

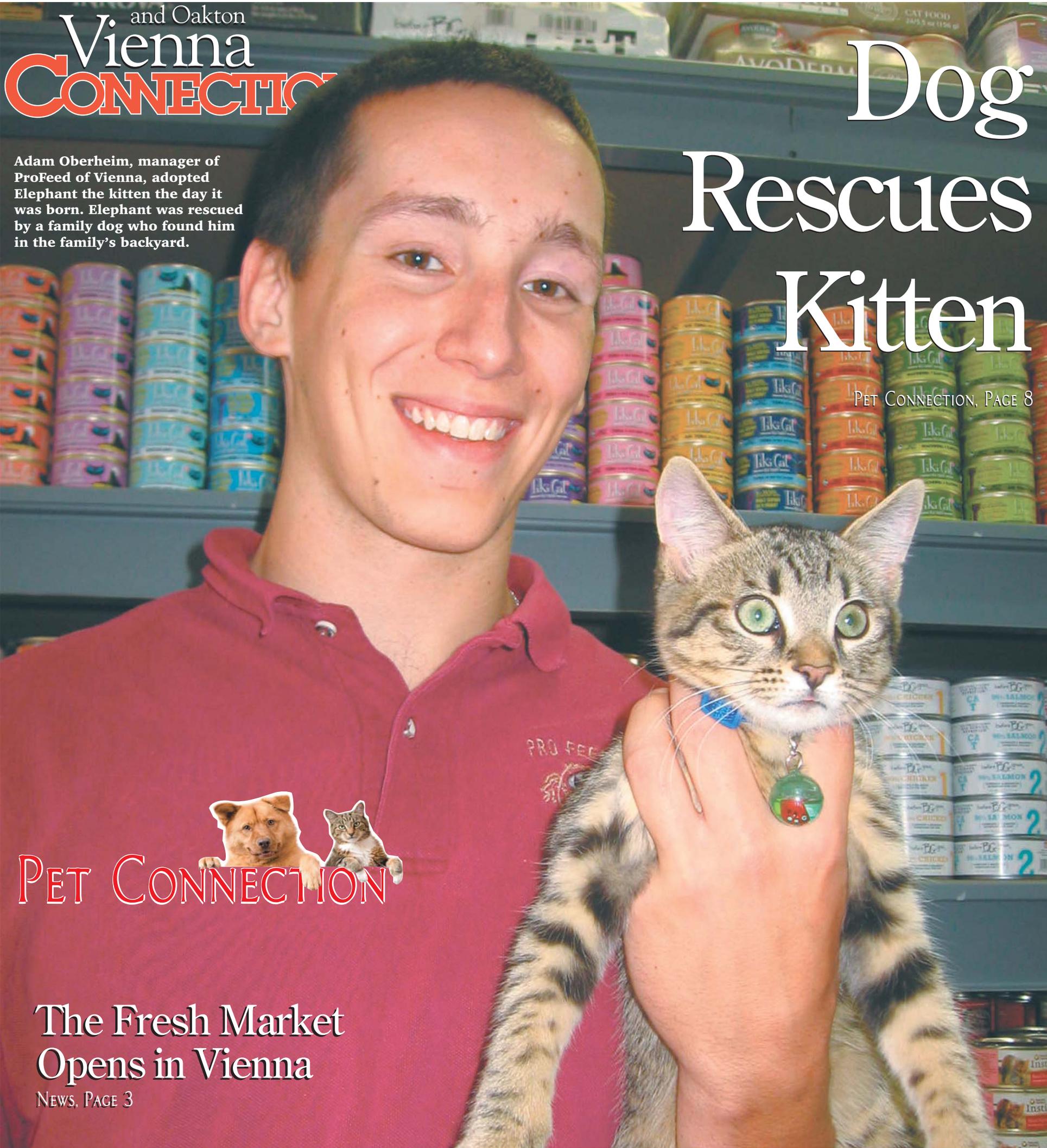
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Adam Oberheim, manager of ProFeed of Vienna, adopted Elephant the kitten the day it was born. Elephant was rescued by a family dog who found him in the family's backyard.

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Market-style canopies are draped over fresh vegetables and fruit. When the store closes, the potatoes are put to bed, covered to protect them from light.

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The Fresh Market Opens in Vienna

Community wowed by quality, variety and design of new food store.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

If you need assistance at the new The Fresh Market in Vienna, don't expect to find a customer service desk. There is none. No need for it, store manager Dave Bonjour says. "Everyone in the store, every employee, is empowered to make decisions, to help, to make judgments."

The practice works effectively to the benefit of the customers in The Fresh Market's 105 other stores. It's part of the market touch that The Fresh Market extends. From the florist to the baker, every one of the nearly 100-person staff working at The Fresh Market tries to be the store's ambassador.

"The customer is our number one priority," Bonjour said. "We want to serve our customers with the best customer service and the best quality of food." Bonjour said he and his staff want to know their customers. He'll know them by name, he said, if people want to identify themselves.

The 23,000 square-foot store, on Branch Street, opened to crowds on the morning of July 20.

A PARMESAN CHEESE-CRACKING is a much-tastier grand opening ceremony than the traditional ribbon-cutting, so that is what the store did. Using specialized tools, a cheesemaster cut open an 89-pound wheel of two-



Lani Allen, shopping with her mother and brother, called The Fresh Market's ambiance "rustic" and "very warm." "I love the decorations above the vegetables," Lani said. "And there's such a variety of candy, I'm going to bring along my babysitting money."

year-old Parmesan Reggiano. As The Fresh Market management is wont to say, the store is about people connecting over food.

Empowered staff is not the only unique element of the store. The Fresh Market stands out because there is no prepared meats set-up. You want meat, you see the butcher. The Fresh Market doesn't use zone pricing, which is also a unique practice. And get this. Every employee is authorized to open something for sampling if a customer wants to try something new. With 40 varieties of mustard, including Nathan's, that's good for customers to know.

And while we're on the subject of what The Fresh Market does not have, here's another one. All check-out registers are manned by human beings ... no self-check-outs. The Fresh Market goes out of its way to encourage staff and customer interaction.

THE STORE WAS DESIGNED with a "market" touch. The floors are wood, as is most of the shelving. Lighting is suspended from the ceiling, aisles are staggered, and classical music plays in the background. Market-style canopies hang above bins in the produce department.

"It's a beautiful store," said Vienna resident Ann More. When More saw the sign announcing the opening date, she put it on her calendar. "It's exciting to come on opening day," she said.

"Obviously, they put a lot of care into the arrangement of the store and the quality. It's a really nice shopping experience. I'm enjoying it."

Sampling, from coffee to desserts to savories, took place throughout the store. It's not a typical grocery store. Don't look

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Det. Tina L. Elias, left, of the Town of Vienna Police Department accepts the Charles A. Robinson 'Respect for Law' award for the Vienna Police Department. The award is named after former Town of Vienna mayor Charles A. Robinson.



Honored officer Tina L. Elias with her husband Pete, also a VPD officer, and daughters Johnna Shaver, married to VPD officer Chris Shaver, and Brenna Elias [right].

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Optimists Honor Law Enforcement Heroes

Charles A. Robinson Respect for Law program recognizes Vienna, Fairfax County officers.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

On July 20, the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna honored officers from Vienna and Fairfax County whose service stands out in a sea of shining law enforcement examples.

Det. Tina L. Elias of the Town of Vienna Police Department and PFCs Jessica Kane and Nathan Sloan of the Fair Oaks Substation of Fairfax County Police were awarded inscribed plaques by the Optimist Club. Former Councilwoman Maud Robinson, widow of former Mayor Charles A. Robinson, presented the awards.

"This recognition was earned

by their extraordinary service," said program co-coordinator Laurie Genevro Cole.

Vienna Police Chief Robert Carlisle said Elias was honored for her body of work throughout her 13-year career. Carlisle singled out her dedication to getting a brutal wife abuser behind bars.

IN 2009, Elias, a detective with Vienna's Crime Investigation Bureau, investigated an attempted murder case in which a man pummeled his wife to unconsciousness, stabbed and choked her. The victim was saved from death by someone who witnessed the attack. The

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'Respect for Law' honored recipient PFC. Jessica Kane is flanked by Sgt. Jeff Norman, who nominated her, and former Town Councilwoman Maud Robinson.



Sgt. Jeff Norman, 'Respect for Law' recipient PFC. Jessica Kane, PFC. Wayne Thombly and Lt. Daniel J. Townsend [rear], Assistant Commander - Fair Oaks Station.

New High-rises Coming

Metro on the horizon spurs new growth.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

Despite office conditions being flat in Northern Virginia in the second quarter of 2011, there are major new office and mixed use projects under construction or about to break ground.

In Tysons Corner, long before the new Metro line is scheduled to operate in 2013, Lerner Enterprises broke ground earlier this month on a fifth office building at Tysons II. Dubbed 1775 Tysons Boulevard, it will be connected to the other Lerner properties by a climate controlled walkway. It will have 476,000 square feet of office space, a solar array on the roof and a one-acre park at Tysons Boulevard and Galleria Drive. The project, first reported by Bisnow, is the fifth office building at Tysons II.

Timothy Steffan, senior vice president at Macerich, said Macerich will begin a project in 2012 at the old Circuit City location in Tysons Corner. He said it will be three buildings, including a 20-story office tower, a 300-room hotel and 400 residential units. Macerich operates Tysons Corner Center, the largest shopping center in the Washington area with Macy's, Nordstrom, LL Bean and other major stores. Steffan said the new project will be connected to Tysons Corner Center with an elevated pedestrian walkway.

This expansion is contemplated to coincide with the opening of the Metro rail in Tysons. Metro rail has been the spark of growing development all along its routes.

Audrey Zale Cramer, vice chairman of Cushman Wakefield, said the Roslyn Metro station is a key factor in the 30-story building under construction at 1812 North Moore Street in Arlington. The Monday Properties building, she said, will be completed in 2013. It has some 580,000 square feet of space and is being developed with strong energy saving and other "green" attributes. Cushman Wakefield is handling the leasing of the building.

The Transwestern Outlook for Northern Virginia said office market conditions were flat in the second quarter of 2011, "as steady leasing activity was offset by tenants vacating space." But Transwestern analysts said "we expect conditions to improve during the balance of the year as Northern Virginia adds 19,300 new jobs to its economy in 2011 spurring demand for office space."

Transwestern reported that Boeing plans to break ground in Crystal City by the end of 2011. The plan calls for two buildings, totaling 456,000 square feet and will house some 500 Boeing employees.

Murder-Suicide in McLean Area

Police are investigating the deaths of two people in a home in the 8600 block of Tebbs Lane in McLean. Police were called to the home at approximately 4:15 p.m., Friday July 22 for a report of gunshots. Officers located the bodies of two people; a man and a woman on the premises.

The man has been identified as a 71-year-old Dr. Mark Lawrence, resident of the home where he lived and worked as a psychiatrist. The woman, Barbara Newman, 62, of 9694 Farmside Place, Vienna had been his patient. Detectives have preliminarily determined that the patient shot the doctor, then herself.

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

Report Shows Decrease in County's Homeless Population

Focus on rapid re-housing, business partnerships help prevent homelessness.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION



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Dean Klein, director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH)

A newly released report on Fairfax County's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) reveals that during the past four years the county's homeless population has decreased by 15.6 percent, from 1,835 individuals in 2008 to 1,549 in 2011.

"The good news is that the 10 year-plan to prevent and end homelessness is working and that our housing program is working," said Michael O'Reilly, chairman of the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End homelessness. "To have such a significant decrease in this economic environment is phenomenal."

In 2007, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a 10-Year Plan to end homelessness. In 2008, the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) was established to manage, coordinate and monitor implementation of the community's plan to end homelessness by 2018.

The new study, which examines homeless trends from 2008-11, brings into sharper focus the overall picture of homelessness by using new data collection methods.

For the first time, Fairfax County homeless advocates can track trends in the County's homeless population, rather than rely on traditional, but sometimes unreliable, "point-in-time" surveys.

"The point-in-time surveys used to be our only measuring tool, which was a one-day count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families in the county," said O'Reilly, "It was a tally of who is homeless on any given night, and while it provided some valuable information, it did not allow us to monitor trends or see significant shifts from year to year," said O'Reilly.

By collecting data in a new way, according Dean Klein, director of OPEH, the county can see measurable progress in preventing and ending what many consider an intractable problem.

Fairfax County's success in decreasing the homeless population runs counter to national trends. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, released last month, overall homelessness increased was up by 1 percent nationally from 2009 to 2010.

"Part of our success in preventing and ending homelessness is predicated on our strong partnerships with a broad coalition of nonprofits, faith-based communities, businesses, government agencies and individuals," Klein said. Partners include Reston Interfaith, Shelter House, United Community Ministries and the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development.

While there has been a decrease in the number of homeless, the new study also indicated a slight drop in the average monthly income among adults in families who are employed, as well as a 2 percent drop in the number of employed adults.

"I think (the report) says that although we've been successful in new and innovative strategies to house the homeless, the ongoing economic factors that face every individual are daunting and we need to continue our commitment to find creative ways to support independence," said Klein.

The report also showed that a new housing initiative, Housing Opportunities Support Teams (HOST), prevented nearly 900 persons from becoming homeless in 2010. HOST, financed through \$2.14 million in federal stimulus dollars, focuses on getting people who enter homeless shelters back into housing as quickly as possible.

The money was part of \$14.7 billion in housing spending included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, passed in 2009.

Fairfax County aggressive emphasis on rapid re-housing has garnered national attention. Most recently, the OPEH received the Best Government Housing Initiative Award from the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND). Each year, HAND recognizes the finest in housing related projects, programs and organizations in Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The award was presented to Klein and deputy county executive Pat Harrison at HAND's 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting and awards luncheon on May 26. The event brought together more than 1,000 leading housing professionals from the region.

OPEH was one of eight award recipients to receive recognition at the event.

"Recognition such as this will support even greater momentum as we continue to decrease the number of children, families and single adults who are homeless or at risk of falling into homelessness," Klein said.

"To have such a significant decrease in this economic environment is phenomenal."

— Michael O'Reilly

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attacker fled Virginia to North Carolina.

For a year and a half, Elias supported the wife who initially was too terrorized to testify against her attacker and tracked down the attacker in his home state of North Carolina. Elias got him extradited and brought to trial.

A year and a half after the attack, the perpetrator plea-bargained and received a 10-year sentence for his crime.

"Tina's a tenacious person who will not give up," said Carlisle, speaking from the podium.

"I have no doubt the guy would have killed [his wife] had someone not intervened," he said. "Tina did an awful lot of work on this case to get the attacker into the court system."

In his nomination of Elias, Lt. Russ Marsh highlighted Elias' resolve in domestic and sexual abuse cases and her role in the operation of the department's rifle program. Elias took charge in the rifle's program's development.

Det. Elias, also a bicycle officer, is married to a Vienna police officer, as is her daughter, Johnna Shaver.

A DRUNK DRIVER in the Fair Oaks area crashed into a stopped dump truck in early morning hours. Officers Kane and Sloan of the Fair Oaks station were the first responders. With no thought to their own safety, each officer worked to get the inebriated victim out of her crushed vehicle.

As fire began creeping into the car, Kane reached into it and cut the victim's seatbelt. Using his club, Sloan broke through the car's windshield. The officers managed to extricate the crash victim before her tires exploded.

Although Sloan was not available to attend the awards program, Kane was there to accept hers. When asked if she was scared, she said she just "did it." Sgt. Jeff Norman of the Fair Oaks station nominated Kane and Sloan.

Optimists Sara Byrd Goldberg and Laurie Genevro Cole coordinated the program. Attending the program were Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Mayor M. Jane Seeman, and Del. Mark Keam (D-35) who is a member of the Greater Vienna Optimists.

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Below are several suggested questions, but we encourage you to participate in any way.

We'll print selections from the answers along with your name. Answer one question or all of them; give as many answers as you'd like to each question.

What "insider's tip" about your town would you share with a friend? Places to go, things to do, can't-miss events, ideas on what it means to live here.

What advice would you give new residents on how to make themselves at home and get involved here?

What tips do you have for someone new to your town? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your

neighbors and with people new to the area.

Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event. Send us a photo of your family at one of your favorite spots or engaged in a favorite activity.

We also ask for input from local arts organizations, civic organizations, houses of worship, clubs, schools, businesses and other community institutions. Send us information on dates and details for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

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Brett Berlin, Vienna

"By staying inside as much as possible, which I hate to do. Being outside is healthier, normally, but with this heat index, it's too dangerous to be outside now. I came to a very cool place for a very warm drink [at Caffe Amour]."



Elizabeth Geiger, Vienna

"Not very well, especially since my air conditioner is broken at home and at work. Mostly, water and fans. I walked here [Vienna Farmers' Market], a couple of blocks, and then looked for a shady spot."



Michele Wright, volunteer at Vienna Farmers' Market

"Staying in the shade. Delivering cold water to people, I can hold the cold drinks against my body. Some of the vendors have fans, so I go and stand there."



Quinn A., 6, Vienna

"Drinking cold stuff. I go to the pool everyday. I've been staying indoors and going to the pool, too."



Allisa Coles, Vienna

"I've been going to the pool every single day pretty much. We're on our way now to the pool."



Colleen Vossler, Vienna

"We just came back from the beach, Cape May in New Jersey. [The kids] spent it bodysurfing in the ocean and jumping the waves."

— DONNA MANZ

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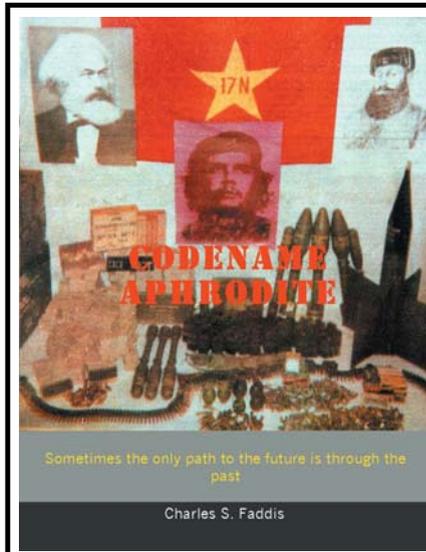
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Dog Rescues Kitten

Newborn cat hand-raised by Vienna store manager.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

To an injured newborn kitten, a dog was his savior. On April 11, in Alexandria, a family pet found a bloody kitten in the family's backyard. The dog, using parental instincts, carried the kitten into the house by the scruff of his tiny neck. The homeowner did not know what to do with this newborn cat, still with his eyes closed. Although the homeowner searched his yard and the other side of the fence, he could find no signs of a litter. Not knowing what else to do, the homeowner brought the kitten to the local Petsmart. There, the kitten's good luck continued.

When the kitten came through Petsmart's door, Adam Oberheim's girlfriend — then working for Petsmart — spotted the kitten and fell in love with him. That is how Elephant the kitten ended up in the home shared by Oberheim, his girlfriend and a 115-pound mastiff on the day he was born.

"It was raining, 40 degrees," said Oberheim, manager of ProFeed pet supply in Vienna. "It's unlikely the rest of the litter made it through the night. Fortunately, Elephant was picked up and saved."

THE LITTLE CAT'S EYES were closed for his first two weeks of life. From the moment Elephant had his own forever family, he was hand-raised until he could feed himself. Every two hours for the first couple of weeks, Elephant was fed from a two-ounce bottle of a blend of raw goat's milk and a kitten milk replacement formula. Initially, the kitten was drinking just one-quarter to one-half an ounce of formula.

By the time he was 4 weeks old, Elephant was up to an ounce per feeding. The kitten was drinking a whole bottle by the time he was 5 weeks old.

"We set the alarm clock like he was our little baby,"



Adam Oberheim hand-fed Elephant during the kitten's first five weeks of life with kitten milk replacement and protein formula. The kitten graduated to a raw food diet at five weeks.

Oberheim said.

When Elephant was "gobbling up his bottles" at 5 weeks, Oberheim said he then attempted to introduce the kitten to raw meat. Oberheim began feeding Elephant approximately two ounces of raw beef and salmon nuggets that come frozen in a package. He thawed the nuggets and topped the entrée off with a trickle of goat's milk. On a video clip on Oberheim's phone, Elephant is seen chowing down his grown-up food with zest.

The little kitten who would have died had he not been rescued shortly after birth is thriving now. He's average-sized and loves to play. When Draco, the mastiff, lies down, Elephant comes to cuddle with him.

"I've had cats before in my life, including another kitten without a mother," said Oberheim. "He was our family. I'm young and I want to have a family with animals."

ELEPHANT'S COMPLETE DIET

comes from stock at Vienna ProFeed. Freezers hold a selection of raw food for dogs and cats. The milk replacement items are on shelves. Oberheim believes that dogs and cats do best on a diet which is natural to them. Articles on the subject of raw food diets for pets indicate there is controversy and debate on the issue, particularly in areas of complete nutrition and safety. Raw food diets have their opponents and their proponents.

The 24-hour days in which Elephant was hand-fed every two hours are long behind Oberheim now. He said he would do it again if he had to.

"There's a lot of cats out there who don't get to a good home," Oberheim said.

"Rather than sending him to rescue, I thought I'd save a step and rescue him myself. I was looking for a rescue cat and I feel God just gave him to me."



Zoey

Laura, Scott, Stephen and Kristen Jones of Vienna sent this photo of Zoey, their 6-year-old American Staffordshire Terrier. Zoey loves to lounge on top of the sofa and stare out the window.

PETS OF VIENNA

Penny

Sharon Celesnik, who lives outside the town limits of Vienna, has submitted this photo of her dog Penny: "She is a longhaired dachshund and is 18 months old. She is a very sweet dog and loves every person she meets. She loves to play and can be very mischievous about stealing things from my purse and around the house to make me laugh and chase her to get the items back. Dachshunds love children but most breeders do not like to place a dachshund puppy with a family with small children because dachshunds can develop back problems if they are not handled correctly."



Cody

Suzy Krebs of Vienna writes: "Cody, aka NuDawnz Nugget, is my beautiful pedigree American Bobtail who is a former ribbon-winner for his appearance and lovely color. Last summer I asked my mother to find a cat for me when she attended a cat show in Ohio. She called me that afternoon and said she had found the most beautiful cat whose breeder was looking for a permanent home for him. She described him to me and it seemed like a perfect match, even though I hadn't actually seen him! Cody has now lived with me for a year, and is retired from the cat show circuit. He has happily adjusted to being the one-and-only beloved cat who enjoys exploring, playing and sleeping wherever he wants to. Cody's delightful personality and gentleness blooms daily."

Oh, Those Summer Days In the Dog Park

Dog owners get their doggies out and about at dog parks throughout Northern Virginia.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Just like people, dogs look forward to recreation time. That's why owners often utilize the local 'dog parks' to give their pets the exercise, fresh air, and socialization with other dogs that they are craving for.

Throughout Northern Virginia, dog parks — spacious areas of grass or dirt, often next to or part of local parks run by the Fairfax County Park Authority — are a popular attraction for dog owners who wish to see their canine release some of his or her energy. Dog parks are often equipped with benches for a dog's owner, as well as doggie toys (rubber or plastic balls, tough plastic or nylon tug-of-war grippers), baby sized plastic swim pools for the hot days, water bowls to quench a doggie's thirst, and hard plastic tunnels of 10-12 feet that dogs can squirm their way through.

Dog park visits are a way to get dogs to mingle and play with other dogs. Often, a group of dog owners will make it a point to visit dog parks at set times throughout a week in order that both people and dogs can enjoy their respective acquaintances.

Last week throughout Fairfax County, dog owners and their canine friends battled the hot weather and enjoyed a half hour or so of fun times at dog parks. Owners came prepared with lots of water for themselves and their dogs to offset the high 90s-plus temperatures.

Sarah Yusko of Reston spent some of her mid-morning Thursday, July 21, with her two Weimaraner's — 4-year old twins Hector and Rupert — at the dog park on the grounds of Baron Cameron Park in Reston.

Yusko and her husband, Chris, recently moved to Reston from Nashville. Sarah said she used to have to drive 30 minutes to get to a doggie park from her former residence in Tennessee. Now, she walks a half mile from the couples' Reston apartment complex to the dog park at Baron Cameron Park.

There, across from a softball diamond, are large areas for both big dogs and little dogs. Sarah's dogs were in the big dogs' park, running, jumping and having a good time



Russell, a 3-year old beagle mix, spent part of Saturday at the dog park at Baron Cameron Park in Reston.



Dogs get excited when they realize they are approaching a local dog park.

despite the fact that, at that time, there were no other dogs there, most likely due to the heat.

"We're here every day," said Yusko. "I think they enjoy it. They hang out with each other."

"Hector likes to meet other dogs, Rupert is the body guard," said Yusko, with a chuckle. "Hector is the ambassador."

The couple has had the dogs since they were puppies. "It's been a challenge at times but we love them," said Yusko.

LATER THAT SAME MORNING, about 10 miles westward, several individuals and their dogs were enjoying their time at the Vienna Dog Park, run by the Town of Vienna and located off of Courthouse Rd., next door to Nottoway Park.

Louis Ventre, Gary McDermott and daughter Corlyn, and Zara Pyatt were all on hand with their dogs at the shaded facility.

Ventre, an Oakton resident, had his 17-month old enormous black lab, Buddy, with him.

"We call him 'Big Buddy,'" laughed Ventre, who said Buddy has grown from 35 pounds when

he first got him to his current 125 pounds.

Buddy, Ventre said, looks forward to his daily, one-hour visits to the park, usually from 11 to noon.

"He starts bugging me to go about a half hour before we leave," said Ventre, of Big Buddy's enthusiasm to go to the dog park. "He gets moody when we can't go. He's very sedate, easy going and he likes to play with the other dogs. He likes to play tug-of-war with a rope and keep away with a stick."

Two baby-sized swim pools were accessible for the dogs on the steamy day.

Ventre said there are certain features which help make up a good dog park.

"You've got to have shade in a good park, seats to sit in, and water is especially essential," he said.

A 3-year old lab-hound mix named Ranger, Pyatt's dog, was not as lively as usual on the hot July late morning. But he was still jaunting around, taking in the day with his friends. Pyatt, who resides in Fairfax city, said she got Ranger when he was 9 weeks old from 'A Forever Home Rescue League.'

Pyatt said walking Ranger, who weighs 65 pounds, around her neighborhood is difficult.

"When I take him for a walk, he's too energetic for me," she said.

So to release some of that pent-up doggie zeal, Pyatt brings Ranger to the Vienna park three or four times a week.

He gets in here and runs and runs and runs, exercise he wouldn't get from a walk," said Pyatt. "Plus, it's good socially for him."

Pyatt said that Ranger, on the car ride from Fairfax to the Vienna park, begins getting excited when they get near to the park on Nutley Street in Vienna.

"Once we get to a certain place on Nutley, he goes berserk," said Pyatt, smiling and shaking her head. "He's very excited when he comes here."

Ranger, on this day, was not as bouncy and exuberant as usual but still seemed to be in his element around the other dogs.

"He's slow today because the heat bothers him a lot," said Pyatt. "It's getting so hot I'll have to adjust and come in the early morning or later in the evening."

Pyatt said some recent upgrades and new additions to the Vienna park, the result of hard work and dedication of a local Vienna girls' scout troop, had made the park even more attractive. The troop had fixed up the wooden ramps used for dog agility as well as added some long plastic tunnels the dogs can play in.

"They run in and around the tunnels and hide, and get toys," said Pyatt, of the dogs' delight in the black tunnels.

Pyatt said the park is quite busy on the weekends and when temperatures are down in the high 50s, low 60s.

GARY MCDERMOTT and his daughter, Corlyn, paid a visit to the Vienna Dog Park with their four dogs — two Irish wolfhounds named Molly (8 months old), who was born last October, and six-month old Gilmore. Molly, with her bright white hair, sported a blue bandana around her neck, while Gilmore wore a red bandana.

The two other dogs were Desie, an 8-month-old chocolate lab, and 7-year old Riley, a yellow lab.

Molly, the white Irish wolfhound, and Desie, the chocolate lab, were both born on the same day, Oct. 26 of last year.

Gary and Corlyn only recently began bringing their dogs to the Vienna park, waiting for Gilmore to turn six months.

"We try to bring them every day to socialize and they love it," said Corlyn, a graduate this past spring of Longwood University.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 27

Atlas, Fight Cloud, No Blitz and Michael Butler. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

An Evening with Lynyrd Skynyrd. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Classic rock ballads. \$48 in-house, \$35 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 28

City of Fairfax Concert Band. 8 p.m. Veterans Amphitheater, City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. A pops-style concert of light classical, Broadway, jazz, film, and patriotic selections. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org.

Stuntology. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Sam Bartlett, musician, artist and author of Stuntology, presents pranks, tricks and stunts to amuse yourself and amaze your friends. 703-242-4020.

Rubblebucket. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

NSO at Wolf Trap: The 5 Browns. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Emil de Cou, Conductor. The National Symphony Orchestra is joined by five Julliard-trained siblings from Utah. Tickets \$20-\$52. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 29

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. www.mcleancenter.org.

Author Maurita Corcoran. 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center. "A House Interrupted," the story of the realization that her successful physician husband was a sex addict. 703-506-2937.

The Bigger Lights, Divided By Friday and Fourth Quarter Comeback at 6 p.m., followed by **The Bigger Lights, For The Foxes and Aim For The Weekend** at 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

NSO at Wolf Trap: Marvin Hamlisch, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Stephanie J. Block. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. The National Symphony Orchestra in an evening of showtune classics. Tickets \$20-\$52. www.wolftrap.org.

Singer/Songwriter Ray Bennett. 7 p.m. Caffe Amouri, 107 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Donations accepted for the Lamb Center of Fairfax. Items needed include new socks and underwear, deodorant, soap, tooth brushes, paper towels and more. www.caffeamouri.com or www.thelambcenter.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 30

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. www.mcleancenter.org.

The Follson Prisoners. 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-



"Two Scarlet Macaws and Epidendrum Parkisonium Orchid," watercolor by Ruth Ensley. There will be an **Artist's Reception for Ruth Ensley's "Birds of a Feather" on Sunday, July 31 from 1-4 p.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W. in Vienna. Ensley's paintings showcase parrots amongst lush tropical foliage in Costa Rica. The exhibit will be open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through Aug. 27. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.**

288-9505.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Author Sophia Nelson. 2 p.m. Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center. "Black Woman Redefined," an intimate look at the stereotypes, lives and images of successful black women. 703-506-2937.

Summer Lovin': A Hot Night of Cool Stories. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Better Said Than Done, a community of professional storytellers, present stories for grownups about summer romance. \$10. www.bettersaidthandone.com, www.jamminjava.com or 703-255-1566.

Feed God Cabbage, DC Flow and Feel Free. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

NSO at Wolf Trap: Casablanca.

8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. With conductor Emil de Cou and host Ben Mankiewicz. The film will be shown on large screens both in-house and on the lawn, with the film's full score played live by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$20-\$52. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 31

Dolly Parton: Better Day World Tour. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Country music. \$60 in-house, \$35 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

The Remedy. 6 p.m. Concerts on the Green, Great Falls Village Center, Great Falls. Rock. www.gfvcca.com/concerts.

Rebecca Loebe, Jenee Halstead and Sam Friend. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Artist's Reception. 1-4 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. "Birds of a Feather" by Ruth Ensley. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.



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Vienna's Shannon Kingett, center, celebrates opening night of "Hairspray" at The Little Theatre of Alexandria with fellow cast members Brenda Parker, Christopher Harris, Adrian Cabbage and Jaclyn Young. Kingett plays the lead role of Tracy Turnblad.

Shake It Up, Baby!

Vienna's Kingett shines in 'Hairspray.'

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

The beehives and bobby socks were out in full force July 23 as Vienna's Shannon Kingett made her debut as the spunky Tracy Turnblad in the Little Theatre of Alexandria's blockbuster musical production of "Hairspray."

"I am very overwhelmed right now," Kingett said at the opening night reception. "I have always wanted to play this role."

Kingett, a 2010 musical theater graduate of James Madison University, received a resounding standing ovation following her performance as a besotted Baltimore teen whose dream is to dance on the local Corny Collins show.

"I knew this role would be a lot of work after I read the script," said Kingett, who works as the operations manager for the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. "Tracy is never off stage and this is by far the most dancing I have ever done."

In a cast of brilliant performers, Kingett stands out in her delivery of such notable tunes as "Good Morning, Baltimore"



PHOTO BY DOUG OLIVESTED

Vienna's Shannon Kingett, left, with Sam Jones as Tracy Turnblad and Link Larkin in the Little Theatre of Alexandria production of "Hairspray."

and "I Can Hear the Bells." "I have never seen such talent in my life," said Ernie Sult, an LTA veteran and audience member since 1937. "Shannon was absolutely unbelievable."

With a voice that reaches the stratosphere, Kingett brings the audience to its feet in the finale of "You Can't Stop the Beat."

"From the minute the curtain went up, I was full of energy since the audience was so full of energy," Kingett said. "I love every minute of doing this show."

Hairspray runs through Aug. 13 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

HOME SALES

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| 9624 COUNSELLOR DR | 4 | 3 | 0 | | VIENNA | \$589,000 | Detached | 0.26 | BARRISTERS PLACE |
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| 911 COTTAGE ST | 3 | 2 | 0 | | VIENNA | \$515,000 | Detached | 0.31 | VIENNA WOODS |
| 103 SHARON LN NW | 4 | 2 | 0 | | VIENNA | \$515,000 | Detached | 0.29 | BRADMOOR |
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| 116 CHERRY CIR | 3 | 2 | 0 | | VIENNA | \$476,000 | Detached | 0.27 | WEST VIENNA WOODS |
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| 9644 SCOTCH HAVEN DR | 3 | 3 | 1 | | VIENNA | \$460,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | COUNTRY CREEK |
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| 9868 OAKDALE WOODS CT | 2 | 1 | 1 | | VIENNA | \$321,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | OAKTON CLOISTERS |
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FAITH NOTES

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

Laura Romstedt will be a guest vocalist at Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, on Sunday, July 31 at 10 a.m. Romstedt is assistant director of the Mosaic Harmony and a featured soloist. www.antiochdoc.org or 703-938-6753.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, a United Methodist church at 2351 Hunter Mill Road in Vienna, will begin its "Champions of the Faith" series on Sunday, Aug. 28, in the 10 a.m. worship service. The "Champion the Dream" event will be on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, the same day the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial is to be unveiled. Wesley Theological Seminary Professor of Urban Ministry Fred D. Smith, PhD, will lead the 9 a.m. Sunday school class then deliver a sermon at 10 a.m. on the "Beloved Community," the Biblical theme adopted by the civil rights movement. www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive in Vienna, will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a special worship service on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. www.epiphanyumc.com or 703-938-3494.

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.

Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. in Vienna, presents the 12-week program "Passages," for those experiencing separation or divorce. The DivorceCare series meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Cost of materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938 9050 or Passages@ViennaPres.org.

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

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

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. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

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

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

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 Sundays at 6 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

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The Vienna Babe Ruth 14-year-old All Stars finished second at the Virginia state baseball tournament and are now competing at the Southeast Region Tournament in Greenville, N.C.

The Vienna Babe Ruth baseball All-Stars (14 year olds) reached the Virginia state finals before losing to Augusta, 12-9. But by reaching the title game, Vienna earned a seeding at the upcoming Southeast Region Tournament in Greenville, N.C.

Vienna, at the state tournament, lost its first game to Lane, 12-8, before winning four straight games in the loser's bracket to reach the championship. Over those four games, Vienna totaled 41 runs.

The team, throughout the state tournament, received fantastic pitching from Christian Tailor, Thomas Ale, Chris Anzilotti, Jack Swart, and Bradley Cazenias. Also, the Vienna infield defense was solid behind catcher Steve Nugent, third baseman Jack Maillett, first baseman Chris Anzilotti, and middle infielders Christian Tailor (shortstop), Jack Swart (shortstop and second base), and Bradley Cazenias (second base). In the outfield, Tristan Timblin, Thomas Ale, Matt Colwell, Joe Halligan, Zack Silverman, and Michael Wagner played stellar ball.

At the plate, Vienna consistently received good hitting up and down its line-up. Highlights included triples by Jack Swart and Jack Maillett; multiple doubles by Nugent, Tailor, Cazenias, Ale, and Swart; and single two-baggers from Maillett, Timblin, and Anzilotti.

Key hits, base hits and sacrifice bunts came from Colwell, Wagner Silverman and Halligan.

The Vienna coaches are Ed Cazenias, Jay Swart, and Steve Nugent.

For the second consecutive year, William Day, defenseman for

the Army ice hockey team, was named to the Atlantic Hockey Association All-Academic Team. Day recently completed his junior year at West Point where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Management. He is a 2006 graduate of George Marshall High School and a resident of Vienna.

Day proved to be the most versatile player on the Army roster, playing every position on ice with the exception of goalie. He led the team in blocked shots and was a key player for Army's nationally ranked penalty kill unit. Army returns for the 2011-2012 season at home vs. Union on Oct. 8.

Longtime Oakton High football coach Joe Thompson has stepped down after accepting the assistant Principal position at Annandale High School. With the new season set to begin with the start of training camp in a few weeks, Oakton has named Jason Rowley as interim head coach for the 2011 season. Rowley is an Oakton High graduate and has been a member of the football coaching staff for the past 15 years. "I know Jason will continue the many traditions of the football program with the same family, academics and, of course, winning tradition," wrote Oakton athletic director Patrick Full, in a statement release.

The Oakton Otters dive team competed in their fourth meet of the season on July 19 at the Oakton Swim and Racquet Club against Old Keene Mill. Otter Divers were nipped by Old Keene Mill by three points. First place finishes went to Julia Powell (junior girls), Brad Burgeson (junior boys), Elana Colbert (interme-



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Joe Thompson is leaving the Oakton High football program to take over as assistant principal at Annandale High.

diante girls), Gil Osofsky (intermediate boys), and Alyssa Worsham (senior girls). Oakton swept the junior boys with James Crowley in second and Liam Klopfenstein in third. Also earning points for the team were AJ Colbert, second place in senior girls; Everi Osofsky, third in intermediate girls; and Daniel Nugent, third in senior boys. Brad Burgeson set a new junior boys team record with 104.70 points.

The Otters' next meet was scheduled for earlier this week on Tuesday, July 26 at Villa Aquatic.

In Oakton Otters swim action last Saturday, McLean beat Oakton 223 to 179 in Div. 1 action. Double winners for the Otters were Nick Highman, Laura Branton, and Carter Sharer. Single winners were Lindsey Liddell, Kathleen Smith, Kate Vietmeyer, Jodie Koplaski, Stephanie Suh, Alexandra Burnnett, Drew Weber, and Isabel Hansen.

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

More than 40 Fairfax County Public Schools students competed in the National Technology Student Association state conference, "Snapshot Innovation." **Lucas Lin** of Carson Middle School won first place in Zap It Electronic Applications and sixth place in Write Now Technical Drawing, and the **Carson Middle School team** won third place in Environmental Focus and Tech Bowl plus tenth place in Problem Solving and Construction Challenge. **Angela Roller** of Oakton High School won sixth place in Extemporaneous Speech and the **Madison High School team** won ninth place in Animatronics.

Several Vienna residents have been awarded degrees from the University of Mary Washington:

- ❖ **Gianni Andrea Bellini**, bachelor of science in biology.
- ❖ **Yu Jui Chang**, bachelor of science in business administration.
- ❖ **Melissa Beth Henderson**, bachelor of science in economics.
- ❖ **Kelly L. Knight**, bachelor of science in business administration.
- ❖ **Gabriela B. Rangel-Lafuente**, bachelor of science in mathematics.
- ❖ **Greg P. Franko**, bachelor of science in computer science.
- ❖ **Julia Alejandra Lange**, bachelor of arts in sociology.
- ❖ **Stephen E. Schroeder**, bachelor of science degrees in biology and computer science.
- ❖ **Sam E. Mencarini**, bachelor of science in mathematics.

Elizabeth Humphries of Vienna has graduated with a bachelor of arts in social work from Chatham University of Pittsburgh, Pa. Humphries was also named to the spring 2011 dean's list.

Joseph Comizio of Vienna has graduated from Bowdoin College of Brunswick, Me., majoring in government and legal studies.

Andrew Feeney of Oakton has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Worcester, Ma. He is a sophomore majoring in computer science.

Jackson DeWeese of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Worcester, Ma. He is a sophomore majoring in mathematical sciences.

Catherine Stewart Schupp of Oakton graduated with a bachelor's degree and was named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Drew University of Newark, N.J.

Christopher A. Bosco of Vienna has graduated with a bachelor of arts in exercise science and physical education from McDaniel College of Westminster, Md.

Claire Siekaniec of Vienna was named to the 2011 dean's list at the University of New Haven in West Haven, Ct., and has graduated with a bachelor of science in nutrition and dietetics.

Elizabeth Armitage of Vienna was named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Denison University of Granville, Oh. Armitage is majoring in English with a concentration in literature.

Benjamin D. Aldrich of Vienna graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering, a bachelor of arts in economics and departmental honors in chemical engineering Bucknell University of Lewisville, Pa. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi national engineering honor society and the son of David and Marilyn Aldrich.

Ashley Moreland of Vienna has been named to the president's list at New River Community College of Dublin, Va.

Rodney Kent Stafford of Vienna has graduated from Anderson University of Anderson, In.

Caitlin L. Patenaude of Vienna has graduated with a degree in nursing from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. Patenaude was also named to spring 2011 dean's list at Saint Anselm.

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Clothes to a Decision



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

To say that I have a tired wardrobe is an affront to all wardrobes, tired or otherwise. To say that my clothes could use a bit of an update is a bit like saying Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie were undermanned at The Alamo. My lack of initiative with respect to such purchases has been a problem my entire life, beginning with my involvement in the "Husky" department at a very young age. It was primarily my mother's problem until I left home to attend college. College presented its own unique set of circumstances which prevented any significant clothing evolution (maturation?) – on my part. Marriage, a few years later, further complicated these clothing indecisions. Though I held fast and firm to my lack-of-clothing instincts – and deferred my purchases as much as possible, eventually, there were fissures and newer clothes occasionally were purchased, against my worse judgment. However, my wardrobe was never one to be proud of; it was – simply put, one that couldn't be avoided, by my wife, Dina, which of course presented all kinds of discussions.

Time passed. Heck, decades passed; there were some good clothing purchases and some not so good. Generally speaking, it wasn't pretty. After so many years, it became apparent – even to my wife, that perhaps she didn't have the proper training to deal with my preference for "casual attire," shall we say. Juxtaposing the fact that she always dressed nicely and appropriately for the situation, my clothing appearance left a lot to be desired, to put it kindly. To put it succinctly: it was atrocious. But I didn't care too much. I always rationalized that "It's what's inside that counts." I was never a clothes-make-the-man kind of person. I was more of a clothes-cover-the-man kind of person.

Then two-and-a-half years ago, I was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer, "a terminal disease," according to my oncologist, if there ever was one; rather convincingly when he suggested that perhaps I should take that trip I've always dreamed of taking. "WHAT!" At that point, normal had left the building, and whatever "normal" life I thought I had – good or bad, was over and subject to major re-evaluation. There was a new sheriff in town and his name was cancer. Everything changed, especially priorities. And new clothing was hardly a priority, and unlikely to move up the list of things I now cared about, given the seriousness of my diagnosis/prognosis. And when I stopped working and began chemotherapy the next week, followed soon thereafter by a deteriorating physical condition, my house-bound status didn't seem to necessitate much of a clothing upgrade.

Eventually I got off the couch and out of the house and tried to resume/re-start a semi normal life (the new "normal," diagnosed-with-cancer normal). I happily wore what clothes I had and didn't concern myself – too much, with my outward appearance, other than always wearing a ball cap to cover my bald head. More time passed and I lived (survived seems so negative) beyond the back-end of my oncologist's original prediction: "two years." Accordingly, Dina has started suggesting that since I'm still alive, perhaps I should buy some new clothes. After all, if I've lived this long, maybe I'm going to live a little bit longer, and dressing like I have a future might help me in the present. A present which I'm grateful to have and a future I always hoped to see.

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

PET CONNECTION

Summer Days at Dog Parks

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"At home they run and chase each other," said Gary. "Here, they can socialize with other dogs. They like the fact that there are different dogs here."

Gary, a 19 year resident of Oakton, said the four dogs do just fine at home. It is not the whirlwind of chaos one might expect with four dogs.

"They're actually pretty easy in the house and get along pretty well," he said.

DOG PARKS bring variety and recreation to a dog's life. Trips to the local dog park become a way of life for owners and their dogs. Most of the dogs at local parks are fun loving and enjoy the company of other dogs.

Fairfax resident Laura Gray was spending part of her Saturday morning at the dog park at Baron Cameron Park in Reston, watching three-year old beagle mix Russell romp around and do his thing.

"He's a lover, not a fighter," said Gray. "He loves everybody, especially squirrels and cats."



Coco, 4, enjoyed his surroundings Saturday at the dog park at Quinn Farm in Chantilly.

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Cash, a 1-year-old boxer-shepherd mix, is a rescue dog.

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 27

History Commission Conference Committee. 7:30 p.m. Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Meeting to discuss matters related to the planning of the 2011 History Conference. 703-324-1380, TTY 711.

McLean Community Center Governing Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

Peer Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Co-sponsored by the Northern Virginia affiliate of Voice of the Faithful, meetings last Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-538-6128.

Pauline Shirley Toastmasters Club Meeting. 6:45 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Meets second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. 703-893-5506 or paulineshirley.freesthost.info.

THURSDAY/JULY 28

Mosaic Community Development Authority. 1:30 p.m. Providence District Supervisor's Office, 8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Update of Special Assessment role.

FRIDAY/JULY 29

Electoral Board Meeting. 9 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, Room 315-C, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4735, TTY 711.

SATURDAY/JULY 30

Balletone. 8 a.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Instructed by Maria Spearman. Free. 703-288-9505.

Federal Job Application Workshop. 10 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Status of Federal Opportunities, Federal Sources of Information, USAJobs.Gov, Federal Application Process, Federal-Styled Resume, Leadership Directories, Top Federal Contractors and Proactive Job Search Strategies. \$35 non-members, \$25 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org

AAUW Used Book Collection. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Gently used books, CDs, tapes, DVDs and software are needed. Records and textbooks are not accepted. This collection is in preparation for the 42nd AAUW Used Book Sale to be held on Sept. 16-18. 703-527-4206.

SUNDAY/JULY 31

Fundraising Reception for Steve Hunt. 2-4 p.m. Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Fundraising event for Steve Hunt,

TUESDAY/AUG. 2

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS). 6 p.m. St Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Lower Level, Herndon. A noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups with tools and programs for healthy living and weight management. Meetings are Tuesdays. www.tops.org.

Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce TIPS Lunch. 12:15 p.m. Shula's Steakhouse, 8028 Leesburg Pike, in the Tysons Corner Marriott. Meets every Tuesday. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Mondays and Fridays from 2-3 p.m. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. Instructor now certified in Back and Hip Rehab. \$10 per class. Pre-registration required at 703-667-9800.

Avoiding Divorce Court I. 6:30 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. How to negotiate or mediate a property settlement agreement: a comparison of mediation and negotiation, tips you can use, strategies, pitfalls to avoid and more. \$35-\$80. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org.

New Store in Town

FROM PAGE 3

for an aisle of paper towels or detergent.

What you will find, however, is aisles of condiments that most grocery stores don't carry, a two-sided aisle of candy jars — even a selection of “nostalgic candy” — filled with dozens and dozens of different candies, Illy coffee and single origin coffee from around the world, chicken breasts stuffed with a variety of gourmet ingredients, a bakery featuring layers of chocolate and caramel and peanut butter, produce dazzling in a kaleidoscope of color, prepared foods covering a diversity of ethnic choices, orchid plants in every imaginable hue, and the meat department with helpful staff behind the counter.

Over in the produce department, potatoes are tucked in for the night, covered to protect them from light.

“Our criteria about stocking food is that it has to be the best,” said regional manager Sandy Glatter.

MANY OF WEDNESDAY'S SHOPPERS said they had been tracking the store's progress for months. Dan Selario of Vienna was

one such shopper. He was passing by and when he saw the “open” sign, he detoured and came in.

For Sharon Ayers of Oakton, just having returned from Barcelona, The Fresh Market reminded her of the markets in Barcelona. She called the Vienna store “beautiful.”

“Everything is wonderful,” Ayers said. “Fresh, displayed beautifully.”

Diane Poldy, ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce president, was one of the shoppers making her way around the new store on Wednesday. Poldy echoed Ayers' sentiments. “It is beautiful,” she said. “It looks like a market with the wood floors. Just fabulous.”

When Margaret O'Neill of Vienna visits her grandchildren in Williamsburg, she brings home more than memories. She brings home meat, The Fresh Market meat. For three years, two times a month, O'Neill makes her Williamsburg Fresh Market run. Now that there is a Fresh Market in Vienna, O'Neill can do her shopping here.

“It's a combination of quality and pricing that brings me here,” said O'Neill, an early shopper who

had in her cart cheddar-bacon burgers and steak with a blue cheese pocket. “You can talk to the butcher and have your meat cut however you want.”

The animals who give their lives for dinner tables are humanely raised. The Fresh Market cows are pasture-raised and fowl run freely in their lifetimes. The Fresh Market specialists visit the farms where the meats are purchased. Holiday turkeys are bred by Amish farmers, and no meat is sent to the store pre-ground. Meat is ground fresh in the store's meat department. And there's always a butcher on-site when the store is open to the public.

The bakery products are made in-store. Day-old French bread is sliced and baked with herbs and olive oil to become rich crostini-like rounds. The garlic-Parmesan French rounds sell for \$3.69 a pound. A huge cupcake, filled with cream or chocolate, sells for \$2.99, while a chocolate peanut butter stack sells for \$3.49 each. The salad bar runs \$5.99 a pound.

What the local store does not stock, it will try to special-order as long as the partner distributors carry it.

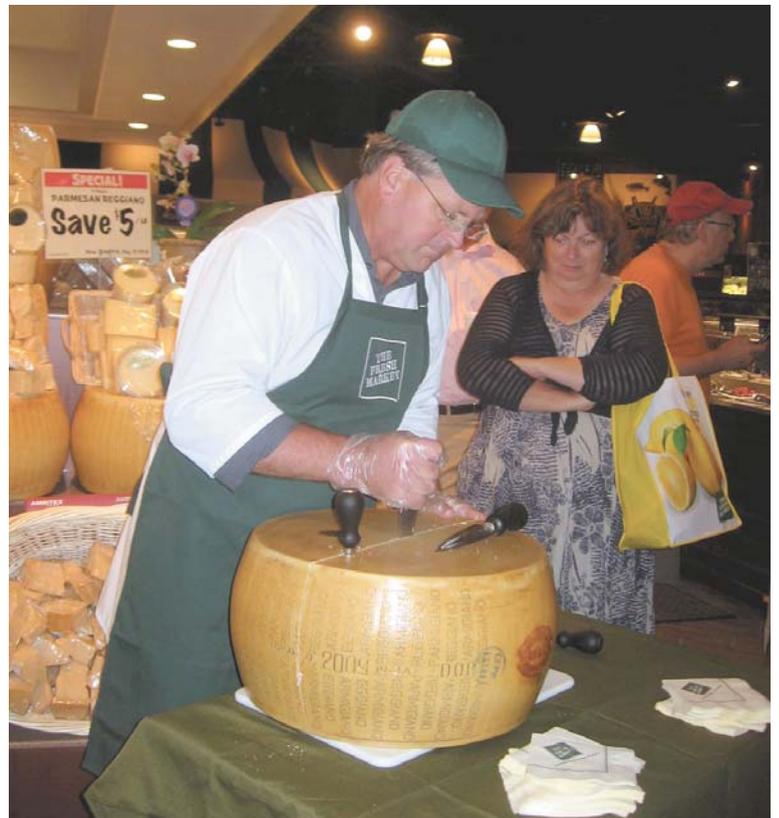


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Rather than the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony, The Fresh Market cut open an 89-pound wheel of Parmesan Reggiano to launch the store's presence in Vienna. The cheesemaster used four specialized tools.

“We think this is the kind of community that would welcome great food and great customer service,” Glatter said.

The Fresh Market, at 150 Branch Road SE, is open from 9 a.m. to 9

p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Customers can sign up to receive e-mail from the Vienna store. For more details, go to www.thefreshmarket.com

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