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Heidi Kallet, whose Vienna-based Dandelion Patch has grown to four stores, received the Leadership Fairfax Corporate Leadership Award on Nov. 6. The store stocks gifts and accessories that mark milestones in people's lives.

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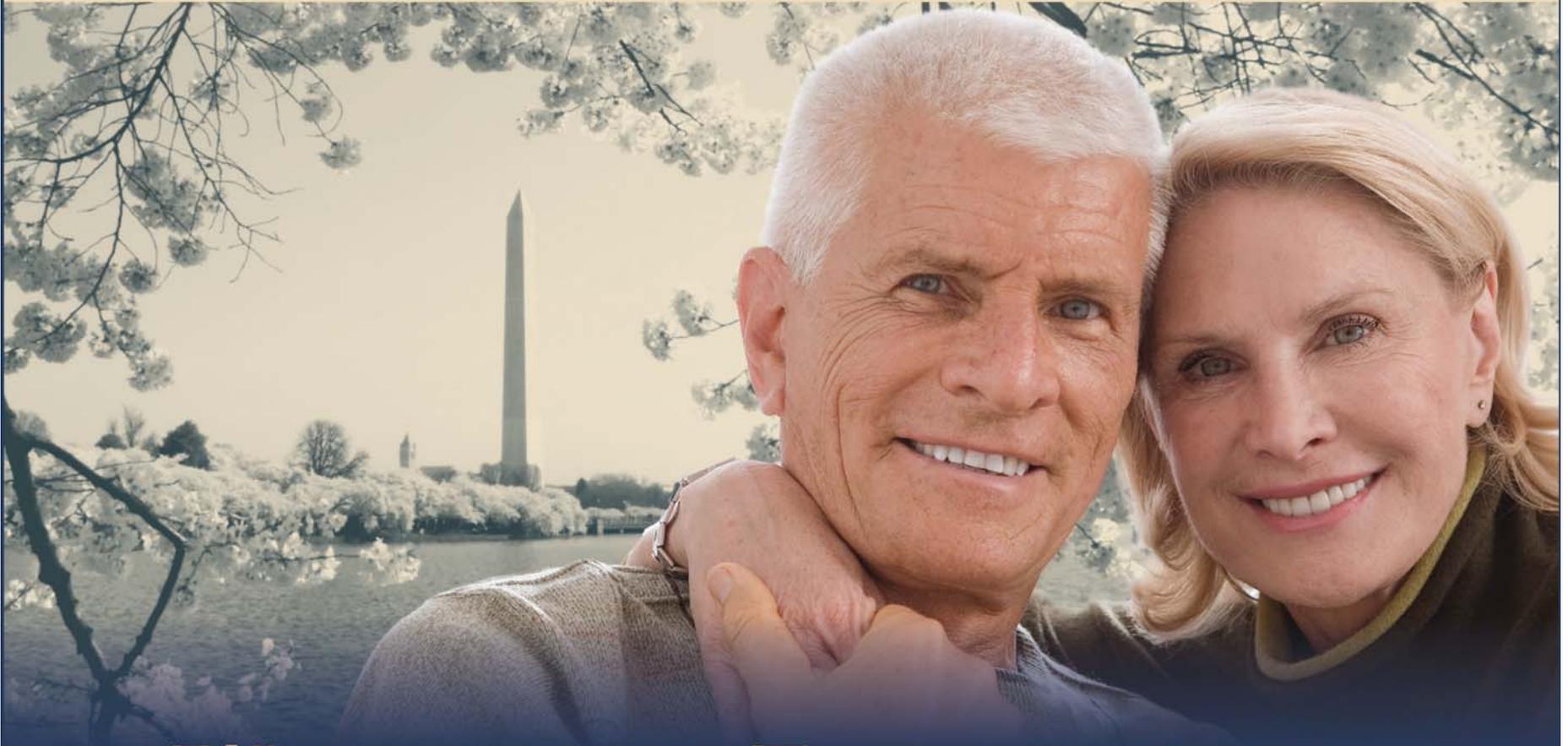
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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) hugs his wife Cathy.



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Connolly Wins By Less Than Half A Percent

Fimian concedes race one week after election.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax resident Laura Roberson did not have a tough time figuring out who to support in Virginia's 11th Congressional District race on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Standing outside her polling place at Robinson Secondary School on election day, Roberson said she didn't have to hear much more about Republican candidate Keith Fimian than his comments about the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings.

Fimian had said some victims' deaths might have been avoided if some students had been "packing heat," a reference to carrying a firearm on campus. He later apologized for the comment, saying it was a poor choice of words.

But Roberson, who was a freshman at university where shootings took place, was already angry at the candidate.

"I heard some comments that one of the candidates made about Virginia Tech, and I decided to come and vote for the other guy. I am fairly anti-gun" said Roberson, who does not typically vote in lower profile elections, such as this year's race.

Roberson found out about Fimian's gaffe on the local news, though U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) supporters also seized on the Republican's misstep to take one final swipe at Fimian. Just a few days before the election, a group advocating gun control from outside Virginia started running television spots featuring family members of Virginia Tech victim and Westfield High School graduate Reema Samaha, highlighting Fimian's "packing heat" comment.

SUCH MISTAKES could have made a big difference in a political race where the Democratic incumbent won by only half a percentage point.

A ballot review following the election determined that Connolly received 968 more votes than Fimian



'I would rather be out here with you, than watching the monitors in my office,' Republican Keith Fimian tells the crowd at his election night party at the Mason Inn Hotel in Fairfax.

Fimian Congratulates Connolly

A week after election, on Tuesday, Nov. 9, Keith Fimian announced that "after much discussion with friends and supporters," he has decided not to pursue a recount "and not to further investigate possible discrepancies in the election results."

"Therefore I congratulate Congressman Connolly on his victory and send him good wishes as he moves forward to do the people's business. For me, today is the end of this campaign - Fimian said in a statement released Tuesday.

He stated that the election in Virginia's 11th congressional district was one of the closest in the nation: Over 220,000 votes were cast, and less than 1,000 votes separate the two candidates.

"Under Virginia law, I can request a recount after Nov. 22. The Commonwealth of Virginia will conduct another canvass of the election results before that. If the results change significantly, I hold open the option of revisiting my decision." - Fimian said.

in the election. Overall, approximately 465,000 ballots were cast in the race.

Three other candidates - Independent Chris DeCarlo, Libertarian David Dotson and Independent Green David William Gillis - earned a little over 4,000 votes collectively, far greater than the margin that separated Connolly and Fimian.

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Holiday stock has arrived at The Dandelion Patch. Steinbach nutcrackers from Germany and ByersChoice handmade wooden collectibles make unusual gifts.

Businesswoman Receives Leadership Award

Heidi Kallet's Dandelion Patch now numbers four stores.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

When Heidi Kallet purchased The Dandelion Patch in 2005, she was not entering into a hobby. Armed with a marketing degree and tenure as president of the Junior League of Northern Virginia, Kallet had organizational prowess and drive. What she wanted was not an ordinary gift shop, but a shop that sold gifts, accessories and wedding invitations that reflected the giver or sender's personality.

The shop on Church Street specializes in stationery and invitations and people come from outside Vienna to consult with staff. From that single shop that started out on Mill Street, Kallet has planted her own kind of dandelions in Reston, Leesburg and Georgetown. She stands out for her leadership skills and philanthropic agenda. For the latter, Heidi Kallet was awarded the 2010 Leadership Fairfax Inc. Corporate Leadership Award.

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of The Dandelion Patch, Kallet and her staff looked for

a single nonprofit to support, raising \$15,000 over 15 months.

"As a group, we wanted to commit to a single nonprofit for 15 months and make a significant financial impact," said Kallet. "But we also wanted to raise the profile of that organization. With 30,000 customers in our database, we wanted to leverage the database."

In December, Kallet will present a check in that amount to Childhelp, a nationwide nonprofit service organization that addresses and serves the needs of abused and neglected children. Childhelp operates a residential safe-place for children in Culpeper.

"One of the reasons I was so excited about owning a business is that philanthropy is very much a part of who I am," said Kallet. "If I continue to grow the business, it gives me a larger platform in which to give."

KALLET CHOSE to open her flagship store in Vienna because she and her family, husband and two children, were living

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Karaoke Like It's 1944

Dulles Heroes' Welcome hosts WW II-style canteen to benefit Honor Flight Network at American Legion.

BY DONNA MANZ
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Vienna's American Legion hall turns into a World War II era "stage door canteen" on Saturday night, Nov. 13, as Heroes' Welcome raises funds to support the nation's Honor Flight Network. The motif of the public benefit, called "World War II Karaoke Idol and Dance," brings together period décor, music popular during WW II, stage sets, and snacks that would have been served in those 1940s canteens. The karaoke contest, judged à la American Idol-style, is a nod to the popularity of modern television programming.

Open to the public, the stage door canteen begins its staging in the parking lot where WW II vehicles sit. Re-enactors patrol the checkpoints, checking IDs. At the foyer, guests enter through a military tent, where men are handed draft registration cards and women ration cards. When filled out, the cards are dropped into a door-prize bucket.

The first 197 guests who enter receive custom-made Heroes' Welcome Honor Flight dog tags as mementos.

"We want everyone to have a fabulous evening because it's going to be so much fun," said Janet Renner, fundraising chair of Heroes' Welcome. "What better way to spend a fun-filled evening than to support this generation of heroes while doing so?"

The World War II Memorial was completed 60 years after the war ended when the veterans of that war were already aging. Medical conditions and lack of funds prevented many of those veterans from visiting the memorial until Heroes' Welcome stepped in with its Honor Flight program. The program is funded by private donations and coordinated by volunteers. Companions accompany veterans who need assistance with mobility. Veterans pay nothing for their trip. Honor Flight Network takes care of all their expenses, from airfare to local transportation.

The Honor Flight Network is trying to bring 25,000 WW II veterans to visit the Memorial next year. The country loses approximately 1,000 of them a day.

"For every \$105 we raise, it helps to get a local veteran to Washington before it's too late," Renner said.



Janet Renner and Lona Ichikawa of Heroes' Welcome and the Auxiliary of American Legion Post 180 plan the first-ever 'World War II Karaoke Idol and Dance,' a 1940s stage door canteen. The WW II-themed karaoke contest, on Nov. 13, is open to the public.

it to the Nov. 13 canteen, the setting will bring back wartime memories.

White butcher block paper lines the tables and WW II photo scenes lay across that. Parachute or camouflage netting drapes from the ceiling and WW II posters are spread over the walls. The large hall, holding 250 seated at tables, has dedicated areas named after WW II movies.

The buffet table is set up under the banner of "Battle of the Bulge." Service flags of the military's branches hang there.

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Accidental Oakton Garage/House Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a garage fire Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at 8:05 p.m. in the Oakton area of Fairfax County. The structure is located at 3215 Foxvale Drive.

Firefighters encountered a semi-attached three-car garage fully involved with fire upon arrival. Fire crews quickly attacked the fire that was spreading from between the attached breezeway of the garage and the two-story house. Firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading to the entire house while conducting a search for the occupants. There was some fire extension to the second floor of the home. There were also two vehicles inside the garage that were destroyed. The fire was brought under control in approximately 20 minutes. Four adults, two children, and three dogs escaped unharmed. Red Cross assistance was declined. It is unknown if smoke alarms alerted the occupants.

Damage is estimated at \$225,000.

According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental. The brakes on one of the vehicles parked inside the garage caused the fire.

Holiday Stroll Returns Nov. 29

The Church Street Holiday Stroll will be held on Monday, Nov. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. along Vienna's Historic Church Street. Co-sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., the Town's Department of Parks & Recreation and the merchants of Church Street, this annual event has become the kick-off event to Vienna's holiday season. The street will close to vehicular traffic at 6 p.m., Santa will arrive at 6:30 to help Mayor Seeman light the tree and will then greet young visitors on the front porch of the Freeman House. There will be a petting zoo and supervised bonfires for roasting marshmallows. Entertainment on the ShowMobile stage will include WolfTrap Elementary School Singers, the Green Hedges School Jazz Ensemble, Emanuel Lutheran's King's Kids Singers, the Men's Choir from First Baptist Church, and the Vienna Town Band, while the Fairfax JubilAires and singers from Louise Archer Elementary will

stroll and sing along Church Street. The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna will open the Caboose, the Knights of Columbus will have tours of their historic building (the original First Baptist, the oldest church in Vienna) at 214 Lawyers Road, NW and Vienna Presbyterian will open their Old Chapel. There will be a collection drop off for Toys For Tots at Encompass Design Build at 211 Mill Street and a collection drop off for non-expired, non-perishable food items for the Committee For Helping Other (CHO) near the stage. For information on the Stroll please call 703 938 5187 or see the Historic Vienna, Inc. website at www.historicviennainc.org.

Historic Vienna Offers Christmas Card, Ornament

Historic Vienna, Inc. announces the arrival of their 2010 Christmas Card and Ornament, available now in limited quantities at the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street, NE, Vienna. The card's image was

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More County Residents Seek Emergency Help

Local requests for emergency food and food stamps have more than doubled since 2006.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

On any given day, the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic receives 50 to 60 phone calls about its services. The organization's clients sometimes have to wait a year or more between the time they call for help and their initial appointment, said executive director Tom Wilson.

The dental clinic is the only facility in the region that offers oral examinations, mouth cancer screenings, root canals and other dental procedures at a discounted price to low-income adults. Many basic procedures, like teeth cleaning, cost just \$40 for people living near the poverty line, according to clinic's website.

"There are so little resources and such a great need," said Wilson of affordable dental care.

Wilson's clinic is not the only local organization that is currently overwhelmed by a demand for services. Lines at the Fairfax County Health Care Center in Bailey's Crossroads stretch out the front door and down the sidewalk, said Sheree Via, a medical social worker at the facility.

"People have to come an hour to an hour and a half early if they want to be seen," said Via.

Churches, social workers and other non-profits have to manage people's expectations about how quickly they will be able to receive services, especially in light of the current economic downturn, said the two experts.

OVER THE past five years, Fairfax County has seen a 78 percent increase in requests for assistance with basic needs like food, shelter, health care, utility bills and job placement.

The rise in requests for food has been

particularly dramatic during this time period. Inquires about food stamps and questions about emergency food have risen 153 percent since 2006.

Wilson, Via and several other experts from non-profits that help the local poor spoke at a Poverty Summit organized by the Messiah United Methodist Church on Rolling Road in Springfield Oct. 30. The church's community hoped the event would draw attention to the growing need among local residents for assistance, said organizers.

SEVERAL of Fairfax County's largest providers of emergency services depend heavily on volunteers and private donations, said speakers at the summit.

Food For Others, which is the largest distributor of free food in Northern Virginia, served 11,900 households and 42,000 individuals last year.

Schools, businesses and other community organizations donate most of the items the charity ends up handing out to needy residents. Two weeks ago, Washington Irving Middle School collected 3,000 pounds of food for the organization, said Peter Spain, an organizer at Food for Others.

"But most of that food is gone now. ... We had 132 families come in on Friday," he said.

Food for Others has seen an increase in the number of families it serves recently. Those who are regular customers are also asking for assistance more often.

Spain said the non-profit used to give out

REQUESTS FOR HELP INCREASE IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Fairfax County's social service agencies and local non-profits saw a 78 percent increase in requests for assistance with food, shelter, health care, utility bills and job searches over the past five years. Requests for food stamps went up 165 percent and requests for emergency food went up 153 percent from 2006 to 2010. The number of people asking for financial assistance for utility bills has increase 123 percent in the same time period.

Fairfax often refers people who ask for assistance to local non-profit organizations, charities and churches who provide such services in the area. The following information was provided by the Fairfax County Government.

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Four-Year Increase
Assistance Sought						
Free/Subsidized Dental Care	1,050	1,186	1,385	1,291	1,287	22.5%
Subsidized Housing	1,053	1,235	1,513	1,933	1,504	42.8%
Medicaid	1,392	1,447	1,618	1,640	1,704	22.4%
Emergency Shelter	1,639	1,701	1,852	2,074	2,383	45.5%
Food Stamps	1,185	1,570	1,937	2,848	3,140	165.0%
Job Search	1,405	1,834	2,156	2,520	2,711	93.0%
Housing Search	1,980	2,254	2,186	2,020	2,032	2.6%
Subsidized/Free Medical Services	1,956	2,070	2,421	3,116	3,521	80.0%
Emergency Utility Payment	1,994	2,031	2,399	3,500	4,450	123.0%
Emergency Food	2,193	2,883	3,465	4,789	5,547	153.0%
Emergency Rent Payment	3,274	3,879	4,540	5,516	5,755	75.7%

ecutive director of FACETS, a Fairfax non-profit that works on housing issues.

When an affordable unit becomes available, some people may also have to pass on the offer because of the employer's location.

"If you are offered a certain apartment but you would have to take five or six bus routes to get to your job, that won't work. ... We can't just send everybody down to Route 1," said Andere.

IN ADDITION to the working poor, several people are seeking emergency assistance with food and shelter because they have lost their jobs and are unable to find a new position. According to county statistics, the number of residents asking for help with their job search has almost doubled over the last five years.

Several unskilled and low-income workers also don't have access to computers and copiers, which

they need to apply for entry-level positions at several companies.

"Approximately 90 percent of companies with entry level jobs require online applications," said Trang Montgomery, who works at one of the county's job centers.

According to Montgomery, Fairfax's job centers provide computer assistance to residents and help people looking for work improve their job interview skills. They also push clients to learn English and earn a high school diploma or some equivalent to improve their employment opportunities, said Trang.

"In this economy, people who have a high school degree are having to compete with people who have a college degree for the same positions," she said.

three packages of free food annually to each family. Now, Food for Others allows each household to come in for free groceries six times per year.

"Most of these people are working. They come in with their work clothes on," said Spain.

MANY of those people who need assistance with providing food for their families are also struggling with housing, said several speakers at the summit.

Low-income residents have a particularly hard time finding affordable housing in Fairfax County, where the average home costs more than \$400,000. Currently, 12,000 people are on the county's waiting list for affordable units, said Amanda Andere, ex-

BULLETIN BOARD

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

THURSDAY/NOV. 11

Beulah Road Al-Anon Group. 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. revku@cox.net.

Life and Job Readiness Skills for Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome. 6 p.m. at JSSA, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. For ages 19-30. Brief assessment required. Thursdays through Dec. 16. Register at 703-204-9100.

Fall Volunteer Day at the Teen Center. 4 p.m. at the Club

Phoenix Teen Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Teens are invited to volunteer to clean and organize the Center, while receiving hours for school requirements. 703-255-6360.

Re-entering the Workforce. 11:30 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. This session will address questions and provide essential pointers. \$35 non-members, \$25 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Northern Virginia Republican Business Forum Breakfast. Tysons Corner Marriott, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. With Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. \$45. 703-922-6768.

FRIDAY/NOV. 12
VTRCC Brown Bag University.

11:30 a.m. Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd. # 450, Vienna. Simple ways to communicate more effectively with colleagues and prospects. Free. www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Brinker Toastmasters. 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. brinker.wordpress.com.

The Smart Split. 10 a.m. McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Legal aspects of separation and divorce. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Federal Job Application Workshop. 10 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna.

How to find and apply for Federal positions. \$35 non-members, 25 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

MONDAY/NOV. 15

Sierra Club Great Falls Group Monthly Meeting. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. "Offshore Energy: Oil Rigs or Wind Turbines?" Benefits, risks and costs of offshore wind energy. 703-757-9518 or jalhussaini@msn.com.

Using Social Media Marketing to Grow Your Business. 6 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Learn to harness social media tools and save time while building your network and brand awareness. \$35 non-members, 25 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Greater Vienna Babe Ruth League's Annual Meeting for General Membership. 8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. With the election of the League President and Board Members. All parents of players registered for spring or fall 2010 seasons, board members, managers and coaches are eligible to vote. GVBRLL.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 16

McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women Meeting. 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Daniel Walsch, press secretary for George Mason University, on Social Networking and Influences. 703-847-3195 or www.mcleanaauw.org

COMMUNITY

Celebrating 'People With All Abilities'

NoVa Arc's Mardi-Gras gala honors Timothy Shriver, chairman of Special Olympics.

More than 350 people gathered at the Hyatt Regency in Reston Town Center Oct. 16 for a Mardi Gras-themed gala to honor Timothy Shriver, chairman of Special Olympics, and celebrate people of all abilities.

The event was hosted by The Arc of NoVa, the area's leading non-profit organization representing and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

"We are honoring Tim Shriver for his national and worldwide leadership and effectiveness in advancing the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live 'a life like yours' in their communities," said Nancy Mercer, Co-Executive

Director of The Arc of NoVa. Although Shriver was unable to attend the event, Mercer presented an award to him at his office in DC.

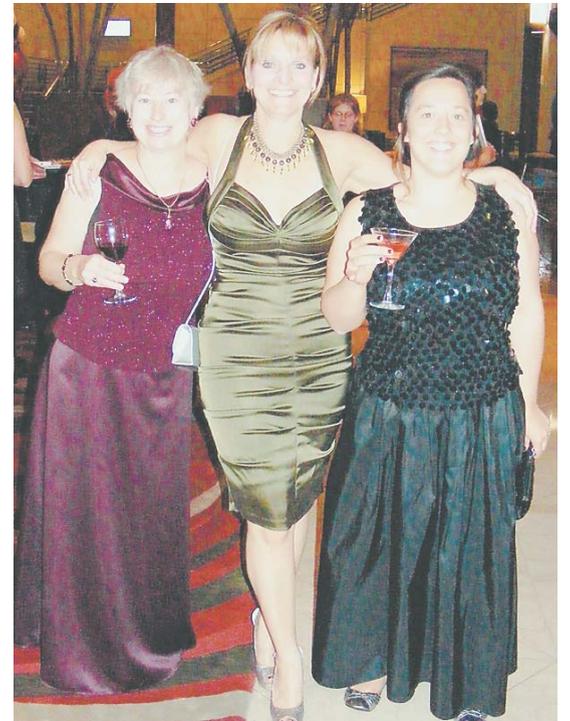
"Since taking the helm at Special Olympics organization in 1996, Mr. Shriver has helped transform the nearly 50-year-old organization into a national and

About The Arc of NoVa

The Arc of Northern Virginia is a non-profit membership organization that represents and serves individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in the Northern Virginia area. Working for "A Life Like Yours" is the cornerstone of The Arc's vision. Visit www.TheArcofNoVa.org or follow on Twitter: @thearcofnova



The 'Mardi Gras Man' on stilts entertains David Egan and Erin Thompson



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Jill Egle, Nancy Mercer and 'Aunt Brenda' Palisance enjoy the gala

international movement that focuses on respect, acceptance, and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities," she said.

According to Mercer, the annual event raised more than \$175,000. "Many sponsors donated tickets so people with disabilities, their family members and a caregiver could attend the event in style. Over 85 people attended on donated tick-

ets," Mercer said.

The gala featured authentic New Orleans cuisine, a live auction – which included trips to New Orleans, dinner with Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.), and a variety of sports-entertainment packages. Highlights of the event included a costume parade, and the music of Rockin' Dopsie from New Orleans, and the Zydeco Twisters.

"The Arc of NoVa's self-advocates led a successful effort to end Virginia's official use of the 'R word' – retardation - and now, with the support of Tim Shriver and millions of Special Olympics athletes, this and other initiatives are taking off nationwide," said Alan Harbitter, Gala Chairman.

—VICTORIA ROSS

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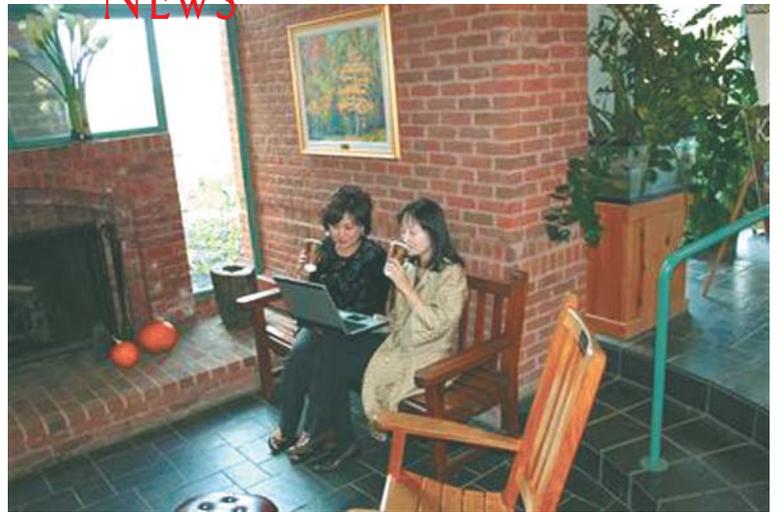
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NEWS



Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road in Vienna and is open at 10 a.m. daily.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Offers Coffee, Wi-Fi and a View

Visitor Center of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna now offers visitors a cup of coffee, free Wi-Fi internet connection, a roaring fireplace in addition to a view.

"So many people today are no longer chained to their desk, but are doing work in the relaxed atmosphere of coffee shops. Well, now Meadowlark Gardens offers that experience with the addition of a beautiful visitor center with high ceilings and panoramic views. And when your work is done, you can enjoy a great walk through the gardens," said Paul Gilbert, Executive Director of the Northern Vir-

ginia Regional Park Authority.

In addition to the gourmet coffee, free Wi-Fi and great atmosphere just minutes from Tysons Corner and downtown Vienna, the gardens boast nearly 100 acres of rolling hills and lakes with ornamental and conservation botanical collections, as well as paved walking paths throughout the gardens. New to the gardens is a large Korean pavilion that will hold a 3-ton traditional bell next spring. The Visitor Center at Meadowlark is home to several aquaria exhibits, interactive exhibits on plant diversity, a gift shop, restrooms and a library.

Karaoke to Honor Veterans

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the Bogart/Bergman classic "Casablanca" plays. The bar is identified as "Twelve O'clock High," and the WWII memorabilia display is laid out at "Sentimental Journey." Flags of all the Allied forces are positioned there, and at either end of the hall is a war theatre, the Atlantic or Pacific.

"The people who come will certainly have a good time and they will be showing support and recognition of all the sacrifices made by World War II vets," said Dulles airport Honor Flight president Lona Ichikawa of Oakton.

Snacks were inspired by 1940s canteen menus, from small sandwiches to pies and cakes. Legion and Auxiliary members from Post 180 and other posts are contributing the food, and local businesses and individuals have donated items for raffle and door prizes. Prizes run from gifts to personal services. A "Kilroy Was Here" bottle of wine is among the raffle prizes.

All music of the evening is from the 1940s. Popular vote, using

coins as ballots, will determine the karaoke champ. The performer with the highest amount of loose change wins. Contestants will be judged on costuming, stage presence, musical ability and entertainment prowess. Any one of any age is eligible to enter the karaoke competition.

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE or confirmed reservation is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. At the door, the ticket prices are \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. World War II veterans wearing any part of their uniform are admitted free of charge.

The stage door canteen and karaoke contest is open to the public. To reserve a ticket, contact Janet Renner by phone at 703-625-5736 or by e-mail at rennerjl7396@verizon.net. Tickets are available at the door, and, as Renner said, "just come."

American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N. Doors open at 6p.m. and the karaoke contest begins at 7p.m. At 11:30 p.m., the stage door canteen darkens for another year.

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Gift Business Expands

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here. "We were already part of the community," said Kallet. "I wanted to expand my circle of friendships." From her business plan, Kallet came to create a store that Vienna would be as proud to have as she is to own.

"Our umbrella is about life milestones," said Kallet. "From wedding invitations to baby gifts, engraveable silver, Trollbeads, we want to make the store one-stop shopping."

Baby gifts are non-mass marketed accessories, and children's books and toys, too, are classic.

The Dandelion Patch carries the complete signature line of Vera Bradley bags, custom stationery, in-stock stationery, calendars, classic toys, handmade picture frames and collegiate platters, among a myriad of other unusual gift inventory.

The store's Christmas collections have arrived. There are Steinbach nutcrackers from Germany, fanciful ornaments and hand-crafted collectible wood figures from ByersChoice made in Pennsylvania.

Kallet runs the stores not as sole decision-maker but as manager. She refers to the business' corporate culture as a "democracy."

"She has an undeniable instinct for bringing people together," said Leadership Fairfax CEO Wayne Hill.

Bringing people together is how Kallet works, whether it is in the mission of personal service in

The Dandelion Patch or in volunteer work. When Kallet and her team embarked on their 15-month mission, they decided they would volunteer side-by-side with the store's customers. The Dandelion Patch collected donations, used the stores as drop-off points for clothes and games for the children, and, along with 40 volunteers last year, wrapped 600 Christmas gifts for the children in the residential facility.

"We make it personal in our business and community involvement," Kallet said.

"It's all about building relationships."

"I believe in the power of small business. I believe in retail."

The Dandelion Patch in Vienna is located at 111 Church St. NW.

"From wedding invitations to baby gifts, engraveable silver, Trollbeads, we want to make the store one-stop shopping."

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Honoring on Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, we remember all of those who have served in the military; there are 24 million veterans in the United States. More than 1 million members of the U.S. military have now served in the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. While Memorial Day is set aside to remember those who died in military service, and Veterans Day is honoring all of those who have served in the military, we use both occasions each year to remember some of the names of those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care, including mental health care are underway. MORE THAN 4,400 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,300 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 170 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including more than a dozen in 2009 and 2010. HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness. If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know. A local loss, Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25 of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries caused by an attack on his unit with an improvised explosive device. Park had joined the army less than a year earlier in August 2009. He is survived by his mother, In Sook Park, father, Do Hyun Park, and sister Irene Park, all of Fairfax Station. In Afghanistan, Pfc. Tramaine J. Billingsley, 20, of Portsmouth died Oct. 14, 2010; Staff Sgt. Jaime C. Newman, 27, of Richmond died Sept. 17, 2010; 1st Lt. Todd W. Weaver, 26, of Hampton, died Sept. 9, 2010; Lance Cpl. Cody S. Childers, 19, of Chesapeake died Aug. 20, 2010; Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5; 1st Sgt. Eddie Turner, 41, of Fort Belvoir, died June 22, 2010. Pfc. Alvaro R. Regalado Sessarego, 37, of Virginia Beach, died May 30 at Brooke Army Medical Center in Houston, after being injured in Iraq on April 18. On May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed

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Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan. Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption. Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat in Iraq in October 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, has helped us remember by submitting artwork of his brother to the Burke Children's Connection. Last December, Hunter wrote: "My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much." Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. (Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds. Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org). Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities. Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle. Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat

in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb. Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006. (United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School. Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria. U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006. Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas, on Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq a few days earlier. Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq. 1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan. Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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LETTERS

Who Could Ask for More?

To the Editor:

I would like to share some thoughts on the Rally to Restore Sanity/and or Fear on the National Mall Oct. 30.

My husband and I took our three boys – ranging in age from 7 to 13. For our children, it was a good demonstration of free speech and orderly assembly, a hands-on lesson of democracy in action.

Everyone was in good spirits, even though the vast majority could not hear Jon Stewart or Stephen Colbert. We walked around and talked to others – from California, Alaska, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Tennessee, Florida, etc. There were even a few Canadians in the mix. I had many people tell me how much they liked my sign. Most, but not everyone, understood that it was tongue-in-cheek, and a play on the “it tastes like chicken” joke. After all, if it tastes like chicken, don’t you really want to know more about what’s in the food you’re serving your family? I appreciate the FDA and the work the agency has done with food labeling. Like many consumers, I want to know how the food is processed, and whether it’s genetically engineered. When one woman told me that she didn’t understand my sign, my seven year old replied, “Well, I don’t really get it either.” A senior official at the FDA told me that she liked it in the spirit of the irony of the rally.

People were cheerful and jovial, even while waiting on the Metro. We all talked with each other and shared our opinions in a civil atmosphere.

The original permit was only for 60,000, but it’s estimated 250,000 showed up. It certainly felt like that many. As a result, there were not enough Jumbotrons or speakers.

People were trying to stream it in their cell phones, but the cell phone networks were overloaded. C-SPAN radio was covering it live. So if someone would have been toting a large Boom box from the 80s, the crowd could have listened to it.

Ironically, my mother in Tennessee called me after the rally to share with us how much she had enjoyed watching it on TV. That’s when we asked her what had happened. Regardless of actually seeing the show, it was a beautiful day.

The Rally definitely restored some sanity. There were many funny, pithy, and ironic signs. Beautiful weather, beautiful people, good inspiration, nice memories. Who could ask for more?

Beth Tudan

Former PTA President, Oakton Elementary School
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Beth Tudan of Vienna with sons Thomas and Alexander, second and sixth graders at Oakton Elementary School.

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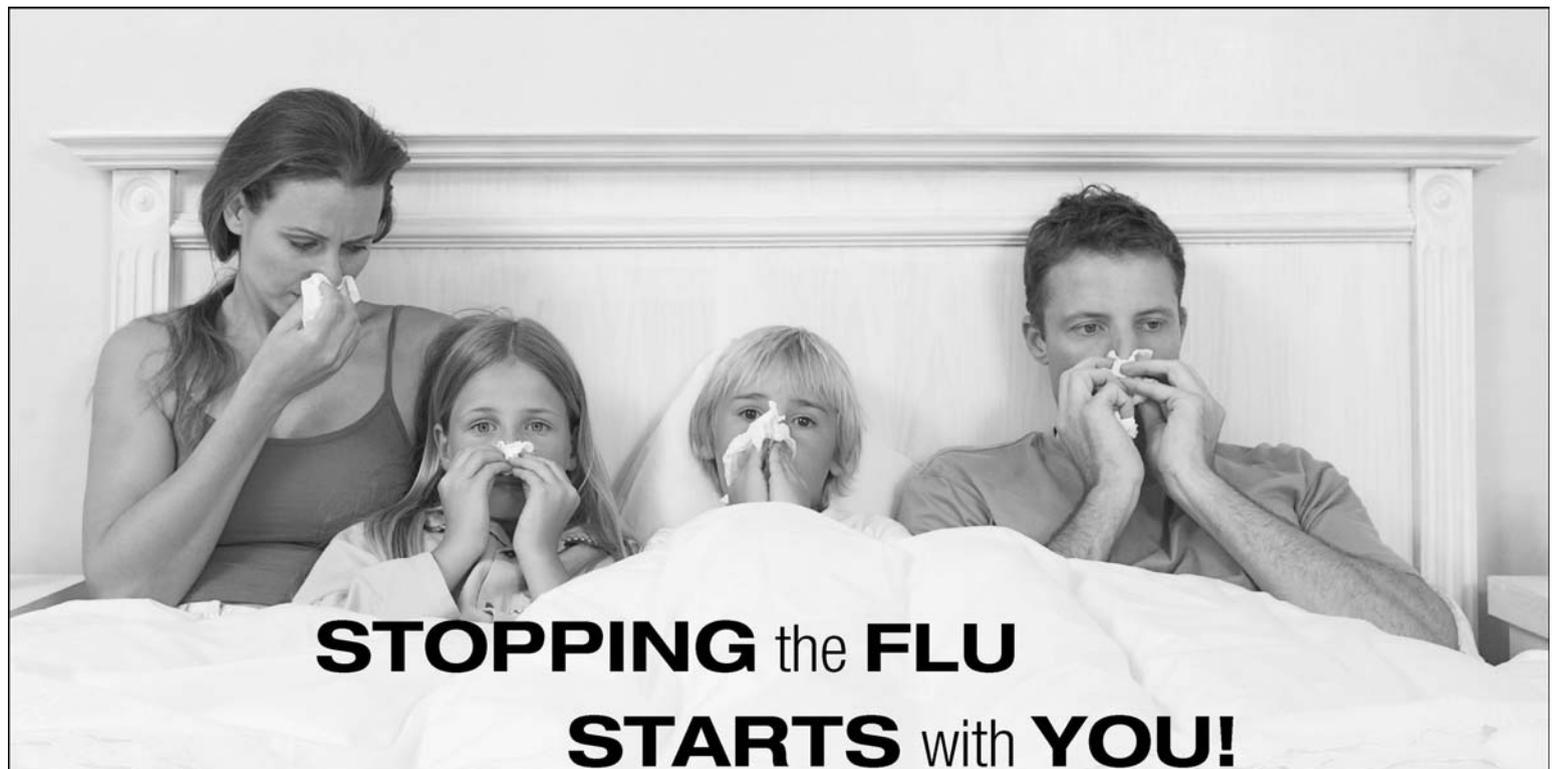
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THURSDAY/NOV. 11

Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. at the Freedom Memorial, behind the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Speaker, Robert S. Boyd, a U. S. Army intelligence and security officer and wounded Vietnam Veteran. With the Langley High School Madrigal Choir. Open to all. 703-759-3282.

Chatham County Line. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Vienna Theatre Company Auditions. 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. Auditions for a cast of 4-12 men and women for "Almost, Main," a romantic comedy by John Cariani and directed by Suzanne Maloney. The show will open Jan. 21. 703-255-6360 or www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

Artist Gwynne Mason. 10 a.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W. in Vienna. Discussion and display of hand-made paper. Free and open to the public. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

"The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." 7:30 p.m. at The Langley School, 1411 Balls Hill Road, McLean. L. Frank Baum's classic, presented by 62 students in grades 6-8, both on stage and behind the curtains. www.langleyschool.org.

"Dandelion Wine." 7:30 p.m. at James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. A man travels back in time to 1928 to recreate his childhood. Tickets \$8 online, \$10 at the door. www.madisondrama.com.

An Evening with Chatham County Line. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 12

Bluegrass Duo Dailey & Vincent. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$20-\$48, half price for youth through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Deep River. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Old Firehouse Teen Center Dance. 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean.



Hammered dulcimer player Maggie Sansone will perform at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the Snuggery of the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls, and will release her newest CD of traditional Celtic music, 'Wind Drift'. 703-759-3309, www.ionamusic.com/brogue.htm or www.oldbrogue.com.

Friday night dance for 7th-8th graders. Harry Potter Night: celebrate the Deathly Hallows release, win movie tickets. www.mcleancenter.org.

"Holiday." 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. A comedy of love, money and ambition by Philip Barry, set a year before the Great Depression. \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststagearts.org/holiday.

"Aesop's Fables." 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church. A contemporary adaption of Aesop's classic tales. \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. 571-239-5288 or www.creativecauldron.org.

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Trio Cavatina. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Winner of the 2009 Naumburg Chamber Music competition. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

Deep River CD Release & After-Party with Jer Coons. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E.,



Vienna. jamminjava.com.
"The Story of Hansel and Gretel." 7:30 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A musical of the classic story. \$10 adult, \$5 students. www.oakcrest.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Bowman House Annual Pottery Show and Sale. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center, 211 Center St. South, Vienna. Free admission. Featuring items made by students and teachers in the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department's pottery program. A portion of the proceeds go to support the program. 703-255-6360.

Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Folk dances that embody the country's diverse indigenous Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern cultures. Pre-performance discussions, free to ticket holders, begin 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$26-\$42. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. cfa.gmu.edu.

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Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Fall Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the VVFD Flame Room, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Crafts, scrapbooking, holiday decorations,

Artist and anthropologist Gwynne Mason will discuss how she creates textured, hand-made papers on Thursday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W. in Vienna. Free and open to the public. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

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50th Annual Harvest Bazaar Fall Festival and Craft Show. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Over 75 crafters and vendors, a bake sale and children's activities. All proceeds benefit the Vienna Women's Club's youth scholarship fund. Admission \$1. 703-255-6360.

Artists' Reception. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. With Brenda Drake and Mary Jane Cogan. Paintings and mixed media works. 703-757-8560.

WWII Karaoke Idol and Dance. 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., Vienna. \$10-\$25. WWII veterans wearing any part of their uniform are free. All proceeds

benefit the Honor Flight program. 703-625-5736.

"Dandelion Wine." 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. A man travels back in time to 1928 to recreate his childhood. Tickets \$8 online, \$10 at the door. www.madisondrama.com.

Chew the Fat Participatory Event. 1-4 p.m. at Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Help the colonial farm family use fat to make soap, candles and more. \$3 adults; \$2 children and senior citizens. www.1771.org/directions.htm.

Deep River CD Release & After-Party with Steve Moakler. 8 p.m.

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

"The Story of Hansel and Gretel." 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A musical of the classic story. \$10 adult, \$5 students. Cast and crew talk-back after the matinee. www.oakcrest.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 14

8th Annual Vienna Turkey Trot 5K. 8 a.m. at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. In partnership with DC Road Runners Club. Chronotrack timing system and a USATF certified 5k course. T-shirts for all runners and

walkers. Proceeds benefit the James Madison High School Band and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Register at www.viennaturkeytrot.com.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo. 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held every Sunday in the Flame Room. www.vvfd.org.

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performance discussions, free to ticket holders, begin 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$26-\$42. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. cfa.gmu.edu.

"Holiday." 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. A comedy of love, money and ambition by Philip Barry, set a year before the Great Depression. \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageysons.org/holiday.

"Aesop's Fables." 2 p.m. ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church. A contemporary adaption of Aesop's classic tales. \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. 571-239-5288 or www.creativecauldron.org.

Hammered Dulcimer Player Maggie Sansone. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Snuggery of the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Traditional Celtic music, CD release of 'Wind Drift'. 703-759-3309 or www.oldbrogue.com.

The Legacies of Abolition. 6:30 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Katherine Chon, co-founder of Polaris Project, will speak on modern-day slavery and how to fight it. www.lewinsville.org/ce-salzman or 703-356-7200.

An Evening with Charlie Hunter. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 15

Offshore Energy: Oil Rigs or Wind Turbines? 7 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. The Great Falls Group of the Sierra Club will address the opportunities of offshore wind energy and the issues surrounding plans for offshore oil drilling off the coast of Virginia. Free, open to all. Refreshments served. ivymain@cox.net or 703-448-7618.

You Can Live Well Workshops. 1:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Dept. Family Services Meeting. 703-293-6227.

Understanding Capital Hospice Care Today. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Information about hospice care. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

Craft Extravaganza. 3:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Make something spectacular. Age 5-10 with adult. 703-242-4020.

V.I.P. Vienna. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Support group for visually impaired adults. 703-938-0405.

Peter Himmelman and Robby Hecht. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 16

A Suffragist in 1917. 7 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Lynne Garvey-Hodge, a Fairfax County History Commissioner, will re-enact Mrs. Robert Walker to tell how women struggled for the right to vote, and will discuss the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Lorton. This year is the 90th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. Sponsored by the Vienna Branch of American Association of University Women. Free, public invited. 703-321-7499.

WEEK IN VIENNA

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selected from entries in HVI's first Christmas Card photo contest. Patricia Deege submitted a photo of the restored Washington & Old Dominion Caboose, which is located across from the Freeman House and bordered by the scenic W&OD Regional Park Trail and maintained by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna. Decorated for the holidays by the Ayr Hill Garden Club, the photo of the caboose was taken during a snow and captures the beauty and joy of the holiday season. Cards with envelopes are available in packs of 10 for \$8.50.

The 2010 ornament by Rachel Peden is the 11th in a series of collectible, hand painted wooden ornaments representing historic properties in Vienna. It is Bouton's Hall, the c. 1894 building on the corner of Church and Mill Streets, which many residents know as the "Pennywise" building. It has been used as a general store and post office and the second floor was a gathering place for community events such as dances, political meetings, plays, and dancing classes. The building is owned by Concord Lodge No. 307 A.F.& A.M. and the upper floor is now a Masonic Lodge. The Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter has operated the Pennywise Thrift Shop on the first floor since 1968. The ornament is priced at \$19.50, as are all in the series, and is available exclusively at the Freeman Store. For more information call 703 938 5187 or visit the Historic Vienna, Inc. website at www.historicviennainc.org.

NEVCA Hosts Food Drive for CHO

Northeast Vienna Citizen's Association (NEVCA) is hosting their annual food drive for Committee for Helping Others (CHO) from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31. Please do not donate any expired food. The following places have a drop-box:
Town Hall
Vienna Community Center
Bikes@Vienna, 128A Church St., NW
Caffe Amouri, 107 Church St., NW
Encompass Design-Build, 211 Mill St., NE
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Uniquities, 421 Church St., #D. NE
Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE
(box is in or near book store)

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) will be co-sponsoring food drive for CHO at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave, E, from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31.

FAITH NOTES

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

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane in McLean, will host Christan scholar and author Diana Butler Bass on Saturday, Nov. 20, as part of the commemoration of the church's 50th Anniversary Year. Bass will discuss the church in the future, "Spiritual and Religion: The Shape of Congregations for a Vital Future". Contact janetyse@gmail.com or 703-734-0120.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4 year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

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.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30

a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sunday nights, 6 - 7:30 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

English classes at McLean Baptist Church on Mondays, including beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Advanced electives are Literature, U.S. Government, World Religions, and current events. Free class and registration, but students must buy their own books. 9:30 a.m. at 1367 Chain Bridge Road. 703-356-8080 or www.mcleanbaptist.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. 703-356-7533.

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. Kathleen 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.



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FOOD & DRINK

Cooking School Opens in Heart of Vienna

Culinaria offers single, specialty and series classes.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Vienna's own cooking school, operated by chefs with pedigrees, celebrated its Nov. 1 opening with an open house at its Pleasant Street property on Nov. 7.

Hundreds of friends, family and supporters turned out to celebrate with the owners and staff and share. An array of sweet and savory finger foods and bottles of flowing wine didn't hurt the camaraderie, either.

Between the two co-founders, there is more than thirty years of culinary experience, and many of the guests go back 20 to 30 years with co-founders Stephen Sands and Pete Snaith. Although Sands and Snaith started out their careers as engineers, each changed course at a point in their lives, training at L'Academie de Cuisine in Bethesda.

"There's a huge sense of community here, and that's what I was looking for," said Vienna resident Sands, who is also Culinaria's CEO. "There's a sense of family, of warmth in Vienna. I was offered other locations but I was determined to hold out until I found a place in Vienna."

CULINARIA took over unoccupied space in an office building at Pleasant Street and Maple Avenue,

transforming it into a gleaming state-of-the-art teaching kitchen. The two co-founders said they want Culinaria to be a part of the community, to give something back to it. When Robbie Schaefer gives his free concert at Caffe Amouri on Nov. 19 to raise awareness about his new nonprofit, Culinaria will donate the refreshments. "Being a new business in the community, it's especially important to do something here in Vienna," said Sands. "Vienna is unlike any place around. We have to find good ways to give back to the community."

The cooking school's open house was an opportunity to showcase the food, the wines, the programs, and the physical facility.

Along the granite and butcher block work prep counters, the chefs and assistants lined up dozens of appetizers for guests to sample. Staff and friends in the industry stood at the counters, putting finishing touches on snacks as guests watched. Wine Director John Peters offered comments on the wines.

"Nothing brings people together like food," said co-founder and Executive Vice President Snaith.

Snaith had plenty of validation of that during the school's open house. Strangers mingled readily and guests talked about classes that interested them. Some, like Ellen Giuntini of Oakton, thought that taking a class with friends would be fun. "Take a cooking class, over a glass of wine, would make a good girls' night out," Giuntini said. Giuntini heard of Culinaria through Green Hedges School where her

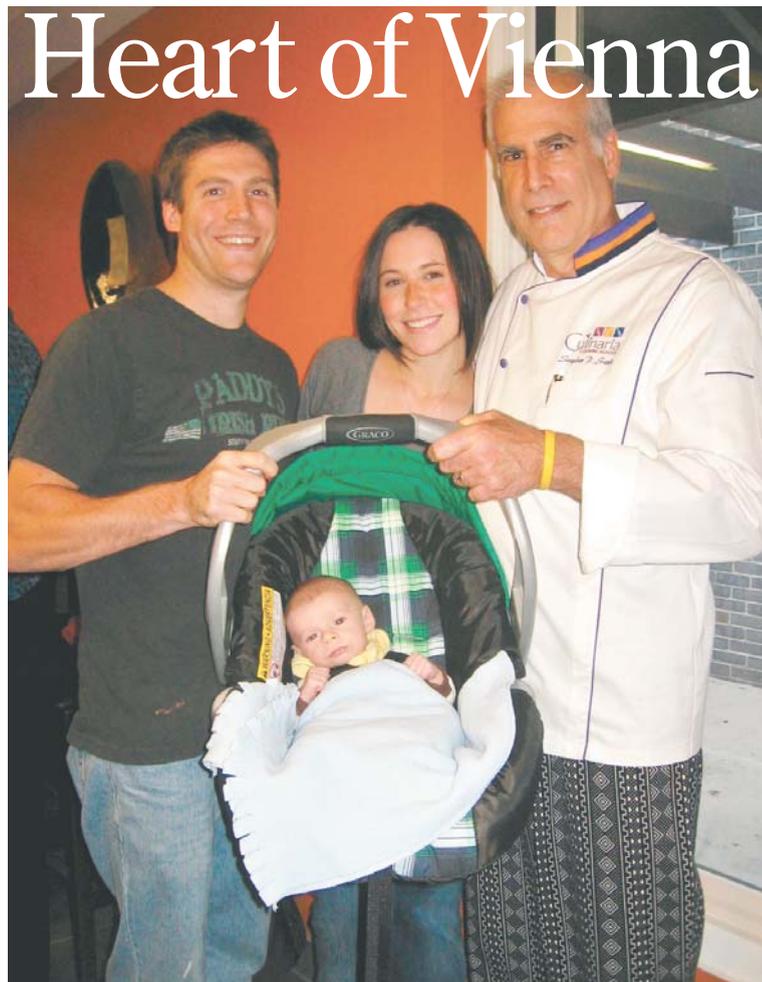


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With Culinaria co-founder and CEO Stephen Sands is his seven-week-old grandson Payton, son Kenley and daughter-in-law Jeanne-Marie Sands.

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Vienna Scout Completes Project at Northside Park

On Saturday, Oct. 30, David Noursi completed his Eagle Scout project by leading Troop 1539 and other volunteers in an environmentally friendly project focused on removing invasive plants and revitalizing native plants in Northside Park in Vienna. Thirty-six volunteers, among them 22 boy scouts and several scout parents, including scout dad and Virginia State Delegate Mark Keam (D-35), helped David implement this service project for the Town of Vienna. "On the day of my project, the weather was perfect. It took from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to complete ev-



Thirty-six volunteers helped David Noursi implement his Eagle Scout project.

erything. A total of 108 volunteer service hours went into the completed project, and I learned a lot about what it means to work with different groups to accomplish a

goal," said David.

Troop 1539 is sponsored by American Legion Post 180 and meets every Tuesday at Emmaus United Church of Christ in Vienna.



Stephen Sands, co-founder and CEO of Culinaria Cooking School, fills pastry shells with a cream mixture at the school's open house on Nov. 7.



Ellen Giutini of Oakton, with daughter Samantha, are considering holding Samantha's 11th birthday party at Culinaria. The cooking school offers children cooking classes.



Wine Director John Peters of Vienna teaches classes on wine that focus on region, grape variety and compatibility with meals.

PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Culinaria Welcomes Community

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daughter Samantha is a student. Ellen and Samantha Giutini were investigating the possibility of hosting Samantha's birthday party – Samantha turns 11 - at Culinaria.

Anticipating parent-child in the kitchen bonding, Culinaria offers single workshops for children and teens.

Besides introductory classes, from knife skills to the basics of everyday cooking, Culinaria offers classes in seasonal cooking and themed cuisine, from appetizers to complete meals and on to desserts. November and December feature holiday meals and party fare. There's international cooking, American ethnic cooking, bread-making, stocks and sauces, and fun meals for kids. The school will offer a children's summer camp and an assistant program where volunteers can earn credit toward free classes.

Garrett Hart went to Duke with Chef Brian Batsel. They're both Navy men, and Hart said he came to the open house to learn about the cooking classes, to support his friend, and to enjoy all the good free food.

PETERS, who, like Sands, makes his home in Vienna, left L'Academie de Cuisine recently to join

the Culinaria staff full-time. He's passionate about wines and speaks enthusiastically of his wine classes. The wine classes focus on different themes, from grape variety to regions. Peters' first wine class, the day after the cooking school opened, had 12 participants. "This area needed something like this," said Peters. He and his family, who have lived in Vienna for twelve years, love living here. "We're happy to be part of the community. That's what Culinaria is about. We're all into family and community."

Sands walked around the kitchen, greeting old friends and new friends, thanking them for their support. Mayor M. Jane Seeman came early to the open house to welcome Culinaria to Vienna.

"I think he'll [Sands] have a lot of success in Vienna," said Kip Olson, who has known Sands for 30 years. "He's very talented. He and his family have always been about quality. His family has been local for so many years, they're really part of the community."

CULINARIA COOKING SCHOOL is located at 110 Pleasant St., NW. To learn more about Culinaria Cooking School, its staff and schedule of classes, go to www.culinariacookingschool.com or call 703-865-7920.

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BY SHIRLEY J. GREGORY
THE CONNECTION

Energy conservation is on the minds of nearly every homeowner these days, but what can be done and what should be done are questions most are not prepared to make.

Energy House One helps consumers cut through the energy conservation rhetoric and hype to understand what will make sense for their families, their homes, and their pocketbooks. On Saturday, Oct. 30, from 12-2 p.m., homeowners learned about the holistic approach to energy conservation at the free first Open House presented by the Energy Resource Management Construction Company (ERM). Charles Juris, ERM owner, and his energy solutions partners have made it their mission to help consumer understand their options.

As a means of demonstrating the most basic techniques, and the most advanced energy management systems in the market today, ERM and its partners have developed the first in a series of Energy Homes

at 2931 Melanie Lane in Oakton. This group of energy and construction specialists decided to focus on the neglected challenge of retrofitting existing housing stock, single-family homes as well as condominium buildings, rather than new home development. Some home owners do not want to move, but want to take advantage of measures such as geothermal and solar energy, and want to accomplish it on a budget.

ENERGY HOUSE ONE house has been Dave Parsons' home for at least 40 years before its recent major renovation. He thought a geothermal system would give him the energy savings he wanted, but the firm he hired failed to evaluate the house's entire heating and cooling system to determine if the system would be solution he needed.

Parsons then called ERM, which conducted a basement to attic assessment to pinpoint energy waste, and found that considered changes did not necessitate major renovations. Parsons is extremely pleased with the results, as he demonstrated his energy-monitoring system. "I can monitor energy usage from anywhere by way of the Internet," he said. "I can raise the temperature to be sure I walk into a warm house, or lower the temperature if I'm going to be later arriving home than I expected."

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"I can monitor energy usage from anywhere by way of the Internet."

— Dave Parsons



Energy House One homeowner Dave Parsons demonstrates how he can regulate his home's energy usage via the Internet.

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Charles Juris, ERM Owner, describes how home evaluations are conducted before a plan for energy efficiency changes is created.



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Energy House Attracts Attention

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The Energy House One home demonstrates how a holistic approach is the smart way to approach an energy conservation project. Commonsense steps were taken by ERM to present homeowners with personalized solutions to their needs. Each home is evaluated objectively, as energy waste and the ways to correct them is different for each house. Sometimes it is necessary to increase the energy efficiency of the whole house before considering major energy conservation projects, such as increasing the level of installation in the attic, switching to energy-efficient light bulbs throughout the house, and weather-stripping all windows and doors. Then bigger changes, such as replacing the heating and cooling system, can be considered.

ERM and its partners looked for ways to reduce energy such as using electronic equipment to detect energy loss through walls, as well of around door and window seals, and using the Google Power Meter, Energy Aware, to watch energy usage all over the house. Included in the evaluation is a tax savings report developed by another partner, Enterprise Tax and Accounting, LLC, W. Craig White, Principal, spelling out the tax credits earned, sometimes as much as 30 percent, which the homeowner can give directly to his tax preparer.

Parsons' system is elaborate, using both an expanded geothermal system and solar energy. He has five heating and cooling zones in his house using a Climate Master MiniSplits arrangement so that different parts of the house can maintain different temperatures as required.

In the Energy House, using Energy Aware ERM identified a huge energy waster the owner thought had been disconnected years ago: a floor-warmer system in the master bathroom. Without Energy Aware, the homeowner would never have detected the energy waster, and would not save over \$700 energy dollars a year alone.

ERM also uses Energy Aware to identify other unexpected energy wasters, such as TVs and other electric equipment constantly running, even when seemingly turned off, and makes recommendations to minimize their impact. Energy Aware allows the homeowner monitor energy usage, raise or lower home temperatures of any zones throughout the house even when away from home.

ERM partners with energy consultants with specific expertise who examine every aspect of a home, such as Rich Abernathy, of Air Cool and Heating Systems, Inc., an energy expert since 1987, and a Cli-



Rich Abernathy explains the Mini Splits heating and cooling system.

mate Master geothermal specialist for 13 years. Abernathy explained how the system worked. "Water is circulated from the well and routed into the Climate Master. The water is heated and converted to heating, or cooled and converted to cooling, and circulated throughout the entire house via the Mini Splits." He explained how to zone homes according to room usage, and where Mini Splits should be placed.

"A surprisingly small number of homes in the Washington, D.C. area, approximately 300, take advantage of Mini Splits System technology," said Abernathy. He believes the popularity will grow quickly as consumers learn more about its merits through learning opportunities like the Energy House tour. His company specializes in old and historic homes, and all types of heating and cooling systems renovation and installation.

THE FREE Energy House Open House tickets were "sold out" for all four tours within hours of being made available. ERM and its partners plans two more Energy House Open Houses for the near future.

The group also participates with ReBuild, the recycled building network. As renovations are done, ERM and its partners donates all types of building materials such as brick, lumber, lighting, cabinets, windows, bathroom accessories, and more to ReBuild.

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The Oakton defense (white jerseys) will be looking to hold down a high-powered Rams' offense.



South Lakes' Darius Smith (21) is a big play threat on both offense and special teams.

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It's Playoff Time for Local Football Teams

Oakton, South Lakes hope to showcase high-powered offenses in postseason.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Two area high school football teams to keep a close eye on in first round Northern Region playoff games this Friday night are South Lakes and Oakton.

The two teams are from different districts and different division categories, but both have explosive offenses which could overcome any other shortcomings.

South Lakes, a member of the Liberty District, will host Mount Vernon of the National District in a quarterfinals round game of the Div. 5 (smaller enrollment schools) playoffs. The Seahawks, under head coach Andy Hill, are the No. 4 seed of the eight-team playoffs, while Mount Vernon is the No. 5 seed. Opening kickoff is 7:30 on Friday night.

The Seahawks closed the regular season with a 49-13 district home loss to unbeaten and Div. 5 top seed Stone Bridge, the defending region champion. A week prior to that, South Lakes won a high-scoring 42-36 game at district foe Langley.

South Lakes sophomore quarterback Rashaan Jones, who was 19-of-24 for 279 yards with two touchdowns in the win over the Saxons, has gotten better and better throughout the season. He is both a throwing and running threat and part of the Seahawks' big play personnel on offense, which also includes senior all-purpose player Darius Smith, a standout receiver as well as defensive back. Smith is also one of the region's top special teams return men.

Receiver Sean Price, another big play threat, caught six passes for 124 yards and a pair of TDs while also running for a score in the win against Langley.

South Lakes averaged over 27 points per game during the regular season. The team's losses came to district opponents McLean, 14-7; Fairfax, 24-12; and Stone Bridge. The lone win over a winning opponent was the victory over Langley.

Mount Vernon was 5-5 during the season and 5-2 in district play. The Majors suffered early season lopsided losses to local Alexandria area foes West Potomac, 55-20, and T.C. Williams, 45-14. They also lost badly to talented Centreville, 35-7. The team's best win of the season was likely against district rival and Div. 5 playoff team Washington-Lee (5-5), by a 37-20 score. The Majors have put up 19 points per game and given up 25 per contest.

OAKTON (7-3), in a Div. 6 first round playoff game, will travel to Robinson (8-2) this Friday night. Both teams reside in the powerful Concorde District, which was won by Robinson (4-1 district mark).

The two district rivals met just two weeks ago in a week nine game at Oakton - a contest won by the Rams, 21-14. Oakton did a good job that night holding down Robinson star running back Jared Velasquez to 58 yards on 19 carries. However, Velasquez returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown that night.

"Playing Robinson for the second time in a three week span will be difficult," said Oakton head coach Joe Thompson. "They

are the district champs and should be considered front runners for the regional championship. Velasquez is an outstanding football player at any position on the field. You must know where he is at all times. Slowing him down requires a true team approach, as he is a weapon on offense, defense, and special teams."

Robinson, which lost in a week 2 upset to Fairfax, 20-12, and also fell in a week 6 game to district opponent Chantilly, 24-14, carries a four-game win streak into the playoffs, including a 27-0 shutout victory over district rival Centreville last Friday night, in the regular season finale.

"To beat a team like Robinson, we need to play mistake-free in all phases of the game."

— Oakton head coach Joe Thompson

Oakton also enters the playoffs with some good momentum following a week 10 district home win over Chantilly, 17-14. Oakton junior kicker Eric Goins booted a 42-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to break a 14-14 tie which proved to be the game-winner over the Chargers (8-2). Oakton senior running back Luke Willis rushed for 135 yards in the win, including a 51-yard touchdown run. Cougars' QB Jimmy Boone, one of the better running quarterbacks in the region, also ran for a score in the win. Boone has passed for 1,073 yards (with 11 TDs) and rushed for 598 this season.

"The win versus Chantilly was a great boost for the team," said Thompson. "We've

played a lot of close games in the past month, and felt like we really needed to win a close one to get over the hump. Chantilly is a very good team, with great coaching and playmakers at all positions. Getting a win over them is always nice."

Another Key win over a high-powered opponent this season for Oakton came over district rival and Div. 6 playoff team Westfield, 21-14.

The Cougars won their first five games of the season before losing three of the next four. One of the losses came at then-unbeaten Centreville, 30-16, in a week eight district meeting.

Oakton is going to have to play a solid overall game to beat the Rams on Friday.

"To beat a team like Robinson, we need to play mistake-free in all phases of the game," said Thompson. "Their defense is well coached and deep with experience, so scoring opportunities are limited and can't be wasted. Their offense is explosive in the run game and complemented with an accurate passing game, so we will have to be prepared to defend the whole field and not over commit to any one formation or player."

Robinson, under head coach Mark Bendorf, is a fundamentally sound team on offense, defense and special teams as well.

"They really don't make mistakes in the kicking game, so field position will be a battle and we will have to match their execution," said Thompson. "They have an outstanding coaching staff, and tradition. We will be playing on their field and should have our work cut out for us. We are playing with more confidence than earlier in the season, and we have some players that have developed into real threats on both sides of the ball. I think we'll be ready to play."

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OBITUARY

Melbourne, FL – Caroline Cooper Wills passed away on October 31, 2010 at her home in Melbourne, FL after a long illness, diagnosed as Parkinson's Disease. Born into an Army family at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, she was one of seven children of the late Colonel John Avery and Ona Gibson Cooper. After a childhood at several Army Posts, she graduated from Western High School in Washington, DC. She lived most of her adult life in the Washington area including forty years in McLean, VA. After graduating from Vassar College with a major in mathematics, she worked for IBM in Washington, DC for several years. As a computer programmer, she installed computer programs and trained federal employees to operate the IBM 360 Punch Card Computer for many government agencies including the CIA, FBI and Defense. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Ona Cooper and Ella Cooper Thomas and three brothers; Colonel John A. Cooper, Jr., Lt. Robby Cooper (a WWII POW casualty) and Lieutenant General Kenneth Banks Cooper. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, R.W. Wills, formerly of Peterstown, WV and daughter Carey Wills Dixon and husband USCG Lt. Commander Richard H. Dixon, grandson, Robert Wills Dixon and granddaughter, Abigail Caroline Dixon presently residing in Covington, LA, one brother, Colonel Richmond J. Cooper and wife Janet Felton Cooper of Alexandria, VA, one sister in law, Virginia (Jenny) Cooper of Arlington, six nephews and one niece.

Funeral Services will be 11:00 AM, Monday, November 8, 2010 at the Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home Chapel, Peterstown, WV with Pastor Jonathan Jennings officiating. Burial will follow in the Peterstown Cemetery, Rich Creek, VA. There will be no visitation. Online guestbook can be signed or condolence may be sent to the Wills Family at www.broyles-shrewsbury.com. Arrangements by Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home, Peterstown, WV.

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I Could Care More



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In addition to what "I Could Care Less" about (see last week's column) there are things that I care too much about. Things that, in the scheme of things/big picture (Cancer), shouldn't really matter, but unfortunately do, and disproportionately so at that. It's almost as if my brain is expending so much energy managing my emotions concerning the cancer; allowing me to live and behave in a semi normal-type routine, that the less significant issues in my life are left to fend for themselves. And it's these less significant issues fending for themselves that seem to occupy and affect my consciousness more than any other.

I don't worry about the cancer; I mean, I'm not consumed by it, anxious because of it, incapacitated having it. Hardly. I am affected by it, of course. I am different. I am living with a terminal disease – at age 56. Still, it doesn't keep me awake – any more. Nor does it keep me from getting out of bed, getting dressed, performing all the "activities of daily living." There are deficits to be sure but, overall, physically – and mentally, I'm functioning. All systems are not exactly go, but nor am I stuck in neutral either.

However, I do worry about things now that I never used to worry about. The kinds of things which long ago I stopped worrying about and/or had allocated/compartimentalized in a part of my brain/head which made living – for me, relatively manageable. Without being too specific – or boring, the things to which I'm referring are small things, unimportant things, things which doing or not doing or doing them now – or doing them later, or not even doing them at all or doing them in due course, seem to weigh on me more heavily than ever: shopping, laundry, banking, bill-paying, errands, preparing meals, travel/travel planning, etc.; mundane, everyday-type stuff. Stuff which had become second nature; heck, stuff which for me had become "third nature." But not anymore.

I don't mean to imply that I'm a bundle of nerves if I have to leave the house at a certain time to drive to an unknown destination, as one of many examples of everyday activities that now stress me out. But I am definitely no longer the "smooth operator" (inside joke) that I used to be. Moreover, it's not as if I can't get out of my own way or I'm a total klutz and/or incompetent (I didn't say incontinent; so far, that's not my problem), it's more about feeling unprepared, disorganized, forgetful, neglectful about things in life that require a certain attentiveness. And it's that lack of attentiveness to basic details, sort of, that worries me. None of it used to matter, now all of it seems to. It was never important, now it dominates what I think most about.

Doctor's appointments, lab work, chemotherapy, quarterly scans, refilling prescriptions; none of it bothers me. Deciding what to wear bothers/worries me more. Big stuff doesn't bother me. Little stuff does. In fact, the bigger the better I am; the smaller the stuff, the worse I am. I wish I could control it but, per last week's column, there are things that I simply can't control any more. And not being able to control things is scary because "control" is important to a cancer/terminal patient's survival – or so we've been told by the health care professionals treating/taking care of me. I'm not a lost cause or anything, yet, but I am wondering about cause and effect.

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NEWS

Connolly Re-elected

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Virginia law entitled the Fimian campaign to a state-sponsored recount, though the Republican has decided not to pursue that option. Fimian conceded the race Nov. 9, one week after election day.

The Republican had held off on declaring an end to the race for a few days, waiting to see the results of a preliminary ballot review. Connolly declared his victory only hours after the polls closed on election night.

ONLY A FEW days after the election, Connolly, who had been traveling his congressional district nonstop for weeks, checked into a local hospital for testing.

According to campaign manager James Walkinshaw, the Democrat was treated for a blood clot in an artery during his hospital stay and was released Nov. 8.

CONNOLLY, a freshman on Capitol Hill, served 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors before moving to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2003 and 2007, he won countywide races for Fairfax's chairman seat by wide margins and is widely regarded as the leader of the local Democratic Party in Fairfax County.

When he first ran for Congress two years ago, the Democrat beat Fimian by 12 percentage points.

Despite the negative climate for Democrats overall, several political observers were surprised to see the race between Fimian and Connolly had gotten so close in the days before the election. Many political activists in both parties had assumed Connolly would win the seat by a wider margin.

"It was getting closer than we thought it would be. The Cook Report had labeled it as a toss up this weekend," said Rex Simmons, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

Like Fimian, the Democrat had also taken hits in television advertisements funded by outside political groups over the last two weeks. Connolly said the negative television spots, in addition to an anti-incumbent and anti-Democratic sentiment among the electorate, took a toll on the campaign and diminished his lead in the days leading up to the election.

"Nobody had said this was going to be easy. ... But the voters have spoken and the voters have chosen a moderate, pragmatic voice," said Connolly, in his election night speech.

The Democrat said he heard a "loud and clear" message from his constituents about focusing on the economic growth. In an interview, he said he planned to turn his attention toward the U.S. Department of Defense's plans to cut back on government contracting, which several business leaders in Northern Virginia said could cost the region thousands of jobs.

"I want to foster and grow this local

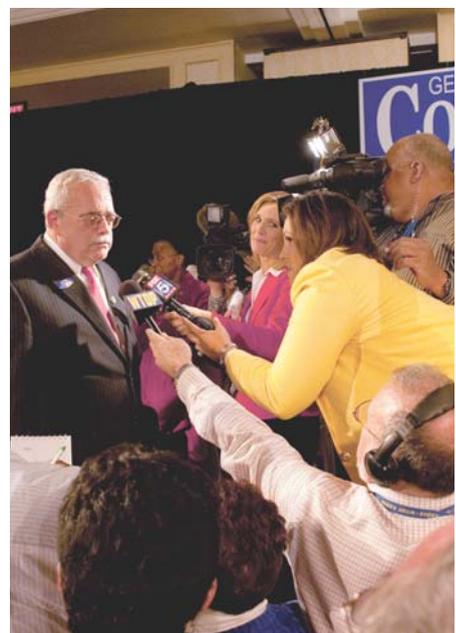


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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) meets the press following his victory speech Tuesday night.

economy which is the envy of the rest of the country and that was built in partnership with the federal government," said the congressman.

CONNOLLY'S LONG RECORD as an effective local government leader in Fairfax County may have helped him draw more votes than his fellow congressional Democrats on election day, said political party activists.

"I was looking for experience. He has a sense of what people want and need," said Springfield resident Mary Anne Ericson of Connolly.

The congressman fared much better with Fairfax voters, who make up two-thirds of the 11th Congressional District, than Prince William County voters.

Connolly won Fairfax with 50.5 percent of the vote to Fimian's 47.6 percent of the vote. But Fimian beat Connolly in Prince William, garnering 51.6 percent of the votes to Connolly's 46.1 percent.

"Gerry is a known quantity, especially in Fairfax County," said Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

An unusually strong turnout in Fairfax also benefited Connolly. Approximately 51 percent of all active Fairfax County voters, who were more likely to vote for the Democrat, showed up at the polls compared to just 45 percent of active voters in Prince William County, who tend to vote more for conservative candidates.

"Thirty-five percent of registered voters had come in by noon, which is great. Only presidential elections get this type of turnout," said Adina Horvarth, an election official at the Mantua precinct in Fairfax.

During a similar election cycle in 1997, when the only candidates on the ballot were local congressmen, Fairfax voters turned out at a much lower rate of 40 percent, according to county election records.

But knowing that this would be a close election, both political parties made a significant effort to drive potential voters to the polls.

"I was deluged by parties interested in my participation in the process, more so than the presidential election. It was almost a nuisance really," said Darphaus Mitchell, who voted at Orange Hunt Elementary School.

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