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# WEEK IN HERNDON

## Community Workshop on Metro Area Study

Town of Herndon citizens, business owners and all who have a stake in the pending arrival of Metrorail's Silver Line are encouraged to attend a Community Workshop, Monday, July 19, 6 p.m. at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon.

The Herndon-Monroe Metrorail stop on Metrorail's Silver Line is expected to open

in 2016. The stop will be located in the median of the Dulles Toll Road, adjacent to the existing park-and-ride garage on Sunrise Valley Drive. A pedestrian bridge will connect the station to land within the Town of Herndon, on the south side of Herndon Parkway.

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), the consulting firm selected by the Herndon Town Council to facilitate the Metro area project, is hosting the project. Presented in an "open house" format to include large and small group sessions, the workshop will cover such topics as ways to mitigate traffic im-

pacts of the new Metrorail station, ideas for development in the impacted area and opportunities and challenges represented by the planning process. Visual displays will be presented at the workshop, giving participants a framework from which to explore their own visions for the coming of Metrorail.

For more information on the project, including the July 19 workshop, contact the Department of Community Development at 703-787-7830 or metro.plan@herndon-va.gov

## Lisa C. Merkel Named Vice Mayor

Town of Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis and members of the Herndon Town Council approved a resolution naming Lisa C. Merkel as vice mayor for the town for the 2010-12 term.

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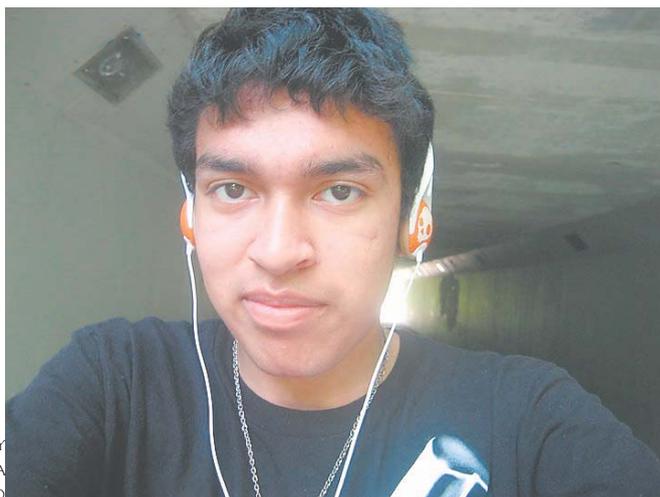
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One of the images from the Facebook memorial page: Jose Villatoro is pictured with his new headphones.



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## Mourning a 'Positive Young Man'

Family, friends remember Jose Villatoro who died after being hit by a car.

BY CLAIRE BABILONIA  
THE CONNECTION

Jose Antonio Villatoro was a rising senior at South Lakes High School when his life was abruptly cut short on Saturday, July 3. He was struck by an oncoming car on Reston Parkway when he attempted to cross the street a little after 9 p.m. Now friends and family recall positive memories of Jose and join together to ensure his optimistic attitude will live on.

Jose was a joyful young man who is best remembered for his friendly personality and warm greetings. He had a smile for everyone, for those he knew and even those he had just met. This kindness drew admiration from his peers, coworkers, teachers, and friends who now grieve over the loss of such a cheerful soul.

Nearly 700 members have joined the Facebook memorial page, which offers friends and family a place to recount fond memories of Jose.

"He was kind, happy, and very optimistic about life," said Mazar

Sayad, a rising senior at South Lakes and a friend to Jose since the fourth grade. "He was a great friend and never had a single enemy. It's saddening and all we can really do is look at

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— Mazar Sayad,  
South Lakes High School,  
11th grade

the positive things from his life."

In his time away from school, Jose worked at the Hunter's Woods Safeway in Reston to help his family with financial expenses. Even though Jose only began working in April 2009, his coworkers easily remember his smiling face and gracious attitude.

"He was highly thought of and loved here at the store," said David Schnoor, manager of the Hunter's Woods Safeway. "He will be highly missed."

Other employees recalled his willingness to help shoppers with their bags. Most could not recall a time when they had seen Jose upset or in a bad mood.

In order to ensure a proper memorial service for Jose, Safeway employees along with South Lakes High School have joined together to raise funds for

the family. Signs are posted throughout the store to encourage shoppers to donate money and take a moment to honor the memory of young Jose.

So far, more than \$8,000 has been raised for the Villatoro family.

"The response has been unbelievable," says Lindsay Trout, assistant principal for the 11th grade at South Lakes. "The students, faculty and alumni have really pulled together. The South Lakes community is a

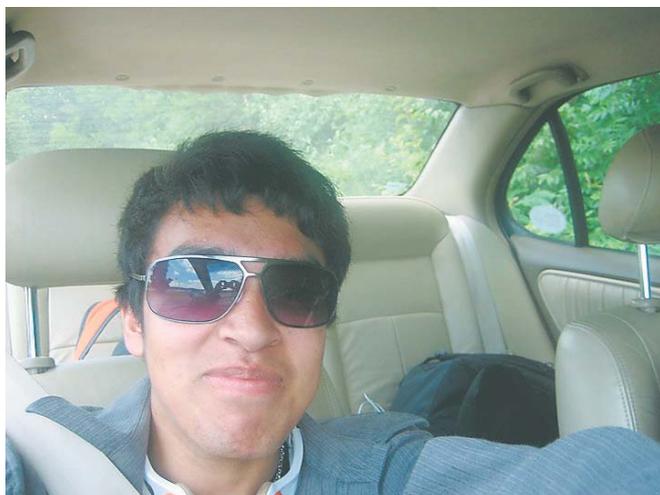
very rare group. It's family at its very best."

Trout worked with Jose throughout his junior year and, like all those who knew him, she had fond memories to share.

"He had a quiet, soft smile and very genuine way of being," said Trout. "He had a very peaceful soul. He was an outstanding young man who made quite an impression in his own, quiet way."

For more information on how to donate, contact David Schnoor at the Hunter's Woods Safeway, 2304 Hunter's Woods Plaza in Reston, (703) 716-4193.

**Jose Villatoro smiles in the car of a good friend, Erin McCann.**



This common area in Fox Mill Estates, located south of the intersection of Pinecrest Road and Viking Drive, is one of the areas where residents helped create a forest edge. The nearby bat houses were part of a separate project, but are also in line with the goals of a wildlife habitat, as bats help cut down on mosquitoes and other bugs.

## Fox Mill Estates Claims Sanctuary

Neighborhood has 54 acres of common area certified as wildlife sanctuary.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Herndon's Fox Mill Estates neighborhood has been recognized by the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia as an Audubon At Home Wildlife Sanctuary. Fifty-four of the neighborhood's 57 acres of common property meet the criteria.

The process began at a single home, when ASNV member Sheryl Pollock built a monarch butterfly sanctuary in her yard. The area was soon certified by the National Wildlife Foundation as a Monarch Wayside.

"I started keeping logs of the types of animals that came into my backyard, and noticed a lot of them came from the common areas," Pollock said. "I figured maybe we could put some of the same things I had in my yard in the common areas."

She coordinated with Lori Brown, treasurer of the Fox Mill Estates Homeowners Association, with whom Pollock often gardens with, and they began planning.

**THEY GOT IN TOUCH** with the ASNV, whose Wildlife Sanctuary program is designed to "provide information about creating a wildlife habitat on your

property," said Cliff Fairweather, a naturalist with the ASNV.

"The greatest opportunity to restore natural habitat is in our backyards, front yards, schools and common areas. That's a lot of land that can be used," Fairweather said. "It's something anybody can do, and you learn more over time."

The ASNV has trained "ambassadors," volunteers who come to houses to show people how they can turn their property into a wildlife sanctuary. They have identified 30 local, native species that benefit from increased habitat space, which offers them food, water, shelter, places to raise their young and space to live.

In order to be certified a habitat, an area must have at least 10 of the 30 species present. The list includes frogs, birds, snakes and insects as well as other types of animals.

Fox Mill Estates features the green frog, American Goldfinch, Carolina chickadee, Carolina wren, Cooper's hawk, Eastern bluebird, gray catbird, pileated woodpecker, great spangled fritillary and little brown bat, among others.

One of the major projects in the common areas was to extend the forest edge between

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# OPINION

## From Readers on School Board and Staff

Readers cite many examples: Community often feels shut out of process on key issues.

Many readers wrote in response to last week's editorial, "School Board Could Learn to Share." Along with numerous letters about the board vote to close Clifton Elementary, readers added to the list of school board and school staff decisions that left various members of the community feeling left out, confused and often angry.

About a year ago, frustrated leaders of multiple advocacy groups formed the Fairfax Education Coalition **EDITORIALS** fairfaxeducationcoalition.org, to address what they call a "disturbing trend: lack of transparency and accountability on the part of FCPS, no matter what the issue."

It isn't that the school board was necessarily wrong on all these issues. But consistently,

parents and others who are advocating for their communities, schools and interests feel that most members of the school board and some staff are not interested in community input, or in sharing the basis of their decisions.

Here are a few other concerns (in the words of readers for the most part):

❖ The decision to close Graham Road Elementary, moving to another building that was beyond walking distance for the community, creating barriers to what has been excellent community and parental involvement.

❖ The decision to buy the Gatehouse II building, an abuse of public trust that was vetoed by the Board of Supervisors. (Watch for a possible lease agreement that might circumvent current restrictions.)

❖ The decision to expand Langley High School even though South Lakes High School had capacity for those Reston students who go to Langley.

❖ The decision to forcibly redistrict Fox Mill Estates and Floris students from Oakton into South Lakes. This was done only after the Langley expansion was approved.

❖ Undermining efforts to have later high school start times by fanning the fears that the change would force the elimination of many sports and activities.

❖ "This is not just about one issue; rather there is a decidedly consistent pattern on the part of FCPS of shutting out the public in making decisions about our public schools."

Serving on the school board requires a massive commitment of time and effort for virtually no pay. No one makes this commitment without having the best interest of the schools as a whole at heart. But it is clearly time for some soul searching on the board about listening and responding to community concerns.

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We invite photos of your pets with you, your children or with whole family. We'll prefer photos that picture the pets with their humans.

We also invite children's artwork of their pets.

We also welcome short stories about your pet or your experiences with animals. Tell us a funny story, or explain how your pet helped you or a member of your family through a tough time. Tell us about how you came to adopt or rescue your pet. Tell us how your favorite places to go with your pet, or how you solved a particular challenge concerning your pet.

We haven't forgotten horses, fish, birds, rep-

tiles and amphibians, guinea pigs, hamsters, and other more unusual pets — we hope for photos about them all.

Be sure to identify the full names of everyone pictured in photos, include information such as breed and age of the pet and children pictured, and (very important) the community where you live. Please be sure to include address and phone number to be used for verification purposes only.

We prefer digital submissions. Please send in submissions as soon as possible, but at least before July 23. E-mail to PhotoOH@connectionnewspapers.com, and write "Pets" in the subject line. You can mail submissions to the Pet Connection, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## It Takes a Community

To the Editor:

On behalf of the senior families at Herndon High School, the All Night Grad Committee would like to thank the many organizations, businesses and individuals for their part in making the All Night Grad Celebration a tremendous success. In particular, we'd like to recognize the Town of Herndon, the Herndon Chamber of Commerce and the Herndon Optimist Club for their many, many years of support for the Herndon High School All Night Grad Parties. Many local businesses and organizations also donated money, food and items for our celebration. This support sends a clear message that the Herndon community is behind our newly graduated young adults, and provides them with a thrilling night of good, clean fun.

In addition to the many busi-

nesses that made the celebration such a huge success, there were many volunteers who were also an important part of the celebration. Without the help of many senior parents (and their extended families), junior parents, sophomore parents and even a few freshman parents, we could not have provided all of the entertainment, activities, and food that the kids enjoyed all night long. However, I'm sure most of the volunteers would agree that it was worth the late hours just to see the sheer joy on the kids' faces as they enjoyed their party.

There were a total of 330 graduates who attended the celebration on June 22-23 at the Herndon Community Center. Thanks to the Herndon Community Center for their hospitality in hosting our celebration. With the outstanding support of our community, we were able to distribute over \$20,000 in cash and prizes to the attendees. The night's activities included many inflatable games

such as a surf machine, bungee run and coconut climb; caricature artists and photo and video opportunities, and a casino run by the Herndon Optimist Club. Every student attending received a door prize, and all had the opportunity to exchange "casino cash" for prizes or take their chances to win more or lose it all in the casino. There was food all night and fun for all. The celebration concluded with acclaimed illusionist Alain Nu, followed by our Grand Prize drawings, which included prizes such as iPods, game systems, concert tickets and even a few laptop computers.

It is exciting to see the community come together to support our young adults as they end one phase of their life and begin a new one. Herndon's All Night Graduation Celebrations have been around for over 20 years. The importance of providing a safe, alcohol and drug free environment for our graduating seniors to celebrate

has never diminished. We are grateful that the Herndon community embraces this celebration every year and supports it with enthusiasm. You are never too young or too old to support the graduating class. Those of you with younger children, one day it will be your year and you too will be glad to have the support of this community. If you are not familiar with the All Night Grad Celebration, I encourage you to visit our website to learn more and to see the many businesses and individuals who supported the Class of 2010 All Night Grad Party. (www.herndonang.org). The HHS ANG Celebration could only have been made possible with the support and interest of the Herndon community, and we thank each and every one of you.

**Leslie Petty & Lisa Fagan**  
Herndon High School Class of 2010  
All Night Grad Co-Chairs

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the post of vice mayor. Merkel received the highest number of votes during the May 4 election.

A resident of Herndon since 2002 and a resident of Northern Virginia since 1996, Merkel is serving her first term on the Town Council. She has participated in the Citizen's Planning Academy, the Downtown Master Plan Citizens Advisory Group and was appointed by Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) to represent the Town of Herndon on the Dranesville District Area Plans Review Task Force in 2009.

For more information, visit the town's website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

## Dulles Regional Chamber Welcomes New Chairman

Bill Lauer, principal of TETRA Partners, Inc. in Reston, has been named chairman of the Dulles Regional Chamber's Board of Directors for 2010-11. He was elected at the Chamber's annual meeting July 7 before an audience of 150 attendees.

Lauer, a native Washingtonian, has a long history of community service, including having served as president of the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, Commercial Real Estate Development Association, Lions Club, and director of Reston Interfaith and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

Also elected at the Chamber's annual meeting were Vice Chairman Kirk Forman of Fairway Independent Mortgage; Secretary Debra Biely of Monticello Capital; Treasurer Eileen Kennedy of Middleburg Bank; and Friday Night Live! VP Doug Downer of HRI Associates.

The membership also elected the following for three-year terms to the Board of Directors: Wanda Alexander, Horizon Consulting; Debra Biely, Monticello Capital; Amy Brandts, Symphony Financial; Robert Cramp, Sandy Spring Bank; Kristina Bouweiri, Reston Limousine Service; Dave Cordingley, G&G, Ltd.; Georgia Graves, Bridgman Communications; Richard Holzheimer, Reed Smith; Paul Karstetter, Stitely & Karstetter, CPAs; Regan Linke, Westfields Marriott; Teddy Riche, Inova Hospital Fair Oaks; Robbin Shefski, InSphere Insurance Solutions; Pat Williams, GraceFul Care; and Ed Zigo, Clarke-Hook Corporation.

## Neighbors Take Stewardship Role

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the woods and the grass. They cleared space at the edge and planted trees such as red-buds and dogwoods.

"ASNV recommended that we create a buffer area of small trees and shrubs between our woodlands and the open, mowed areas of the common land," Brown said. "The natural character of our common areas are an important part of our community's appeal."

Pollock noticed "the woods' edges were covered in honeysuckle and poison ivy, which are invasive plants. We wanted to plant some berry bushes there that would attract some wildlife."

Around 20 residents came out to work on the three main common areas in the neighborhood and they had a landscape company rid the edges of the invasive plants.

"We were worried about the seedlings getting wrapped up by those plants," Pollock said.

"I think the community felt like this was something they all had a part in making, not just something the Homeowners Association did. A good way to notice what's around us is to start in our own yards."

**THE PROGRAM** was started by the ASNV this spring, and it has already named 14 properties and more than 100 acres as wildlife habitats.

"We can provide advice and guidance, but we really need people to take it and run with it," Fairweather said. "We can get people out, to get hands-on learning about the environment, and we hope it leads to people taking a stewardship role. It's not a new concept, we're just going about it in a more scientifically advanced way."

For more information, contact Fairweather at 703-438-6025, or at [cliff@audubonva.org](mailto:cliff@audubonva.org). Information about the ASNV is available at [www.audubonva.org](http://www.audubonva.org).

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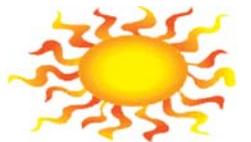
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Joey Truncale as Renn and Evi Dobbs as Ariel play the lead roles in the Herndon High School's summer production of a musical 'Footloose.'

## 'Footloose' at Herndon High

Last summer, Herndon High School drama boosters decided to begin the tradition of hosting a summer theater that would include students in grades seven through graduating seniors and invite students from all area schools to try out. Last year, students from six area schools performed the musical "Grease" and filled the auditorium.

This year, they will be performing the musical "Footloose." The male lead is Joey Truncale, the 2010 recipient of the HHS graduating class faculty award and a

Cappies nominee. The participants are from five area schools: Herndon High, South Lakes High, Westfield High, Herndon Middle and Langston Hughes Middle schools. The cast will be performing during intermission at Friday Night Live in Herndon on Friday, July 16.

"Footloose" performances will be Thursday, July 29; Friday, July 30; and Saturday, July 31; at 7:30 p.m. at the Herndon High School auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at herndonhighschool.org. All tickets are \$10.

### MILITARY NOTES

**U.S. Army Captain Kenneth A. Ward** has returned from his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. While there, Ward earned a Bronze Star for meritorious command in wartime, as well as an Air Medal for meritorious flying in combat. He is assigned to the 82nd Aviation Brigade, based at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Ward is married to Valerie Mahr Ward, formerly of Chantilly, and is the son of Jonathan and Jane Ward of Reston and Cindy and Alvin Glatkowski of Duck, N.C.

Air Force Airman **Javier Beltran** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Beltran completed

training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. He is the son of Roxey Beltran of Winterthur Lane in Reston.

**Air Force Airman Desiree E. Bohorques** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Timothy Bohorques of Rickwood Drive, Pensacola, Fla., and niece of Bonnie Cullen of Crescent Park Drive, Reston. Bohorques is a 2009 graduate of West Florida High School, Pensacola.

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**Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-

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**Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods.** Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Synetic Family Theater: Cowardly Christopher Finds His Courage, 11:15 a.m. Steve Roslonek: Stevesongs. Free workshops reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).  
**The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Dixieland Band.** 7:30 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Free. 703-324-7469 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance).

## Theatre-in-the-Woods Kicks Off Season

Shows change weekly, two programs per morning.

By DONNA MANZ

THE CONNECTION

Tucked away in the woods of Wolf Trap is a stage and seating surrounded by large mature shade trees. A special concert setting for a special audience — children. On June 29, Wolf Trap's aptly-named Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods kicked off the summer season with Dinorock and the Great Dinosaur Mystery and Hayes Greenfield's Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz. With clear blue skies the first full week, nature could not have served up a more perfect ambience.

Each weekday morning features two performances by different artists who appear at the same time Tuesday through Saturday. From June 29-July 3, Dinorock played and sang and acted out a dinosaur skit in the 10 a.m. slot, while Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz pulled youngsters into the world of jazz, inviting them onstage to close out the act.

**SONGS** like "Extinction Stinks" gently made the point of the Great Dinosaur Mystery, which was, "protect the earth."

**Marty Nau Quartet.** 7 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. Jazz bebop. [www.mseproductions.com](http://www.mseproductions.com).

**OK Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. East of Eden by John Steinbeck. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**ESL Beginners.** 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. Adults. 703-689-2700.

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Storytime and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-689-2700.

**America's Got Talent finalist Drew Stevyns.** 9 p.m. Paolo's, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. 703-318-8920 or [www.paolosristorante.com](http://www.paolosristorante.com).

#### FRIDAY/JULY 16

**NSO at Wolf Trap: West Side Story & More.** 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Emil de Cou, conductor, with Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Gounod and Bernstein. Tickets \$20-\$52. 877-WOLFRAP or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

#### SATURDAY/JULY 17

**Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods.** Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Synetic Family Theater: Cowardly Christopher Finds His Courage, 11:15 a.m. Steve Roslonek: Stevesongs. Free workshops reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).  
**Caribbean Spice and Jambulay.** 7:30 p.m. at the Reston Town Center, 1760 Reston Parkway, Reston. Reggae, calypso and Afro-beat. [www.restontowncenter.com](http://www.restontowncenter.com).  
**Author Trevor Owens.** 2 p.m. at Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Author book signing of "Fairfax County." [www.RestonMuseum.org](http://www.RestonMuseum.org).  
**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.  
**NSO at Wolf Trap: Idina Menzel & Marvin Hamlisch.** 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$20-\$52. 877-WOLFRAP or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).  
**Bobbe Shore Jazz Combo.** 8:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Reston Town Center, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. Every Saturday through Oct. 703-925-8250.  
**The Young at Heart Show.** 7:30 p.m. at Café Montmartre, 1625 Washington Plaza North, Lake Anne, Reston. Dance to music from the 1930s-1980s. 703-904-8080.

"It was really cool," said 6-year-old William Norberg of the Great Dinosaur Mystery. "I liked when we found out what the mystery was."

William had a recommendation for protecting the environment, too. "Don't throw garbage on the floor. Throw it in the garbage can," he said.

Lucy Pekatatos came all the way from Greece with her daughter Alexandra for Saturday's show. OK, she actually came to spend a month with her mother in Fairfax with her family, but bringing Alexandra to Wolf Trap was a treat outside the typical for Pekatatos.

"Just being outside makes this special," Pekatatos said. "Coming from a city, just being in this natural environment ... it's a perfect place to send the message to protect the environment."

Out of three dinosaur eggshells hatched three blue puppet triceratops, bringing howls of laughter from the younger children in the audience. A coded message, "learn from the past," was written inside the shells.

From prehistoric creature to prehistoric creature came mysterious "messages." Dr. Vander Plastercaster, pretend-museum scientist, and Det. Kafootsie de-



PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Seating in the shaded, rustic Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods usually fills up. Advance purchase is recommended, although tickets may be bought at meadow kiosk, as well.

### Theatre-in-the-Woods at a Glance

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Two performances by different artists each morning; programs run Tuesday through Saturday and change weekly. Tickets: \$8 for one show; \$10 for both shows on the same day. No charge for children under age three. Tickets for performances may be purchased at the meadow kiosk or in advance by phone at 877-wolftrap or online at [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org). Performance series runs through Aug. 14. See [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org) for calendar.

scribed, in song, how a scientist is a detective, too.

Five-and-6-year-olds had little trouble understanding the message of the Great Dinosaur Mystery, and the youngest ones appeared to be engaged by the puppetry and song.

"It was very cool," said Alexandra, the little girl from Greece. "I liked it when they found the eggs and made together the whole story. Put trash in the right place because an animal can eat

the trash and get hurt."

Charlie Logman, 6, whose family moved to Vienna from Connecticut two weeks ago, also said that "you shouldn't throw stuff where it doesn't belong."

Many families stayed for the second show, Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz, and Greenfield, with his sax and rugged earthy voice, interacted congenially with the children in the audience. Jazz, said Greenfield, is nourishment for the soul.



**Bobbe Shore Jazz Combo performs at the Market Street Bar & Grill in the Hyatt at Reston Town Center, every Saturday from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.**

**French Classics Cooking Class.** 10 a.m. at Mon Ami Gabi, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Executive Chef Martin Ticar with vichyssoise, grilled lamb T-bones with ratatouille & salsa verde and more. \$50. Register at 703-707-0233. [www.monamigabi.com](http://www.monamigabi.com)

**Rocknoceros.** 11-11:45 a.m. Reston Town Square Park, 11900 Market St., Reston. Songs by Coach Cotton, Williebob and Boogie Woogie Bernie.



Michael and Andrea Logman and their children David and Charlie moved to Vienna two weeks ago and put Wolf Trap on the top of their to-do list. Michael Logman was impressed by the environment and atmosphere of the Theatre-in-the-Woods.

When invited onstage, the children couldn't wait. Or, maybe, it was the parents who couldn't wait. In either case, many stars were born during Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz.

"I would definitely come back," said William Norberg's mother, June. "I love the trees, the shade, the length of the program, the interaction with the audience and the music."

"It's perfect for this age group."

**DINOSAURS,** said Dr. Vander Plastercaster, ruled the earth for millions of years. "It's now our turn, so don't blow it."

Perennial performance favorites Robbie Schaefer singing Songs for Kids Like Us, Steve Roslonek with Stevesongs and Rocknoceros Paint-

ing the Town PINK! return in what are usually week-long sold-out shows. Wolf Trap's Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods calendar is at [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org). Summer programming runs through Aug. 14.

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Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts is located at 1551 Trap Road off Beulah and Old Courthouse roads in Vienna. Follow the downhill path through the meadow to the Theatre-in-the-

Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Music for kids. Free. [www.restontowncenter.com](http://www.restontowncenter.com).

#### TUESDAY/JULY 20

**Paul Taylor Dance Company.** 8:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$38 in-house, \$10 lawn. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods.** Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Diane Macklin: Animal Tail Tales, 11:15 a.m. Music with the Milkshake Trio. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Blue Sky Puppet Theater.** 10 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Puppets. Free. 703-324-7469 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance).

**Brain Benders.** 2:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. See everyday objects through scientific eyes. Age 6-12. 703-242-4020.

**ESL Advanced.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. Adults. 703-689-2700.

#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 21

**The Go-Go's.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$54-\$471. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Mr. Knick Knack Children's Performance.** 10:30 a.m. Reston



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# SPORTS



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**Swimming alone? Well not exactly, as Emily Landeryou of Glade far outdistances her competition in the Girls 9-10 Freestyle. Emily has broken five separate records this season and has the fastest times in all of RSTA in her age category for freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke.**

## Rain Can't Stop RSTA Swimmers

**S**aturday morning, July 10 brought long sought rain to Northern Virginia. But on a day more suited to ducks than people, RSTA swimmers continued to do what they do best — swim.

“We get wet anyway, so what does the rain matter?” was the prevailing sentiment from the hundreds of swimmers who showed up for Saturday’s meet.

And swim they did. In spite of the inclement weather, two more pool records were broken. In the boys’ 15-18, 50-meter backstroke, Christian Matthews of Newbridge broke his old record of 30.35 with a new time of 30.32. Sophia Landeryou of Glade smashed the girls’ 8- and-under 25-freestyle record with a time of 17.86, easily surpassing the old record of 19.00 set by MacKenzie Evans back in 2004.

Scores and summaries of Saturday’s meets:

❖ Lake Audubon Barracudas 359, Autumnwood Piranhas 211 - For Lake Audubon, double event winners were Alissa Avilov, Winston Evans, Sabrina Groves, John Hughes and Michael McHugh. For Autumnwood, double event winners were Abby Freeman, Megan Overton and Max B. Wilson.

❖ Lake Newport Lightning 504, Glade Gators, 460 - For Lake Newport, triple event winners were Conor McLaughlin and Andrew Shedlock. Double event winners were Kevin Baldwin, Jack Edgemon, Jessica Keys, Jimmy Keys, Ryan McLaughlin, Riley O’Donovan, Anna Redican, Katie Storch, Sally Storch, Christian Vagonis and Matthew Williams.

Glade triple event winners were Alec Brown and Emily Landeryou. Double event winners were



**Devia McPherson of the Glade Gator swim team competes in the girls’ 11-12 butterfly competition last Saturday.**



**Emmalynn Barlow of Glade competes in the girls’ 11-12 butterfly competition last Saturday.**

Hannah Becker, Katheryn Becker, Stefanie Brown, Andrew Draganov, Tyler Ellis, Sophia Landeryou, Monica Lannen and Ryan Tiller.

❖ Newbridge Dolphins 624, Lake Anne Stingrays 452 - For Newbridge, triple event winners were Celia Compton, Emma Grossback, Megan Slater, Grant Tremaine and Jade Wang. Double event winners were John Baldwin, Maura Burke, Shannon Burke, Annie Carro, Martha Carro, Eric Compton, Christian Kalinowski, Juliet Masschelin, Christian Matthews, James R. Meikle, Andrew Miner, William Miner, Abby D. Panneck, Joseph Sgambati and

Julia Springfield.

❖ For Lake Anne, triple event winners were Devin Conley and Tope Oladimeji. Double event winners were Arianna Barkhordari, Sarah Davidson, Tamar Dayian, Patrick Fouse, Colin Hagerup, Sophie Hartmann and Greg Mayo.

❖ North Hill Hurricanes 441, Hunters Woods Blue Marlins 358 - For North Hills, double event winners were Michelle Boone, Courtner Clark, Anna Dlott, Max Kwartin, Joseph Livaudais, Anna Seitz, Katherine Swarts, Rachel Swarts and Grace Tierney. For Hunters Woods double event winners were Philip Pan, Carolyn Qu, Michael Qu and Sean Shada.



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**Amanda Steinhagen of Oak Hill with the Kohler Trophy after winning the 85th Virginia Women’s Amateur Championship on July 9.**

## Amanda Steinhagen Wins State Golf Title

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN  
THE CONNECTION

**A**manda Steinhagen versus Lauren Greenlief is a golf matchup with a long history, one that covers junior, high school and women’s tournaments. The latest installment in the rivalry was the final match in the 2010 Virginia Women’s Amateur Championship.

Steinhagen, 18 and a June graduate of Oakton High, won the title with a 2 and 1 victory over Greenlief. An Oakton graduate and a rising junior at the University of Virginia, Greenlief recently won her second straight Virginia Women’s Amateur Stroke Play. The Virginia State Golf Association offers women’s championships in both medal and match play.

The long-time friends played through the intense heat at the Glenmore Club in Kestwick during the medal qualifying and early match play rounds. They met in the finals on July 9 in a back-and-forth, 18-hole match that featured 10 birdies be-

tween them. Steinhagen collected five between holes 6 and 17, but Greenlief, a member of the U.Va. golf team, fought her way back to a two-hole deficit on the 17th tee.

After a wayward tee shot, Steinhagen put her approach to within 18 feet of the cup. After Greenlief missed her 25-foot birdie attempt, Steinhagen stoked her putt to kick-in distance. The half gave her the match and the championship.

“With all of those birdies, I can’t even describe the back nine. It was just awesome,” said Steinhagen. “There was so much adrenaline going through my body. I just wanted to stay consistent and not have any mess-up holes.”

“I’m happy with how I played and this is my favorite event,” Greenlief said. “I wish I would’ve made a couple more putts, and I wish I could’ve taken back a couple of shots, but it’s always that way with golf.”

Steinhagen will attend Longwood University this fall on a golf scholarship.

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# COMMUNITY



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## Herndon Hosts Olympics

**O**n Friday, July 9, the 31st Herndon Olympics took place at the Kingston Chase Pool. The event was hosted by the King Chase Fighters and the Herndon Community Center Halibuts.

Top swimmers from nine Herndon pools participated: Herndon Rec, Fox Mill Estates, Hunter's Creek, Four Seasons, Reflections, Hiddenbrook, Kingstream, Kingston Chase, and the Herndon Community Center. The teams competed in the four basic strokes as well as different relay events.

Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis and Del. Tom Rust (R-86) were the guest speakers for the Herndon Olympics. "The Herndon Olympics is a great Herndon tradition, one that helps contribute to building a healthy Herndon community," said DeBenedittis. He added that swimming is a big deal in Herndon, a life skill, and a chance to compete not with others, but yourself. He introduced U.S. Olympians Josh Davis and Lacey Nymeyer, who encouraged swimming and spoke about their experiences at previous Olympics.

Davis and Nymeyer conducted an Olympic Swim Clinic at the

**Supporters of nine different Herndon swimming teams cheer on their team at the 2010 Herndon Olympics.**



**U.S. Olympians Lacey Nymeyer and Josh Davis with the Olympics sign at the 2010 Herndon Olympics on Friday at the Kingston Chase Pool.**



**U.S. Olympians Josh Davis and Lacey Nymeyer show Mayor Stephen DeBenedittis and his wife the medals they won at 'real Olympic Games.'**

Kingston Chase Pool on Thursday, July 8, for a group of young Herndon Olympians. For more information about future events, competitions, and competition re-

sults at the Kingston Chase Pool, visit [www.kchoa.org/pooltennis.htm](http://www.kchoa.org/pooltennis.htm).

— AMIR NOORBAKSH



**LINK President Linda Keefer with Herndon Hawks.**

## Herndon Hawks Baseball Team 'Gives Back to Community'

The Herndon Hawks 11U Travel Baseball Team recently gave a portion of its fund-raising proceeds to benefit the local LINK Food Pantry. On June 28, the Hawks players presented Linda Keefer, LINK president, with a check for \$250 along with many bags of food.

"It's not just about baseball, it's also about giving back to the community," said team manager Shawn Boynton.

LINK ([www.linkagainsthunger.org](http://www.linkagainsthunger.org)) provides emergency food and financial assistance to people in need in the Herndon, Sterling and Ashburn com-

munities. LINK volunteers do all the work, and most goods are received from donations.

The 2010 Hawks players are AC Boynton, Connor Broussard, Spencer Buehler, Matthew Clayton, Matthew House, Alex Hurd, Matthew Knox, Jacob Molland, Jake Peterson, Luke Stievater and Kyle Weisbaum. Along with manager Boynton, the assistant coaches are RJ House, John Broussard and Len Hurd. The Hawks are sponsored by Al's Towing, Renewal by Andersen and Omia's Grille.

### FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [herndon@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:herndon@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday.*

**The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA** will host its 62nd Annual Convention from Friday, July 16-Sunday, July 18 at Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Over 5,000 delegates are expected to celebrate 90 years of preaching Islam in the US. On Saturday, July 17, a 3:30 p.m. session will honor civic, state, federal and international dignitaries and address the question: Are Muslims required to obey non-Muslim Governments? Naseem Mahdi, National Vice President and Missionary In-Charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, will speak. The public is invited. 571-482-9018 or [convention@amcfairfax.org](mailto:convention@amcfairfax.org).

**Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation** invites prospective members to an ice cream social at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25 at 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Tour the temple and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Meet Rabbi Michael Holzman, Cantor Irena Altshul, Director of Education Moshe Ben-Lev, Administrator Fay Weiss and Temple leaders. Learn about NVHC and its programs. Families welcome. 703-437-7733 or [www.nvhcreston.org](http://www.nvhcreston.org).

**Hope Fellowship Church** will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday Worship Services for this new Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a growing Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or [www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org](http://www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org).

Knitters needed the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 7 p.m., at

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. E-mail [shawl@saint-timothys.org](mailto:shawl@saint-timothys.org) or visit the Pastoral Care page at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

Nondenominational **Christian businessmen** meet for prayer, Biblical discussion and fellowship 7 p.m. Fridays at Anita's, 1051 Elden St., Herndon and 12 p.m. Thursdays at 555 Grove St., Suite 200, Herndon. Call 703-795-1257.

**Adult Sunday school** will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

**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](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration 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](http://www.meditation-dc.org).

**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](http://ShalomDC.org).

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## NEWS



From left, Katie Skudlarek lines up her putt while Mary Domes, Chris Domes, Brenna Gelen and Maggie Gelen watch on at the eighth hole of Woody's 'Perils of the Lost Jungle.'

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THE CONNECTION

# Woody's Turns 30

After 30 years, nothing is sub-par about Woody's Golf Range.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

In 1955, 3-year-old Woody FitzHugh visited Disneyland and was enchanted by the animatronics featured throughout the park. In the ensuing decades, FitzHugh discovered other passions — most notably golf — but the Disney experience stayed with him. He toured with the PGA from 1980-82, and won the Virginia State Open three times.

In 1980, his passion for golf led him to open Woody's Golf Range in Herndon. Thirty years later, Woody's has added battling cages, a pro shop and expanded its driving range.

By his own admission, FitzHugh tended to be "kind of a workaholic." He spent much of the range's first two years working 70-hour weeks, seven days a week.

"It just feels really good to work, my wife has always said I'm happiest while working hard," he said.

IT'S THE MINI-GOLF course, "The Perils of the Lost Jungle" that FitzHugh has expended most of his energy on in recent years.

"We started with an animatronic alligator in 2002, and ever since then it's been a fun project that we've continued to improve," FitzHugh said. "I think we're really onto something as far as family entertainment. Most mini-golf is just concrete and carpet, but we've got a mini-golf adventure."

FitzHugh is correct in calling the course an adventure. Prospective explorers/golfers are given their passport at the pro shop, where they are warned that the jungle they are about to enter has been



Lucas Landry, 7, lines up his putt on the first hole at 'The Perils of the Lost Jungle' mini-golf course at Woody's Golf Range. The course features animatronic animals and people throughout its 18 holes, and warns golfers/adventurers 'no one has ever gotten out alive.'

closed since the 1940s, and that "no one has gotten out alive" since.

"It's a really fun course," said Mary Domes, who has been coming to Woody's for years. "We come every year in the summer, it's kind of our tradition. And every year it gets better and better."

The course has been rated nationwide as one of the top five courses to play on, and they were even recognized by Newsweek three years ago.

It's still a work in progress, as FitzHugh wants to complete the story at the 18th hole, which he is currently working on.

"It's like a Disney ride you can walk through, but right now the

story has no end," he said.

FitzHugh is still influenced by the Disney business model, just this year he took his entire staff to the Disney Institute in order to learn better customer service.

"It's been a great experience working here, the jungle theme is a cool one, it's one of the best mini-golf courses I've ever seen," said Natalie Ocel, who has worked at Woody's since March. "Sometimes the little kids come dressed up like Indiana Jones, it's really cute."

THE RANGE itself has evolved into a golfer's paradise, with new facilities designed to help improve anyone's game. The range has a high-speed camera for analyzing technique and offers custom club measurement and other analytics to help lower that golf score.

"We're now aiming towards the golfer that wants to get better, because if you want to get better, you'll be practicing more."

FitzHugh is almost always there to make sure the facilities are living up to his namesake. On any given day, he can be found mowing grass, or slogging around in wet shoes after doing some maintenance on the pond. He also directs, edits and performs in the "Tweak of the Week," a weekly video series on their website where he answers questions and demonstrates certain techniques.

He doesn't put in the long hours he used to though, as FitzHugh enjoys spending time with his family. He and his wife just celebrated their 35th anniversary, and they have three daughters.

"It's been a lot of fun. I enjoy working, I enjoy meeting people and I've made some good friends in this business," he said.

Woody's Golf Range is located at 11801 Leesburg Pike in Herndon, and can be found online at [www.woodysgolf.com](http://www.woodysgolf.com).