pointer by Caroline Coyer off the right wing started the Cougars on a 9-1 scoring spell that concluded on a Coyer follow-up basket that made the score 27-19 Oakton with 2 minutes, 36 seconds left in the half.

In the third quarter, Oakton's lead grew to 35-21 on a 15-foot straightaway jumper by Oakton senior tri-captain Marisa Mahony with 2:48 showing.

West Springfield eventually made a run, cutting Oakton's lead to 39-36 three minutes into the final quarter on a three-pointer off the right corner by Jordan Miller. But, following a timeout, Oakton scored the game's next seven points to all but put the contest away. The highlight basket of that stretch was a driving, twisting, 8-foot bank shot off the right side by Caroline Coyer that began the scoring run. West Springfield never got closer than seven points after that. Oakton hit 10 straight free throws over the final two-plus minutes to secure the win. For the game, the Cougars made 16 of 23 free throws compared to 7-of-17 for the Spartans.

Along with Caroline's MVP honors, Oakton was also represented on the all-tournament team by Katherine Coyer (12 points) and Zora Stephenson (nine points). Oakton's Danielle Davis had a solid finals game with five points and a team-high 10 rebounds. Senior center Brieneke Matthes scored four points with five rebounds.

In Times of Need, Volunteers Pull Through

FROM PAGE 4

gency shelters during the Feb. 6-7 snowstorm, the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) notified Volunteer Fairfax that the Red Cross and family services employees needed rides from their homes to the shelters where they would be working. Marcelo Ferreira, emergency response program coordinator for Volunteer Fairfax, sent out an urgent e-mail blast asking for volunteers with four wheeled-drive vehicles to assist. ARES, with about 40 active members, was on the list. Sacks immediately responded.

Sacks' SUV is outfitted with an mobile emergency communications center. He lives on Vale Road in Oakton, but said he was able to get out of Vale with no issues on Sunday morning. "I'm pretty prepared for anything," he said. Good thing, too, since only major roads were plowed during the storm.

Why did he brave the elements, leaving his wife and kids in a dry, warm home? "I did it because that's the way I was brought up," said Sacks. "You give in life. When something happens, you get up and do something."

VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX is composed of individuals, corporations and nonprofits that register to be part of the Volunteer Fairfax community of service providers. From Free Tax Assistance Day offered by Deloitte to civic groups in the field, thousands of hours of volunteer service contribute to the welfare of Fairfax County.

Volunteers for Change, an arm of Volunteer Fairfax, provides flexible weekend and evening volunteer opportunities for adults of all ages who cannot make a regular commitment to Volunteer Fairfax. The program offers between 40 and 50 one-time opportunities to serve each month, dedicating from one to four hours. Volunteers prepare emergency food kits for families in crisis, tutor adults, work with children in shelters, and remove invasive weeds, along with a host of other projects. Work takes place in the evenings or on weekends. Volunteers take a one-time, one-hour orientation.

Putting together Valentine's Day cards and gifts for children in foster care is a signature project of Volunteers for Change, one that frequently includes families.

VolunteerFest is an annual community-wide day of service, at which volunteer nonprofit organizations join together on National Make-a-Difference Day. Project opportunities are countywide.

TO SACKS, the world has three kinds of people: those who get involved, those who sit still and those who run away. Sacks puts

"You give in life. When something happens, you get up and do something."

— Michael Sacks

himself in the first group, as did a large number of other volunteers who turned out in treacherous conditions to lend a hand, or

wheels as it was, during the snowfall.

Volunteer Fairfax has a memorandum of understanding with Fairfax County OEM, making it the lead agency to identify, process and coordinate spontaneous volunteers. Volunteer Fairfax is a hub for several nonprofits who provide volunteer services, including the Citizen Corps Council of which ARES is a part.

"ARES really stepped it up this time with radio and 4 X 4 drivers," said Ferreira. "Their volunteers were extremely engaged."

FOR MORE INFORMATION on Volunteer Fairfax, go to www.volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3553. Its office is located at 10530 Page Ave., Fairfax. Amateur radio operators interested in joining the Fairfax County ARES will find more information at www.qsl.net/fairfaxares/main.htm.

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CALENDAR

FROM PAGE 8

Unchained Harmony Sings! 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Harmonies in the library lobby. All ages. 703-293-6227.

McLean Orchestra Winter Musicales. 3 p.m. at the home of The Honorable Jan Lodal and Elizabeth Lodal, 1651 Quail Hollow Court, McLean. Music by the McLean Orchestra Brass Quintet. Tickets \$75 per person, per couple \$125. All proceeds benefit the McLean Orchestra and the McLean Youth Orchestra programs. 703-893-8646.

MONDAY/MARCH 8

Jonny Craig (Emarosa), Tides of Man, Romance on a Rocketship and Eye Alaska. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna Lunch N' Life. 12 noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Local author and entrepreneur Karetta Hubbard will discuss her spy thriller "Satan's Chamber." \$10 per person. Reserve at 703-281-0538 or office@scov.org.

Toddlin' Time. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-757-8560.

Brain Games. 3:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Chess, Battleship, Rush Hour, Blokus and other strategy games. Age 6 and up. 703-242-4020.

Woof and Paws: Read to a Dog. 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Read with a trained therapy dog. Call to sign up.

Age 6-12 with adult. 703-938-0405.

TUESDAY/MARCH 9

Match Your Head To Your Heart. 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. \$35 nonmember, \$25 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Book Buddy Reading Reinforcement Program. 4:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Sign up to read to a Big Buddy for 30 minutes. Age 6-8. 703-242-4020.

Money Matters. 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. View and discuss new SEC-sponsored video "Tricks of the Trade." Learn why those people most susceptible to investment fraud are not who you think. 703-242-4020.

Good Night, Sleep Tight. 6:45 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Come in pajamas for stories and songs. Age 1-4 with adult. 703-938-0405.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 10

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for adult non-native speakers. 703-242-4020.

THURSDAY/MARCH 11

The Battle of the White House in 1814. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Historical Society, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Historian and archaeologist Patrick L. O'Neill will speak on the Battle of the White House after the burning of Washington in 1814. Free, no reservations required. 703-442-9370



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Stage Door Canteen with the Wayne Tympanick Group. 3-5 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

Animal Crackers. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

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Artist's Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Habatat Galleries, 8020 Towers Crescent Drive, Tysons Corner. Local artists Jennifer Lo and Craig Schaffer. www.habatatgalleries.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 12

Dear Sara Jane. 7:30 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.soundry.net

Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir and Chamber. 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Road, Falls Church. A diverse, mostly a cappella program of sacred and secular choral works in original languages. Free and open to the public. 703-534-1719.

Annual 10th District Congressional Art Show. 5-8 p.m. at George Washington University, 44983 Knoll Square, off Route 7 in Ashburn. Featuring works by area high school students. The winner will be announced at 7:30 p.m. All submitted artwork will remain on display at the GWU campus until March 18. The winning piece will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year alongside other 'Best in Show' entries from congressional districts across the country. Contact Donna Crowley at 540-667-0990.

Holes. A cast of more than 15 elementary, middle and high school students will perform in a play based on the Newberry award-winning book by author Louis Sachar, and a 2003 movie on the book starred Shia LaBeouf. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-573-SEAT.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm Winter Book Sale. 5-8 p.m. at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Most books \$1 to \$2, standard paperbacks five for \$1. Free admission. Proceeds benefit the museum's educational programs. www.1771.org.

English Conversation. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for adult non-native English speakers of all levels. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

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NEWS

Major Cuts Proposed

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Some elected officials are skeptical of Griffin's proposal to eliminate all local dollars for the bike program.

"We have put very little investment into the bike program and I think we need to protect that investment," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

"Our top concern is the school resource officers. We have to have a presence in our middle schools."

— Police Chief David Rohr

school system harmless and balance Fairfax's budget.

The county executive has called for a 1 percent reduction to the schools annual transfer, a \$16 million cut of the \$1.6 billion Fairfax will allocate to its public education system this year. The school system had

asked the county to increase their transfer by approximately 5 percent, or \$82 million.

If the Board of Supervisors adopts Griffin's suggestion to reduce school funding, then the School Board could have to cut approximately \$98 million out of its budget for next year.

Still, if the system faces a gap of approximately \$60 million or more, school superintendent Jack Dale has indicated that programs such as foreign language immersion, elementary band and strings, and most full-day kindergarten classes would be eliminated. He has also said he would have to raise the average number of students in a class significantly.

STILL THE ELIMINATION of the county bicycle program would put just \$213,641 toward Fairfax's \$257.2 million budget gap for 2011 and Griffin also recommended cutting funding to schools, libraries, parks, police, social services and virtually every other department, agency or program that gets local dollars from Fairfax's \$3.2 billion general fund.

The county executive made his 2011 budget proposal to the Fairfax Board of Supervisors on Feb. 22. After a series of public hearings on April 6, 7 and 8, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors will mark up the budget and adopt it formally later that month.

Residential home values declined approximately 5.5 percent this year. Local commercial real estate took an even bigger dive of 18.2 percent, leading to a diminished stream of revenue for the Fairfax government, said Griffin. Fairfax funds approximately 62 percent of its local budget through real estate property taxes.

In addition to proposing \$119 million in budget cuts, Griffin also suggested the Board of Supervisors raise approximately \$120 million in new revenue, primarily through holding property taxes near their current level and introducing a \$33-per-car vehicle fee. The county would also charge more for the School-Age Child Care (SACC) program run in Fairfax public schools.

Under Griffin's proposal, Fairfax's real estate property tax rate would also increase from \$1.04 to \$1.09, though declines in home values would mean that Fairfax residents would pay approximately \$48.55 less on their property tax bill than they did last year, even though the rate would be going up.

Proposed budget cuts would result in the loss of approximately 280 county positions, not including those in the school system, and force the county to lay off approximately 100 employees, said Griffin.

THAT GRIFFIN proposed a cut to the school system's transfer at all is a sign of how dire the budget situation is. Fairfax County Public Schools has been the locality's highest priority for funding and no reduction has been made to the school transfer in approximately 20 years.

Fairfax Schools funding has traditionally accounted for between 50 percent and 55 percent of the county's government spending each year. Since school funding eats up the majority of the county's annual revenue, Griffin said it would be difficult to hold the

SEVERAL OTHER agencies have been asked to cut far more than 1 percent from their annual spending plans.

Fairfax libraries and parks, for example, would take a 15 percent reduction in Griffin's current proposal.

In county parks, grounds mowing would be less frequent, shifting from once per month to once every three or four months. Restrooms at 15 local park facilities would be closed.

Two of the four tree trimmer positions would also be eliminated, meaning that the county would not be able to perform maintenance on trees on parkland that are taller than 75 feet.

"[The parks department] has been asked to do more because [it] is discretionary. It is not required by the federal government or the state," said Griffin.

Under the county executive's proposal, public safety would also have to make major sacrifices.

Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohr would have to eliminate 67 positions from his department, including 33 sworn officers. The police department would also reduce its number of overtime hours by 19 percent, which is an amount of time equal to regular shifts by 40 full-time officers, according to budget documents.

Griffin has proposed eliminating the middle school resource officers program, where uniformed officers are stationed in the county's public middle schools. The county would also cut a unit that provides most of the undercover work related to underage drinking laws, such as when officers pose as minors and try to buy beer from a local grocery store.

"Our top concern is the school resource officers. We have to have a presence in our middle schools. It is big part of our anti-gang initiative," said Rohr.

WEEK IN VIENNA

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Vienna. Admission is \$20, and the event will feature musical entertainment from five bands, including Smylin' Jack, Freak Train and a silent auction and a raffle. Food will be available for purchase and may include a buffet.

Auction items are still needed. For tickets, to donate auction items or services, or to volunteer, please contact Cynthia Cole at coleidoscope@yahoo.com or 703-892-1060 or 571-201-0486.

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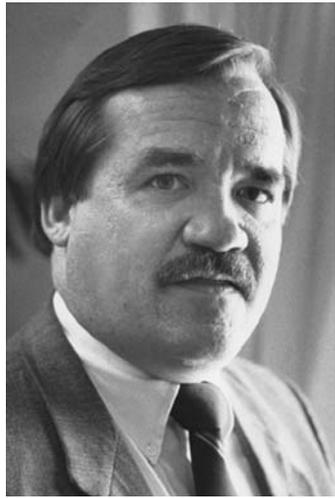
OBITUARY

Jerry Baugh Dies

On Sunday, Feb. 21, Jerry Baugh died suddenly, surrounded by loving family and friends.

Baugh was a 1971 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and in 1978 the youngest graduate of CBA's Graduate School of Consumer Banking at UVA. A banking executive for more than 20 years, Baugh rose from collection clerk to chief operations officer at Continental Federal in Fairfax. For the past 18 years, he was executive vice-president and director of membership, among many other responsibilities, for the Consumer Banking Association in Rosslyn. He had been active in the Edgelea Homeowner's Association for more than 30 years and was Scoutmaster of Troop 183, BSA at Oakton United Methodist Church for eight years.

Baugh is survived by beloved wife Donna, high school and college sweetheart, married for 40 years this June; devoted children Chris, Jennifer and Jonathan; their spouses, respec-



tively, Elizabeth, Chris, and Leah; granddaughters Taylor, Jessica and Hannah, daughters of Jonathan and Leah; brothers Robert and Michael Tubbs. Son of the late Jerry Baugh Sr., Baugh is also survived by his loving mother Gertrude Baugh of Corpus Christi, Texas. A host of additional family and friends mourn his loss.

A memorial service in celebration of Baugh's life will take place on Saturday, March 13, at 2 p.m., at Oakton United Methodist Church.

FAITH NOTES

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

Break the Silence summit - the 2nd HIV/AIDS Youth and Adult Faith Summit - is scheduled for March 6. The Fairfax County Health Department, Community Interfaith Liaison Office, the Northern Virginia Clergy Council for the Prevention for HIV/AIDS and other community groups have partnered to hold the HIV/AIDS Prevention Faith Summit for Teens and Adults on Saturday, March 6, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard Street, NW.

The summit is free and open to the public. Register online (cut and paste www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/breakthesilence/)

For more information call 703-324-3453, TTY 703-803-8598.

The Anglican District of Virginia's 'Anglican Insights' speaker series will explore the topic of Anglicanism. Anglican Church in North America Archbishop Robert Duncan will kick off the first event at 9 a.m. on March 13 at The Falls Church, 115 East Fairfax St., Falls Church, with Morning Prayer, followed by Archbishop Duncan's address and a time for the audience to ask him questions. Free and open to the public. www.AnglicanDistrictofVirginia.org.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleene Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean, worship services are at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. The church also offers a variety of adult education classes, as well as children's ministry program, student ministries gatherings, and the informal Saturday Night Service in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. The message is the same as Sunday morning but with more interaction with the pastor. Childcare and children's programs are provided for infants through 2nd grade. www.mcleanpres.org or 703-821-0800.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. Mondays 9:15 a.m. and Fridays 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. E-mail bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org for more information.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

A Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or www.ViennaAG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

The Baha'i community of McLean holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, at 8 p.m. every Friday. An opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith. 703-556-3400.

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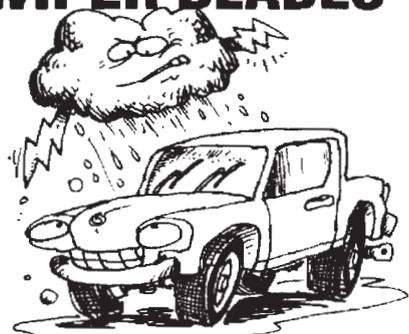
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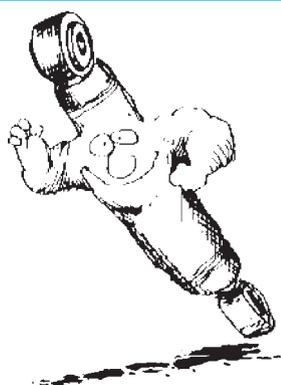
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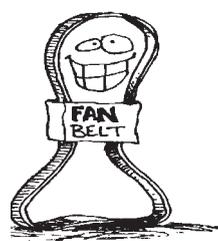
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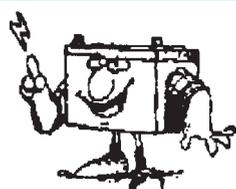
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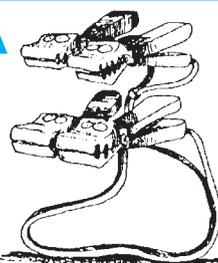


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