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# NEWS



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People rushing to get on the first public Silver Line rail cars on Saturday, July 26, at Weihle-Reston East Silver Line station.

Local, state and national officials at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Silver Line on Saturday.

## Silver Line Officially Opens

### Weihle-Reston East to Largo Town Center.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

After the speeches, after the ribbon-cutting, there was a mad rush to board the first publicly open rail cars that rolled on the Silver Line heading towards Tysons Corner. “Step back. Doors closing.”

Those inside the eight new rail cars cheered. Those outside were visibly - and

some vocally - disappointed.

After years of promises, history was being made. Local residents wanted to be a part of it.

**THE SILVER LINE** grand opening ceremony, attended by energetic local, state and national dignitaries, was held Saturday at the Wiehle-Reston East Station, a station that was only one part of the \$2.9 billion project known as Phase I.

“Welcome aboard the Silver Line!” said Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority CEO Richard Sarles. “It’s time to ride.”

WMATA expects 37 percent of current rail riders will experience shorter wait times thanks to the new project.

“The Silver Line is not just a transportation project,” said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. “It’s a major transformative initiative.”

She and other officials, including Gov. Terry McAuliffe and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, rode the very first rail cars to the W-RE station before the ceremony.

“I just rode the car from Tysons,” said Gov. McAuliffe. “It was smooth, it was right on time, it was perfect and soon, we’ll all be on it.”

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## Tysons Welcomes Metrorail

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

Five Silver Line Metro stations located in Reston and Tysons Corner opened to the public on Saturday, July 27. According to a report provided by the WMATA, approximately 32,147 people entered or exited at one of the five new Silver Line stations that day. The first phase of the Silver Line is a 1.7-mile extension from East Falls Church in Arlington to Wiehle Avenue in Reston. It includes five Metrorail stations: McLean, Tysons Corner, Greensboro, Spring Hill, and Wiehle-Reston East.

**THE PHASE 1** of the Silver Line cost \$2.9 billion to construct. The Metro line extension in Virginia is planned to expand an additional 11 miles by 2018, connecting the rail system to Dulles International Airport. Many riders seemed relieved the Silver Line is finally in operation. “I think the Silver Line will be transformative, it is great,” said Reston resident Roz Rakoff who rode the Silver Line out to the Spring Hill metro station in Tysons.

“I think the Silver Line will bring more corporate business to the area,” said Herndon resident and retiree Charles E. Walker. “My nephew bought a parking space at the Reston station garage.” The

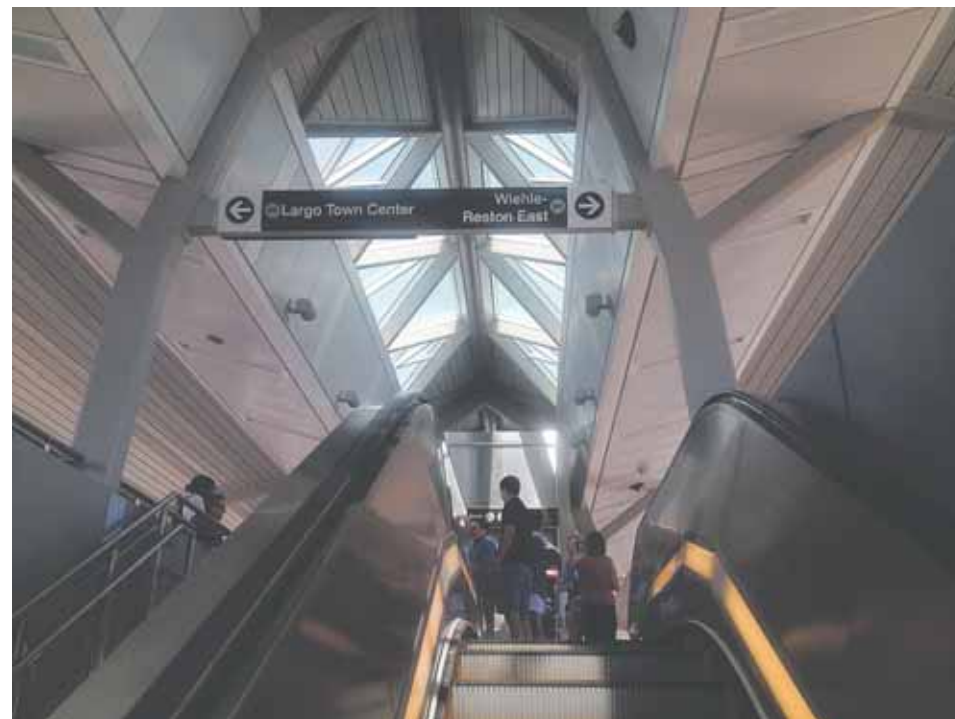


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**An elevator and stairs lead up to metrorails at the Silver Line Spring Hill metro station. Both Loudoun County Transit and the Fairfax Connector have bus routes to Spring Hill metro.**

Reston garage was built as a public-private partnership by Comstock Partners and Fairfax County. The county owns the commuter garage, and Metro will collect park-

ing fees. Rates will be the same as at other Metro garages in the county: \$4.85 per day; \$65 a month for reserved parking; and \$75 a year for using the secure bike room.

### Arrival of Silver Line to Tysons set to encourage residential development.

Ultimately the Silver Line will extend to the Dulles International Airport and into Loudoun County. Costs are expected to exceed \$2.7 billion. “It is so exciting to finally see this critically-important rail link become a reality,” remarked U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). “You can sense the excitement in Reston and Tysons as residents and creative-thinkers look forward, envisioning bold projects incorporating smart growth and transit-oriented economic and housing development.”

“I think the Silver Line will make transportation issues easier for commuters,” said Alex Horwitz, a resident of Fairfax and middle school teacher. “Although the lack of parking at some of the metro locations is bit unusual.” There are no parking garages at the metro station in Tysons, but there are bike racks and bike lockers. Wiehle-Reston East is the only Silver Line station with a parking garage. “I think the Silver Line will bring a lot of great opportunities,” said Fairfax resident Steven Tricarico, an events coordinator with Comstock Partners.

**HOUSING DEVELOPERS** are testing to see if metro accessible Tysons will bring in more tenants. Home to two

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# First Train Arrives to McLean

Grand opening of the new metro line welcomed by residents.

BY EMMA HARRIS  
THE CONNECTION

It was 12:23 p.m. Saturday, July 26 when for the first time, a full Silver Line metro train zoomed from Reston, through Tysons Corner and into the new McLean metro station.

The gates of the station opened at 11:30 a.m., letting in about 30 people who had been waiting to enter. At noon, riders were allowed onto the platform. Orange Line trains began heading to both Largo and Wiehle-Reston East almost immediately — a temporary move until the first Silver trains in both directions made their ways to the McLean station. Currently, the Orange and Silver lines split at East Falls Church.

A mix of train enthusiasts, police, reporters and area residents crowded the platform waiting for the first Silver Line train to arrive, though many came for different reasons. Throughout the stations were Metro representatives handing out free silver flags to commemorate the opening day.

“In the long run, this will bring some business and more residents,” said David Won of McLean. “I’m elated,” he said, “because this will change my life a little. I don’t need to go to West Falls Church now that this stop is so close to my house.” Not wanting to miss the first day, Won said he was happy because the metro is another way of connecting people in Northern Virginia to Washington, D.C.

“I’m here today because why not,” said William Varona of McLean. “I’m kind of impressed, too. This is a solid, well-thought out station.”

Emy Dillon of McLean said she likes the convenience of the new metro line, even not for commuting. “The metro line is wonderful, and the view is beautiful from here,” she said. And though the metro will “definitely change” Tysons, Dillon said it is a nice travel option to have available.

Amongst the growing crowd were many parents with their young children, most very excited to see a train arrive.

“This is my train aficionado,” said Lynn Stein, gesturing to her young son wearing a conductor’s hat and clutching a miniature train. “It’s been a five year wait, and he is so excited.”



PHOTOS BY EMMA HARRIS/THE CONNECTION  
**Metro riders walk on and off of the first Silver Line metro train at the McLean station, Saturday, July 26.**

Jeehang Lee and his son Nathaniel stood by the tracks waiting for a train, too. “I’m only here for him,” Lee said as Nathaniel eagerly asked when a train would arrive. “But hopefully the traffic won’t be that bad after this station gets busy,” he added.

Next weekend is expected to bring a “packed” silver line, said Metro Transit Police officer J. Anderson.

“Metro has changed the character of the area,” said Darren Ewing of McLean. “Even if you don’t commute, having it here to go into DC for events is nice,” added Andy Marshall of Great Falls. For Saturday, they both were there for the same reason: “the inaugural ride.”

Other residents doubted that the full impact of the metro on the McLean community would be seen for another few years. “As exciting as it is to have the Silver Line opening, I don’t think we will get the full effect until it connects to Dulles airport in a few years,” said Nancy Eveleigh of McLean. “Then the major transport needs of the metro area will be met by not just those of some commuters and shoppers.”

After the first train from Wiehle-Reston East left for East Falls Church, there was still one more first — at 12:30 p.m., the first Silver Line train headed through Tyson’s to Wiehle-Reston East pulled into the station. “All aboard,” the Metro train operator called as passengers walked into the cars.



**Nathaniel Lee, a train enthusiast, points to the first Silver Line metro train after it pulls into the McLean station, Saturday, July 26.**



**Riders walk through the gates and up to the platform for the first time at the McLean metro station, Saturday, July 26.**

## VIEWPOINTS

### How will the Silver Line affect the area?

—EMMA HARRIS

**Emy Dillon, McLean**

“It’s a convenient new way to travel for both commuters and residents. People will move around differently, so this will definitely change Tysons.”



**William Varona, McLean**

“With the metro, more people will come to Tysons. I’m kind of impressed, too. This is a solid, well-thought out station.”



**Darren Ewing, Great Falls, left**

“The area will expand. This connects people from all the way out in Reston to Maryland. It will change our community.”

**Andy Marshall, McLean, right**

“Metro has changed the character of the area. Everyone, not just people going into D.C. for work, will ride. And more people will come here, too.”

# Silver Line Spurs Development

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shopping malls and the corporate headquarters of numerous companies, Tysons currently has more stores and jobs than residents. Tysons is effectively Fairfax County’s central business district and a commercial

center with a population of 19,627 as of the 2010 census. In June 2010, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a Comprehensive Plan for a Metro-accessible, urban Tysons with 100,000 residents. The Plan is designed to take advantage of the new Metro stations and by the year 2050

transform Tysons into a walkable urban center.

In April, The Ascent, a 25-story high-rise on 8421 Broad Street welcomed its first tenants. A second building designed by R2L Architects of Georgetown will be constructed by the Spring Hill Metro Station.

This location will add another 400 housing units. The project is one of seven planned towers which will be part of the 7.8 million-square-foot Spring Hill Station development.

For more information on the Silver Line, visit [silverlinemetro.com](http://silverlinemetro.com).

# NEWS

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Six-year-old Ryan Weaver used strength and determination to turn the crank on the old-fashioned ice cream maker. In about 30 minutes, hand-cranking the paddle turned out rich vanilla ice cream for guests.

## Ice Cream Social At Freeman House

**Historic Vienna, Inc. hosts family summer fun with games and ice cream.**

Historic Vienna, Inc. takes its mission to preserve and promote Vienna's colorful history seriously. The volunteers of HVI present speakers, produce and host exhibits at Freeman Store and Museum, and sponsor family events, from re-enactments to socials. An old-fashioned summer social, featuring games played by American children for a hundred years, an in-character storyteller (Abraham Lydecker, to be specific), and hand-cranked ice

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**O**n July 28, 2014, in affirming that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, Circuit Judge Henry F. Floyd writes:

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Judge Arenda Wright Allen, on Valentine's Day, 2014, ruled that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, writing:

"A spirited and controversial debate is underway regarding who may enjoy the right to marry in the United States of America. America has pursued a journey to make and keep our citizens free. This journey has never been easy, and at times has been painful and poignant. The ultimate exercise of our freedom is choice. Our Declaration of Independence recognizes

that 'all men' are created equal. Surely this means all of us. While ever-vigilant for the wisdom that can come from the voices of our voting public, our courts have never long tolerated the perpetuation of laws rooted in unlawful prejudice. One of the judiciary's noblest endeavors is to scrutinize laws that emerge from such roots.

### EDITORIAL

"Plaintiffs assert that the restriction on their freedom to choose to marry the person they love infringes on the rights to due process and equal protection guaranteed to them under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. These challenges are well-taken..."

"The Court is compelled to conclude that Virginia's Marriage Laws unconstitutionally deny Virginia's gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental freedom to choose to marry."

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Our 2014 Insider's Edition Newcomers and Community Guides, will publish the last week of August.

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## Riding the Silver Line—Day One

**No doubt about it: The Silver Line is a game changer for Reston.**

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

**I** was kind of excited about the opening of the Reston (Wiehle-Reston East) Metro station on Saturday. In fact, Fran and I decided to take a ride on Silver—after we closed the Reston Farmers Market at noon and had our nap, of course. We could have walked to the station, but we drove instead—on the grounds that we had had our walking exercise for the day. At 3:30 parking was no problem. Inside, the station looked and felt new, and it was not crowded so we easily got to a waiting train—a long one, about half full. We noticed that our car looked new as well—it had the shiny new, easy to clean hard surface floors and the electronic signs indicating the stations. After a couple of minutes, a clear voice announced, "Welcome to the Silver Line to Largo, Maryland," and we were off! Soon, maybe 10 minutes later, we were in Tysons. Two observations about the ride



### INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

through the four Tysons stations. First, as I expected, it seemed like a long time to go a relatively short distance. This is the Silver Line's big design flaw—two or three stations too many. But, second, Tysons does look a lot nicer from an elevated train car than it does from street level.

Then, it was on to East Falls Church where the new Silver Line track joins the existing Orange Line. Note: several people have asked us where one must change trains to go all the way from Reston to Largo, the other end of

the Silver Line. The answer is nowhere. No train changes at all. You arrive in Largo in the same seat you got at Reston. The train changes designations as it goes—i.e., it starts in Reston as the Silver Line; becomes Silver and Orange at East Falls Church; changes to Silver, Orange and Blue at Rosslyn station; and, at Stadium/Armory it drops the Orange name and proceeds on to Largo as the Silver and Blue lines. In fact, we could have kept the same seat roundtrip! Because, when we got to Largo, our train simply changed directions and became the Silver Line (and Blue, etc.) to Reston!

We did get off the train at Eastern Market on our way to Largo. Eastern Market is about the oldest farmers market in the metro region, and the Reston Farmers Market's co-Market Masters (Fran and I) could not resist the opportunity to visit one of the old classic markets. And, we got a nice surprise there. One of our Reston vendors, Wisteria Gardens, has a stand in Eastern Market. The lady tending the stand told us she'd heard Reston was a great market! Back on the train, we soon passed the Morgan Road station, just a short walk from the Fedex Field

where we and daughter Jenni saw the Redskins beat the Green Bay Packers last season. It turned out to be their last win of that season. Then, we sat back and read the newspaper and watched the scenery (when above ground) on the way to Largo and then heading back home. We would make one more stop—to reward our hard work with dinner at Coastal Flats in Tysons Corner, a restaurant we had not visited because Tysons is such a hassle. But, the Silver Line changed that. We had a nice seafood dinner at the bar and walked 10 minutes back for our comfortable Silver Line ride to Reston. Love hearing the announcement as we returned westward—"This is the Silver Line to Reston!" No doubt about it. The Silver Line is a game changer for Reston. How we manage the change remains to be seen. I would feel much more confident if we were a self-governing town or city making our own decisions on how we grow from 60,000 to twice that many. There is no question however that the Silver Line will enable us to see a lot more of our region than we currently do. And, imagine walking to a comfortable train whizzing us to Dulles Airport, too.



# NEWS

## Metrorail Seen As 'Game Changer'

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Several of the speakers following him commented on the governor's energy about the project.

"Virginia, sir," he said. "50 states. It's only the Commonwealth that matters. Nowhere else are they doing what we're doing today in Virginia."

Laughing, he ordered that Phase II of the Silver Line would be completed the day before his term of office is over.

After Phase II is completed, WMATA does not expect there will be another major project until a new strategic plan is drawn up in 2025.

"We are committed to unlocking the region," said Gov. McAuliffe. "That's why we've been so involved with making sure this comes to fruition."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) said the road to the Silver Line has not been easy, however.

"There were not many believers," he said. "We were sued. Some of the people who sued us are in this room."

A couple of people in the audience laughed and raised their hands.

"This is going to transform our corridor," he said.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx spoke similarly. He likened the road to the Silver Line like building a cathedral during the medieval era. While the builders did not know what the cathedral would look like by the end, they finished their work.

"The work of transportation is really the work of generations," he said. "Today is the day to celebrate



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/THE CONNECTION

**Gov. Terry McAuliffe is interviewed by the media moments after stepping off the Silver Line rail car on the way to the extension's grand opening Saturday.**

the voice of yes being stronger than the voice of no."

**SUPERVISOR** Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) spoke as a WMATA board member and as a longtime resident of Reston.

"When many of us moved to Reston, we were told that rail was coming," she said. "We didn't think it would take 48 years to come." She said that Reston's motto of live, work and play will be taken beyond the town boundaries with the new Metro line.

"These five stations really make a game changer for the county," she said.

But a ribbon cutting and a train ride is just the beginning, said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). Foust was not a speaker at the event, but also had the opportunity to ride the Metro line on the way to the event.

"This will really affect the quality of life and jobs here," he said. "It will create the opportunity to develop new communities around the metro stops that will become vibrant places to live, to work and to play."

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**"Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?"** 7:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. A musical production capturing the funniest aspects of youthful growing pains, and the trying moments of adolescence.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 1 - SATURDAY/AUG. 2

**Pushcart Players: "Little Red Riding Hood & Other Stories".** 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Watch Emmy-nominated theatrical group act out four fables including Little Red Riding Hood, The Princess and the Pea, The Emperor's New Clothes, and All's Well That Ends Well. Admissions: \$10. 703-255-1900.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 2

**Natalie York Band at Jammin' Java.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Vienna native Natalie York returns with her Brooklyn, NY-based band and second album PROMISES. Tickets available at www.jamminjava.com.

**Yo-Yo Ma - National Symphony Orchestra.** 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Witness Thomas Wilkins conduct Grammy award winning cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Admissions: \$25-\$75. 703-255-1900.

**Joel Henry Stein House Concert and Potluck.** 7 p.m. Somerville Residence, 831 Ninovan Road SE, Vienna. Seating is limited. \$20. Please search "Joel Henry Stein" on www.Eventbrite.com to RSVP. More info available at HYPERLINK "http://www.joelstein.com" www.joelstein.com.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 2 - SATURDAY/AUG. 9

**McLean AAUW 45th Annual Used Book Collections.** 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Bring book, CD and DVD contributions for the 45th Annual Used Book Sale in September. Email aauwbookfair@gmail.com or call 703-527-4206 for information.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 2 - SUNDAY/AUG. 3

**Tyson-Pimmit Library Book Sale.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is holding a book sale to benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library on August 2 and 3. Choose from a large selection of on Sunday, August 3, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donations are welcome.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 3

**Intro to River Kayaking.** 1-1:30 p.m.

Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. This introductory level course covers river hazards, water safety and paddling basics. Ages 14+. \$28-43. Register at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/kayaktours.htm.

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## TUESDAY/AUG. 5

**Improv 4 Kids.** 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Improv skits, songs, and dances with heavy audience participation. Admission: \$8. 703-255-1900.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

**Pat Metheny Unity Group and Bruce Hornsby - Campfire Tour 2014.** 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Enjoy this boundary-pushing jazz quintet meet genre-hopping pop pianist and songwriter behind '80s hit "The Way It Is". Admissions: \$22-\$55. 703-255-1900.



Vienna native Natalie York returns with her Brooklyn, N.Y.-based band and second album PROMISES on Aug. 2 at Jammin' Java.



"Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" reminisces - in a light-hearted manner - on growing up as a student in a traditional Catholic school when priests ran the school, nuns taught class and kids learned catechism during their school day.



The Vienna Youth Players, under the direction of Babs Dyer, present "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" at the Vienna Community Center, Aug. 1, 2, 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m., and on Aug. 10 at 1 p.m. Purchase tickets at community center front desk.

# Vienna Youth Players Present Musical

"Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" opens Aug. 1, runs for two weekends.

By Donna Manz  
The Connection

For children who studied in Catholic school in the 1950s and 60s, a burning question that perplexed young minds was, "do black patent leather shoes really reflect up?" John R. Powers explored the parochial school culture in his novel of the same name. While teens debated the accuracy of this contention for a decade, live theatre took it a step further in a light-hearted musical, "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" The Vienna Youth Players, in partnership with the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation, tackles this period piece in its production scheduled for Aug. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and at 1 p.m. on Aug. 10. The musical is presented in the auditorium of the Vienna Community Center on Cherry Street.

"When you come to the play, you'll be treated to an entertaining evening with tons of reminiscences of grade school and high school," said production director Babs Dyer. "It was a very different world then. This is an opportunity for the youngsters in the audience to experience what Catholic schools were like 50 years ago."

The play follows the Catholic school careers of a group of youngsters from their admission to St. Bastion's to their graduation from there. A young man, Eddie, returns to the school and reflects on his failures and hopes. There's nuns teaching the school's students and a hierarchy of priests running the school and church. There's catechism classes and masses in Latin.

In some communities from Chicago to Boston, parochial schools served every economic strata. "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes ..." reflects the middle-class lives of the children attending these schools.



Vienna thespians Jamie Testa and Sophia Manicone, both 9, and Neil Going, Emma Choi, Carolyn Nee and Carson Casper, play students at St. Bastion's Catholic school. The musical is set in the 1960s.

There's lots of music and dance by a talented group of children, some as young as nine years old. Don't be fooled by age: One nine-year-old is the 2014 Vienna Idol and the other performed in last summer's rocking hit, "Aida." Many of the current cast are "Aida" alumni, in fact. Neil Going, a Madison High

School rising sophomore, played an "Aida" lead, and is cast as funny-guy Louie Schlang in "... Black Patent Leather Shoes ..."

Chris Chapin, a George C. Marshall High School student, performed in "Aida" and was looking forward to doing a show more "upbeat" than the dramatic, tragic "Aida." A James Madison High School student, Stuart Orloff, started doing amateur shows since he was nine years old. He does public service announcements and advertising outside his classwork.

About a third of the cast is from Vienna. Kelsey Loesch attended Catholic schools for ten years and realizes that a Catholic school education has changed dramatically over the years. "I know this is how it used to be," said Loesch. "I heard stories from my grandma."

The Town of Vienna sponsors the Vienna Youth Players. St. Michael's Catholic School in Annandale lent VYP school uniforms for the production, and volunteers produce the presentation. Ihsaan Singleton and Mary Chapin produced the Vienna production.

Dyer said she chose "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" because she wanted to do a show that focused on an ensemble cast. "And I wanted the younger thespians to have an opportunity for greater roles."

Purchase tickets - \$14 per person for any age - at the Vienna Community Center front desk or at the door at showtime. Performances run Aug. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and at 1 p.m. on Aug. 10 in the auditorium of the community center on Cherry Street, adjacent to the W & OD trail.

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In costume are (from left) Jennifer LePaige (Princess Fiona), Devyn Tinker (donkey) and Glynn Cosker (Shrek) with some of the Summer Stars actors before rehearsing the "Freak Flag" dance number.

From left: are Glynn Cosker, Jennifer LePaige and Devyn Tinker, who portray Shrek, Princess Fiona and Donkey, respectively.

## 'Realizing that Being Different Is OK'

**Vienna, Oakton residents perform in "Shrek the Musical."**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** big green ogre, a princess, a wise-cracking donkey and a love-struck dragon – they'll all be onstage when The Alliance Theatre's Summer Stars program presents "Shrek the Musical." And right there with them will be Vienna's Erin Campagnoni and Oakton's Colin Carmody.

The cast and crew of nearly 100 have been working on the show since May, and, when the curtain rises, they'll be joined by a 13-piece pit orchestra. Helming his fourth Alliance show, Director Scott Olson says things are going really well.

"I've got an insanely talented cast," he said. "My leads are spot-on for their characters, and 30 members of our Summer Stars theater camp – from third through eighth grade – are in the show, too. They're doing really high-level dances, tight choreography and even marching."

Olson said special prosthetics were created to transform actors into ogres and fairytale characters, and the costumes and make up will be "amazing," as will the 26-foot-long, light-up, dragon puppet that exhales smoke. The scenes take place in a swampy forest, a castle, a dragon's lair, a church and at Shrek's house – an oversized tree stump.

There's also a moral to the story. Said Olson: "This show's about understanding and appreciating others' differences and

appreciating yourself for who you are."

Playing Shrek is Oak Hill's Glynn Cosker. "He's an ogre who likes living by himself in a swamp," said Cosker. "So he's surprised to one day find dozens of fairytale creatures there. But he's not immune to adventure. Yet when he falls in love with Fiona and forms a friendship with Donkey, you see a different side of him and learn that he actually has a big heart."

Cosker's been in 30 shows, but calls Shrek one of the most fun roles he's ever played. "He's such a big, full-of-life character," said Cosker. "And the whole experience – working with the kids and seeing their reactions to Shrek – has been wonderful. It's about 180 degrees from my own, nice and introverted personality. As Shrek, I do lots of yelling and screaming, so it's quite therapeutic."

His favorite song, which he sings, is "When Words Fail." In it, said Cosker, "Shrek's trying to get the courage to ask Fiona to spend time with him – and worrying what he'll do if his words fail him. The song speaks to his humility as you see him shedding the ogre shell and becoming more human."

Cosker said the audience will also enjoy the show's energy and focus, plus the singers and dancers in the ensemble. "The choreography and costumes are awesome," he said. "People will step into a different world for two hours and have a good time."

**VIENNA'S ERIN CAMPAGNONI**, who teaches at a performing-arts prep school in Reston, portrays the Wicked Witch. She's also one of the dragon's voices, along with Lindsay Day and Kaihla Powell.

"The Wicked Witch is a pretty tough girl, rough around the edges," said Campagnoni. "She's not afraid of Shrek and she isn't



**The head of the huge dragon, who develops a crush on Donkey.**

afraid to speak her mind. Later on, though, she realizes she doesn't have to be tough all the time and can hang around with her fellow freaks."

Campagnoni loves her part because "it's fun to put on a demeanor of someone who scowls at all the happy characters. I've never played this kind of role before, and I think it's more fun playing someone mean than someone nice."

She especially likes the number, "Forever," the song she and the other two girls sing as the dragon. "It's cool because you get to see Donkey's reactions," she said. "You also get to see the dragon for the first time – and the dragon's awesome."

Campagnoni says it's fun doing the dragon's voice because it allows her to play two, completely different characters. "I get to do 'Dreamgirls'-style movements and a more soulful style of singing," she explained. "Lindsay, Kaihla and I are dressed up as fire – with long, red, sparkly dresses and crazy-looking wigs."

Overall, she said there are "so many great things about this show that the audience will enjoy. 'Shrek' is all about feeling really good about yourself, accepting who you are and realizing that being different is OK. So

### What, Where, When

"Shrek the Musical" will be performed by The Alliance Theatre at Chantilly High, 4201 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. Show times are:

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 1 AND 8,

at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 2 and 9, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 3 and 10, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 via [www.TheAllianceTheatre.org](http://www.TheAllianceTheatre.org) or 703-220-8101.

I think people will really get the sense that – although we're all different and weird characters – we're all a family."

**OAKTON'S COLIN CARMODY**, a rising freshman at Gonzaga College High School, plays two dwarves, Grumpy and Dopey. "Grumpy's quiet, keeps to himself and doesn't care about other people very much," said Carmody. "Even if he agrees with someone's argument, he doesn't say anything. He's sarcastic and unfriendly."

Carmody's having a good time playing Grumpy because, he said, "I can just ignore people and I even get to push someone aside." He describes Dopey as "not the smartest and a little slow. He's friendly, but disheveled, and he's only half-involved in what's going on around him. He may see what's happening, but not fully understand it."

Carmody's favorite song is "Duloc," performed toward the beginning of the show. "It's where Farquaad [who wants to be king] is introduced," he said. "I sing as part of a nine-person, featured group of townspeople. The song is very high energy and over-the-top and the lyrics are really silly."

As for the audience, he said, "They'll like the really amazing costumes and sets. And the way the fairytale creatures play off of each other is really funny."

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**WEEK IN VIENNA**

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication.

**THURSDAY/JULY 31**

**Computer One-on-One.** 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sharon Masonic Temple, 999 Balls Hill Road, McLean. The American Red Cross encourages all eligible blood donors to make an appointment to donate blood soon to help prevent a shortage. To make an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

**SATURDAY/AUG. 2**

**Red Cross Blood Donation.** 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sharon Masonic Temple, 999 Balls Hill Road, McLean. The American Red Cross encourages all eligible blood donors to make an appointment to donate blood soon to help prevent a shortage. To make an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

**WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13**

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**SATURDAY/AUG. 16**

**McLean Child Safety Inspection.** 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lewinsville Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean. The McLean District Police Station holds child safety seat inspections once per month.

**WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20**

**Governing Board of the McLean Community Center Special Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The Board will hold this special meeting to work on some time-sensitive projects, such as a proposed renovation and expansion and the FY 2016 budget proposal.

**SATURDAY/SEPT. 27**

**McLean Child Safety Inspection.** 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lewinsville Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean. The McLean District Police Station holds child safety seat inspections once per month.

**SATURDAY/OCT. 25**

**McLean Child Safety Inspection.** 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lewinsville Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean. The McLean District Police Station holds child safety seat inspections once per month.

**SATURDAY/NOV. 22**

**McLean Child Safety Inspection.** 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lewinsville Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean. The McLean District Police Station holds child safety seat inspections once per month.

**ONGOING**

**Vienna Toastmasters.** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers. Open to the public.

**Vienna Farmers Market**

The Vienna Farmers Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-noon, in the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at 301 Center Street S. and it will remain open during the construction on Center Street. Customers may access the market via Courthouse Road to Locust

Street or via Park Street to Cherry Street.

**Courthouse Road Bike Lanes**

As part of VDOT's summer re-paving program, Courthouse Road from Route 123 to the Town of Vienna is being reconfigured to include bike lanes. Where the road is too narrow for bike lanes, shared-lane markings are being used. Final pavement markings

are now being installed. This popular bike route runs parallel to Route 123 between Oakton and Vienna.

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703-255-6350 or visit: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/Vienna/default.cfm>.

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# Cronin Gives Oakton Girls' Basketball Defensive Presence

**Q&A: Rising senior named 2014 Conference 5 Defensive POY.**

**K**arlie Cronin is an all-conference performer for the Oakton girls' basketball and lacrosse teams. On the hardwood, Cronin earned first-team All-Conference 5 and Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2014, while helping the Cougars win the conference title. Two years earlier, Cronin, then a freshman, helped Oakton win the 2012 AAA state championship.

On the lacrosse field, Cronin earned second-team all-conference honors in 2014 while helping the Cougars win conference and region championships, and finish state runner-up.

Cronin, a rising senior, intends to play basketball in college but is undecided about where.

She recently participated in a Q&A via email with The Connection.

**Connection:** You're a standout basketball and lacrosse player at Oakton. Which do you consider your "main" sport?

Cronin: I consider basketball my main sport.

**Connection:** Are you committed anywhere?

Cronin: I'm undecided at the moment but have a couple different schools I'm considering.



**Karlie Cronin is a two-sport standout at Oakton High School.**

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**Connection:** You were the girls' basketball Defensive Player of the Year in Conference 5 last year. How would you describe your mentality on defense?

Cronin: My mentality on defense is just having intensity and being quick and aggressive.

**Connection:** The Oakton girls' basketball program had a long run of district championships before Centreville won in 2013. How did it feel to bring back the district/conference title to Oakton in 2014?

Cronin: It felt great to bring the conference title back to Oakton in 2014. We

weren't really expected to win in the beginning of the season so it was nice to prove everyone wrong.

**Connection:** What is your favorite basketball moment from your first three years at Oakton? What is your favorite lacrosse moment?

Cronin: My favorite basketball moment is winning the state championship in 2012, and my favorite lacrosse moment was beating Centreville in 2013 during the regular season.

**Connection:** What is your favorite food?  
Cronin: I love anything chocolate.

**"My favorite basketball moment is winning the state championship in 2012, and my favorite lacrosse moment was beating Centreville in 2013 during the regular season."**

**— Karlie Cronin, rising senior, Oakton High**

**Connection:** Who is your favorite music artist?

Cronin: Trey Songz or Kip Moore.

**Connection:** What is your favorite movie?

Cronin: '21 Jump Street.'

**Connection:** What is your favorite hobby outside of basketball and lacrosse?

Cronin: I like photography, when I'm not playing sports.

**Connection:** What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Cronin: Hawaii or the Bahamas.

**Connection:** Are you a pro sports fan? If so, who are your favorite teams?

Cronin: Yes, I really like the Indianapolis Colts.

— JON ROETMAN



**Christi Geisler of the Shouse Village Sharks competes in the girls' 15-18 50 breast-stroke.**

PHOTO BY CARIN BOUHAROUN

## Shouse Village Sharks Fall Short

The Shouse Village Sharks lost against High Point Pool 231-174 in NVSL Division 8.

Double winners for Shouse were Monica Balistrere, William

Bouharoun, Sinead Eksteen, Ryan Sribar and Charlie Williams.

Single winners were Evan Bremser, Kara Bremser, James

Bouharoun, Connor Cason, Gavin Falquet, Carlyn Kranking, Thomas Myers, Kathleen Oakley, Owen Pilewski, Sara Vavonese and Catherine Zysk.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

#### NVSO 10K, 20K Cycling Events Enter 5th Year

The 2014 NVSO will be held Sept. 13-24 with more than 50 events taking place at 19 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Events include 10K and 20K cycling, with each event entering its fifth year.

In addition to cycling, other events include 5K road race, badminton, volleyball, handball, racquetball, pickleball, tennis, table tennis, swimming, diving, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, card games, board

games, track and field and more. Registration is available online at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

Registration forms are also available at senior centers, community centers, senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721.

Registration fee is \$12 which covers multiple events. There is no onsite registration for any event.

Information is available at [nvso1982@gmail.com](mailto:nvso1982@gmail.com).

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## NEWS

# Freeman House Hosts an Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social

FROM PAGE 5

hands at Tiddlywinks, Dominoes and jacks. They played hopscotch and helped crank all-natural cream into ice cream.

Even the hand-cranked ice cream maker was a bit of Americana. White Mountain crafts the equipment in New Hampshire of New England white pine. The company goes back to 1853.

Dionne Pemberton lives in Bath, England now but grew up in Vienna. She and her family are visiting Dionne's parents in Vienna and are participating in community events while they are vacationing here. Pemberton said she does not remember Vienna being the spirited, small-town community it is today as when she lived there. "There's such community spirit here now," said Pemberton. "It's so family-oriented."

Vienna mom Erika Frederick said she was a bit "surprised and a little sad" that there were not more people there. She saw an announcement for the event in a local paper and thought it would be



**Kids played Tiddlywinks, jacks, Dominoes and hopscotch, and tried turning the crank on the ice cream maker.**

something different for her four-year-old daughter Maddie. "There's a lot for kids to do," said Frederick. "The ice cream is awesome."

A second family summer-fun social is on Saturday, Aug. 2, 4 to 6 p.m. As with the July 26 ice

cream social, the Aug. 2 event is also free and open to the public. Reservations are encouraged. To RSVP or for more information, call 703-938-5187.

—DONNA MANZ

## FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.*

**Vienna Christian Healing Rooms** are open, 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](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

**McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness.** Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. [bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org](mailto:bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org).

**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](mailto:mmthomas211@hotmail.com) or call the church at 703-759-3509.

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# "CanSir"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When it comes to being a cancer patient, even more so a multi-year cancer survivor, I have always erred on the side of caution. And by caution, I mean being respectful to the disease, courteous of its comings and goings, mindful of its potential damage and afraid of its intangibles. And by intangibles, I mean the unexplained and the inexplicable, and most fearfully, its power and unpredictability. Therefore, my behavior toward it has been intended to be as polite as possible; never to be perceived – in any way imaginable – as arrogant, presumptuous, in control, all-knowing and most especially, victorious.

My philosophy has been to remain as positive as I could, never buying into the generally unfavorable statistical models, while taking any success I've had as much in stride as humanly possible. Moreover, to the extent these successes have prolonged my life – and of course they have, considering the original "13 month to 2 year" prognosis I was given back in late February, 2009 – I still want to maintain a low profile and never boast or speak loudly, and never confidently, about the amazing good fortune I've experienced since I was diagnosed as "terminal" five years and exactly five-months-to-the-day ago (27th of the month). I've always worried that the reason I've survived is that somebody (some entity) somewhere made a mistake in their accounting and skipped over my name, sort of like a reverse typo. Irrational I suppose; nevertheless, I see no advantage in rocking the boat and/or bringing any attention to the fact that yours truly is still very much alive; flying under the radar is my preferred route.

Granted, I do write about this fact and I do bring attention to it, but not out of any need for self-aggrandizement. I do it because if I didn't, I'd probably be much less able to endure under my circumstances. Apparently, the need to express myself publicly is too overwhelming to deny. And thanks to my Publisher, Mary Kimm, I have had and continue to have the means, motivation and opportunity to do so/share my feelings about life as a cancer patient/survivor; hardly a crime. But never have I written any words because I matter in the discussion; rather because the subject (cancer) matters. And since I've been able to do so in a relatively quiet, honest and positive manner – never intending to be the story, only the storyteller – my life, my pursuit has continued.

Certainly I realize, as an originally-characterized-as-terminal cancer patient, that I'm up against an immovable object, generally speaking; still, statistics do have a margin of error, and human beings do have an immeasurable desire to live. Yet living to one's ripe old age is hardly guaranteed, as I've learned all too well. Accordingly, as you regular readers know, I've made many changes in my life, incorporating a variety of anti-cancer remedies into my daily routine, and so far, so great. What you may not have known, however, is how I've actually lived my life while changing. I have done so by always being grateful for the gift of life I have received and reverential to the powers that be. What I've done, I could not have done alone and elevating myself would seem to be the definition of counter-productive.

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

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The EA was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and Council of Environmental Quality and DoD Regulations implementing NEPA. The Master Plan Update Alternative and No Action Alternative were evaluated in the EA. Potential effects associated with the alternatives were identified and evaluated.

The Master Plan Update EA is being made available to the public and Federal, state, and local government agencies for review. The EA is available for download on WHS' website: <http://www.whs.mil/our-services/building-and-facilities>. A copy of the EA is also available for review at the following locations: **Arlington County Public Library – Central Library** at 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201; **Arlington County Public Library – Columbia Pike Branch** at 816 South Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, VA 22204; **Arlington County Public Library – Aurora Hills Branch** at 735 South 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202; and **Arlington County Public Library – Plaza Branch** at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, 1st Floor Lobby, Arlington, VA 22201.

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# 'They're Thinking Beyond Themselves'

## Vienna children raise money for orphanage in India.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Even children can make a difference in the world, and a Vienna brother and sister are doing just that. After hearing of the child kidnappings in Nigeria, siblings Medhnaa and Kushaan Saran decided to raise money for a nonprofit that combats child exploitation, labor and trafficking.

They're of Indian descent, so they're helping Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA), which works mainly in India, Pakistan and Nepal. And thanks to their efforts, plus a match from a local business, they raised more than \$3,000.

Both attend Pinnacle Academy in Oakton. Medhnaa, 10, is a rising fifth-grader, and her brother, Kushaan, almost 9, is a rising fourth-grader. And they and their parents will journey to India this summer to deliver the proceeds to the orphanage in person.

"I'm really proud of them because kids their age can be a bit selfish," said their mom, Geeta Trehan. "I'm so happy that they're thinking beyond themselves and about what they can do for other children."

She's from Maryland but, as a child, she accompanied her own mother to an all-girls orphanage in India. "My mom's into protecting girls," explained Trehan. "We'd give them food, talk to them and give them books to help educate them. And it taught me how fortunate we were in the U.S."

Now, when she and her husband and children travel to India to visit relatives, they visit a boys' orphanage in Rajasthan. "There's no air conditioning or heated water and they bathe with a bucket," said Trehan. "Each child only has two pair of clothes, and they have no toys; they use twigs to play cricket. They farm and cook for themselves."

The orphanage isn't faith-based, but teaches the children to embrace peace and accept all religions. Trehan said the children there either don't have parents or have been rescued after being kidnapped from their parents for payment of a debt.

BBA provides them with a free quality education, access to a psychologist and improved living conditions within their orphanage, where more than 50 boys stay.



Wearing yellow shirts, Kushaan and Medhnaa Saran work at the bake sale with their friends.

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(From left) Kushaan and Medhnaa Saran with their sign advertising the bake sale.

When the Vienna family visits, they bring clothes and books, give them a dance party and play ball with the children.

But this year, Medhnaa and Kushaan wanted to do more. "My daughter loves to bake and has always talked about raising money for the orphanage," said Trehan. "So she talked with Pinnacle's principal to get

permission to hold a bake sale at school. My son's into soccer and wanted to hold a soccer tournament to raise money, but that didn't pan out."

The bake sale, however, was a big success. Medhnaa and Kushaan told their classmates about it, plus children in the neighborhood, to get donations of baked goods

## More on BBA

As of 2013, BBA had rescued more than 82,800 victims of trafficking, slavery and child labor. BBA's founder also began Global March Against Child Labor, which fights child labor and exploitation on a larger scale. For more information or to donate, go to <http://bba.org.in> and <http://globalmarch.org>.

to sell. The children made signs to advertise the event and many parents donated money and volunteered to help.

The bake sale was held the end of May. In the morning, the children sold items including doughnuts and brownies in the school cafeteria. And at lunchtime and school dismissal in the afternoon, hot dogs and hamburgers were also available. In the afternoon, the bake sale was moved in front of the school so parents could buy some treats when they picked up their children.

"It went better than I expected," said Medhnaa, who also enjoys playing golf when she's not cooking. For the bake sale, she made desserts and Indian food. It was important to do, she said, because "the kids in the orphanage don't have that much education and don't get as many things as we do, so I wanted to help them."

Kushaan was looking forward to visiting the orphanage so he could "play cricket with the children and teach them English." He wanted to raise money for them "so they can have a better education and more fun." His favorite part of the bake sale was "eating all the sweets – especially the frosted cookies."

The event raised \$1,235, and Alliance Rehab and Physical Therapy – where Trehan works – pledged to match 150 percent of the proceeds. So Alliance donated \$1,853, bringing the fundraising total to \$3,089. "BBA will get the check from Alliance," said Trehan. "And with the bake-sale cash we'll buy shirts, blankets, books, school supplies and workbooks for the children in the orphanage when we land in Delhi because they'll cost less there."

She said the experiences Medhnaa and Kushaan have in India are "something that's grounded them, as well, and made them realize how lucky and blessed they are in the U.S. to have the education and resources they have. They're thankful for their home, too, and a family they can depend on."

Besides that, said Trehan, "As parents, we can teach them to feel for other kids and have compassion and reach out. They learn that the small things we do here can make such a big difference to the children there, and that a small fraction of their time means so much to others."

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**Matthew Kent**, of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at Carnegie Mellon University for the fall semester of 2013.

**Lindsay Weber**, a 2010 graduate of James Madison High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2013 at Radford University.

**Julian Kell**, of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at University of New England for the fall semester of 2013.

**Aline Dolinh**, 15, is a sophomore at Oakton High School in Vienna and has been appointed as the National Student Poet by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. Dolinh will participate in readings and workshops at libraries, museums and schools in Vir-

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**Kate E. DeWeese**, daughter of Randi and Steve DeWeese of Vienna, graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, and first-year student in the Bachelor of Arts Program, has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta honor

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**Angela Wertz**, daughter of Daniel and Lori Wertz of McLean, and a former student of Langley High School, has graduated from Duquesne University's Rangos School of Health Sciences. Angela will be attending the twelve month Accelerated Nursing Program this year at George Mason University.