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Expanding Resiliency

Public schools' mental health program reaches into the broader community.

BY SAMANTHA TKAC
THE CONNECTION

What is resiliency? It's "the ability to bounce back from adversity," said Debbie Lawall, co-chair of the resiliency committee. The goal is to build emotional strength within our county's youth, so that when they experience or are faced with crisis, they are able to overcome without staying silent, or resorting to self-destructive coping mechanisms.

Lawall lost her son to suicide, and has been working to find ways to support positive mental health ever since. In a perfect world, she said, schools would have "a little less structure and a little more leeway, but we're not going to be able to change that unless colleges back down I think through the classes at school the kids will learn [resiliency] but I think that the parents need to learn, [along with] other people who are associated with the students." Lawall teaches relaxation and life skills courses in Fairfax County Public Schools as a way to spread the resilient movement.

Jesse Ellis, a prevention manager working for Fairfax County government, has a team of 40-50 people working on suicide prevention, a facet of the resiliency program. He talks about the risk and protective factors of suicide prevention: "A risk factor is anything that basically makes you more likely to experience a bad outcome, a protective factor is something that keeps you from that. The most important protective factor when it comes to suicide is the relationships you have with others." This is what the resiliency program aims to achieve — an expansion of the teachings of the program to the mentors and role models within the community.

Ellis argues that by advocating strong relationships between students and mentors, there is an increased likelihood that a warning sign will be noticed. "There's a myth out there that suicides can just come out of nowhere," Ellis said. "But what we've seen when we look at individual cases, is that there are multiple warning signs. And if you have that strong relationship, you're more likely to see it."

The resiliency program has been active within FCPS for only five years. In that time,

The Resiliency Wheel



Resiliency Wheel is from the book Resiliency in Schools: Making it Happen for Students and Educators by Nan Henderson and Mike Milstein, published by Corwin Press, Thousand Oaks, CA (2003).

FCPS IMAGE

"The Resiliency Wheel" on the FCPS website. The six factors of resiliency are considered to be "external protective factors."

all middle and high school teachers have learned about the six slices of the resiliency wheel and have taken CrisisLink online training, an online simulator that challenges the participant on what to do when approached by a student with a critical problem. According to Dr. MaryAnn Panarelli, director of Intervention and Prevention Services for FCPS, 9,000 people total in Fairfax County have taken the online simulation, including the teachers.

Panarelli, who has worked with the resiliency program for four years, talks about the positive effects the program has shown within the schools. One method of disclosure has increased significantly — students

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For the crisis link text line: Text 703-940-0888 with any emergency and a responder will reply "within minutes," according to www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Email Shirley Clark or Debbie Lawall, co-chairs on the resiliency committee, for ideas and suggestions on how to expand resiliency into the community.

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are using a tool called "CrisisLink text line," a 24/7 hotline where a person can text (a more mainstream "younger" method of communication) emergencies to local responders. "The rate of third-party referrals, or, the rate of kids saying, 'I'm worried about my friend' to an adult has gone up," Panarelli said. She adds that youths have begun looking out for each other a little more. "Part of building resiliency builds into being a part of a community," she said, adding that the focus on resiliency in schools is empowering youths to do something when faced with critical situations.

Shirley Clark, co-chair of the resiliency committee, says that right now the group is in the "forming and norming" stage of development, and is working to "take the resiliency tools and communicate them and market them" throughout the community. Clark says that, "There is no shame in helping your brain," a slogan she created with the help of her son. While the expansion of the program is new, Clark says that the committee only has seven members, and is open for public suggestions and participation.

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Happy Birthday Silver Line, and Many More

Reactions to the \$3 billion project up and down the line.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

“Herndon is ready,” said Mayor Lisa Merkel, regarding Herndon’s future Silver Line stop. Merkel dubbed Herndon, “A Next Generation Small Town.”

“We are so fortunate,” she said. “This is a huge project, one of the biggest infrastructure projects in the country. There aren’t many towns that can get involved in projects like this.”

The Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority recently projected cost of Phase I, the 11.7 mile segment of the Silver Line with five stops, to be \$2.982 billion.

After a recently announced 13-month delay, construction is hoped to begin on Herndon’s future Silver Line Stop in 2016 with its opening by 2019-2020, according to a talk Merkel gave in May.

The entire Silver Line will be a 23-mile extension of the existing Metrorail system from East Falls Church, through Tysons and Reston, and eventually to Washington Dulles International Airport west to Ashburn.

The Herndon Town Council approved 38 acres to be set aside for its future Metro stop in February 2012.

“It’s the right space, we could never consider that in any other part in town,” said Merkel.

THE SILVER LINE CELEBRATED its first birthday Sunday evening, July 26 with an outdoor movie and festivities at the Wiehle-Reston East stop.

“Wiehle-Reston East continues to be the Silver Line’s commuting powerhouse, surpassing first-year ridership projections with nearly 9,200 boardings, or 18,400 weekday



PHOTOS BY CAROLINE WATKINS/THE CONNECTION

Walking to Tysons Corner Metro via Skybridge.

entries and exits last month,” said Mike Tolbert, public information officer with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Silver Line has been a positive and exciting addition to Reston and the area, in general,” said Sridhar Ganesan, president of the Reston Citizens Association.

“Even though Silver Line currently ends at Wiehle, which is at one end of Reston, we are still seeing a lot of people arriving to Reston during peak times,” he said. “Clearly, a positive impact is that this many people are off the roads and making it an easier commute.”

In addition to the 9,197 boardings at Reston’s station last month, McLean had 1,842 boardings; Tysons Corner, 3,423; Greensboro, 1,185; and Spring Hill 1,441, totaling 17,088, according to Tolbert.

“The other important note is that ridership patterns at the Tysons-area stations are more distributive than other Fairfax County stations, with afternoon peak ridership higher than other time periods, including the morning peak,” according to Tolbert.

Nearly 220,000 trips were taken to and from the five new Silver Line stations during the first week of service one year ago in 2014.

“It’s going to get a lot of people out of their cars,” said Dranesville Supervisor John Foust.

“I’ve heard from a lot of people that are using it,” he said. “It’s been a big success.”

GREAT FALLS resident Sherry Stanley Whitworth uses the Spring Hill station, the second stop on the Silver Line.

“It’s good for me, it’s good for my car, it’s good for the environment,” she said. “And it’s good for my stress level.”

“It’s kind of a new thing for me. It’s convenient,” she said. “It will be great when it goes all the way out to the airport.”

Silver Line is being constructed by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and will be operated by Metro once construction is completed.

“I have, in fact, used the Silver Line and find it an easy way to get downtown. Visitors have found it easy to use,” said Sally Horn, of McLean Citizens Association.

Tom Brock, of McLean and also on the citizens association, started using Metro 15 years ago, resolving to drive every weekday morning to East Falls Church or West Falls Church stations. Now he commutes to the McLean Station.

“It’s definitely improved the service of

“This helps us to become a major league city.”

— Jerry Gordon,
President and CEO, Fairfax County
Economic Development Authority

Metro to residents of McLean, even those with easier access to East and West Falls Church stations than I did,” said Brock.

Bill Canis, Great Falls Citizens Association vice president, commutes downtown with a carpool early weekday mornings, but his son Patrick Canis, 22, takes advantage of his own starting time.

Patrick Canis commutes to the Wiehle-Reston Station every morning on his way to Cogent in Foggy Bottom. He believes he saves up to 25 minutes of commuting by car each way to Falls Church like he had before.

“I like how easy it is, you get a smart card and it’s in and out,” said Canis, a 2014 graduate from the University of Mary Washington who majored in international affairs and studied geographic mapping systems.

“THIS HELPS us to become a major league city,” said Jerry Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

Two large international corporations have made Tysons their home. Cvent, Inc., a cloud-based enterprise event management platform, and Intelsat, a multi-billion industry that is a provider of fixed satellite services.

“Had it not been for the Silver Line, they would not be in Tysons Corner,” said Gordon.

The Silver Line stops in Fairfax County’s largest business district (Tysons Corner) and in the county’s second-largest commercial center (Reston). The Silver Line has already had a big effect on business and workforce development and “changes are just beginning,” according to Alan Fogg of the Economic Development Authority.

“What’s already been realized is our abil

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OPINION

Wind Energy Wind energy needs to be a part of the renewable mix of energy sources in Virginia and the nation.

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



COMMENTARY

With the federal Clean Air Act requiring higher air quality standards, many fossil-fuel power plants will be closing or converting to other fuel sources. On trips to the western part of our country and abroad, especially to Germany, I am reminded of the significant role that wind plays in being used to generate clean and sustainable electricity. In 2014, wind power added significantly more new electricity for consumers than any other source in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

According to an American Wind Energy Association announcement last year the United States has more wind energy supplying its grid than any other country, enough to power 15.5 million American homes. Wind is the fifth largest electricity source in the U.S., generating 4.4 percent of all the electricity in this country. In Denmark, wind-produced electricity provides just under 40 percent of the

nation's power. Scotland has enough wind-produced electricity to supply all its homes. Wind power is the leading source of Spain's electricity and is the largest component of Germany's renewable sources that now constitute a quarter of its power. China leads the world in investments in wind power.

Among the states Texas, Iowa, California, and Oklahoma, each generated enough electricity from wind to power more than a million homes. Other states with significant wind capacity include Kansas, Illinois, Minnesota, Oregon, Colorado and Washington. Virginia and other eastern states do not make the list because they do not have as significant a wind resource. For Virginia, only off-shore and in the mountains mostly in the southwest is there wind sufficient to site a wind turbine farm. Dominion, the largest power provider in the Commonwealth, has invested in wind-powered electricity generation in West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, and in Virginia where it holds a lease from the federal government for off-shore wind development.

The success of wind-produced electricity in Europe has been realized from a feed-in tariff system that has effectively subsidized investments. In the United States, the Production Tax Credit has been the primary federal tax incentive for wind energy. As all countries look for ways to save money these incentives are in danger at a time when wind energy is beginning to demonstrate its value.

Virginia is the first state to secure a wind energy research lease to build and operate turbines in federal waters. Dominion's plan to build a pair of six-megawatt test turbines about 24 nautical miles off-shore from Virginia Beach seems to be in trouble as bids to build the turbines are about twice that projected. The expectation has been that eventually there would be 300 turbines in the off-shore area. Stakeholders are currently at work to identify options to salvage the project.

Wind energy needs to be a part of the renewable mix of energy sources in Virginia and the nation. Congress needs to extend the federal tax credit that keeps our development of wind energy competitive with the rest of the world. Consumers need to be open to buying wind and other renewable energies even if there is a cost premium. Our air quality depends on it.

LETTERS

Slavery in 'the Land of the Free'

To the Editor:

America, "the land of the free." I have always considered it necessary for a land of free people to assist in freeing the enslaved.

Yet 36,000,000 men, women, and children throughout the world are enslaved through human trafficking, according to the Global Slavery Index. That is more than there have ever been at any point in time in the history of humanity.

How can a world that is supposedly improving socially also have a constant increase in slavery? The two cannot coexist, and it breaks my heart to see the number of human beings forced into slavery increase each day. Human trafficking is the use of force or fraud to control someone to labor without payment or engage in sexual activity. This crime occurs all over the world, from Malaysia to Northern Virginia. In Northern Virginia alone, from October 2013 through January 2015, 290 victims of trafficking have been identified, according to the NOVA Human Trafficking Initiative.

Malaysia, also a center for modern day sex-trafficking and slavery, is a popular destination for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking.



Though the Government of Malaysia proposed amendments to help decrease trafficking, these amendments have yet to pass through Parliament. Furthermore, despite Malaysia's significant increase in trafficking investigations, the government only convicted three traffickers in 2014, a sharp decrease from the 9 convicted in 2013 prior to the increase in investigations.

Crime does not dissipate naturally. Significant investigations and convictions are necessary if there is any hope for a decrease in human trafficking in Northern Virginia, Malaysia or worldwide.

Congress currently is reviewing the End Modern Slavery Initiative Bill.

If passed, the U.S. Government will authorize the formation of a

nonprofit grant-making foundation to fund projects and programs outside of the United States in hopes of putting an end to slavery. The passing of this bill is a crucial step in the fight to end slavery.

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NEWS

Vienna Art Center Hosts Young Chinese Art Students

Children from Hope Chinese School Fairfax and from Beijing participate in art center's evening workshop.

The Vienna Art Center, on Thursday, July 23, hosted a group of young Chinese art students, most from the Northern Virginia area but some from Beijing, as well. The children – who hit Orlando before making their way to Vienna – showed the techniques of using American paint markers and traditional Chinese ink and brushes at an early evening workshop sponsored by the Vienna Arts Society [VAS]. More than 15 children participated.

“Traditional Chinese painting uses a special medium of rice paper and ink from China,” said VAS artist and workshop organizer, Wei Lu. “The paper absorbs the ink and water very quickly. The strokes are permanent when you make them. “You have to know your paint,

ink and brush very well to do this.” The Chinese brush-painting style is a thousand years old, Lu said.

The young artists and their parents from the Northern Virginia area streamed in throughout the evening.

“At one point, an 11-year-old boy who moved here from China when he was 9, was coaxed by his dad to sing a beautiful song in Chinese,” said publicity chair, Dore Skidmore. “Boy did he have a set of pipes. After the first stanza, the whole room joined in, except for those of us from Vienna.”

Lu invited Lily Xie and four Beijing art students to the workshop, along with students from Hope Chinese School Fairfax. Lu moved to the Fairfax area from China herself, and has been a VAS



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION
Stephanie Tang, 8, with her image, flowers in a garden. “I like flowers,” Stephanie said. With Stephanie is her mother, VAS member Wei Lu [left] and Lily Xie, artist from Beijing. Xie brought four of her young art students with her on a U.S. trip.

member for about one year. “I feel very comfortable here,” said Lu, adding that contributed to her invitation of her friend Xie.

“I thought it would be great to merge local students and those from China,” said VAS facilitator,



VIENNA ARTS SOCIETY
A 9-year-old artist from Beijing demonstrates traditional Chinese brush painting as her younger sister watches.

Grace Rooney. “They could see each other’s artwork and how they do it.” The participants each would have a memento take home — a puzzle piece they have painted, a piece of a large puzzle.

The 2015 American Interna-

tional Children’s Art Exhibition is sponsored locally by Workhouse Art Center, Vienna Art Center, Hope Chinese School Fairfax, Kidsnurture Art Center and George Mason University.

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Metro leaving Tysons Corner stop.

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Silver Line Birthday Celebrated

“We want to be ready on day one.”

— Lisa Merkel, Herndon Mayor

FROM PAGE 3

ity to retain and attract businesses,” said Gordon. “These are the corporations that every community wants ... technology driven, long term industries that are growing and high paying.”

Plans for the extension of the Silver Line to the airport will only enable the county to continue to attract more businesses, he said.

Without access to the airports on metro lines before, “They would say, ‘What kind of city is this?’” said Gordon.

Merkel called the Silver Line the “economic engine for the next 50 to 100 years.”

Herndon has more than 1,100 businesses and four corporate businesses with headquarters in town. Herndon anticipates attracting additional businesses and perhaps a campus or satellite campus in the future.

“We want to make sure we capitalize on this opportunity,” she said.

ANXIETIES, OF COURSE, are always produced by such a big project in the area.

“While the Silver Line has quickly ramped up to the averages of many of the stations within the metro area, the proposed funding formula creates anxieties for those that are forced to use the toll roads,” said Ganesan, of the Reston Citizens Association, “as the tolls are supposed to make up for revenue shortfalls to service the financing of Silver Line.”

Great Falls Citizens Association researched the importance of Metro to its members.

“Only 10 percent of Great Falls residents responded that they intend to use Metro regularly while another 56 percent plan to use Metro occasionally,” according to its 2014 survey that 592 residents completed.

According to the GFCFA transportation committee, “Unlike commercial areas (such as Tysons) that have immediate access to Metro, Great Falls will likely not benefit measurably from the Silver Line. Similarly, Great Falls will not benefit at all compared to communities such as Reston that have bus access from local neighborhoods to Metro.”

“While some Great Falls residents may benefit from the commuter parking lot(s) at the Wiehle-Reston East and McLean



Passengers departing Tysons Corner stop.

Metro stations, survey data suggest that commuter parking lots should not be built in Great Falls as relatively few residents of Great Falls would use them on a daily basis,” according to the committee.

“I have mixed feelings about Metro coming to this area because the cost of Metro is causing the tolls on the Dulles Toll Road to increase and when you raise the tolls it causes more cut through traffic to go through Great Falls,” said Scott Knight, co-chair of the GFCFA Transportation Committee.

“That’s a legitimate concern as toll rates go up to pay for Metro,” said Foust. “You have to expect that there will be less usage as people will be looking for alternatives.”

But Foust noted that he doesn’t think motorists will use Georgetown Pike for alternative purposes if the county keeps addressing Route 7 and keeps it flowing properly such as a widening project that has public information meetings scheduled for this fall.

According to the Airports Authority, toll rates will remain at current levels through 2018, and the previously published toll rate schedule will remain unchanged.

Revenue from tolls is one of several sources of funding for the Silver Line project.

McLean Citizens Association has been studying the impact of the Silver Line on McLean and on Tysons Corner, in terms of parking, traffic flow, and impact on house

values. The citizens association is even trying to determine if the Metro has had impact on crime at Tysons, McLean and in and around Silver Line stops.

The MCA Transportation Committee is staying aware of Metro’s plans and possible proposals to service changes on its crowded Blue Line that might impact commuters on the Silver Line used by McLean residents.

NINE OUT OF TEN times, Tom Brock of McLean, gets a seat. He liked to people watch when the Silver Line first opened, and he always carries a hardcover book on the Metro.

“I’ve gotten better at using my time on Metro better,” he said.

He has tried the downtown carpool, but “it was unpredictable because of a little thing called the Potomac River,” he said. “On good days it could take 25 minutes, but on really bad days it could take two and a half hours.”

Reliability is critical said Brock, former president of MCA and a member of the MCA Transportation Committee. “Delays people face on the Metro system isn’t good for Metro business,” he said.

Patrick Canis finds himself wanting better explanations than Metro gives when there are delays.

The Metro itself is expensive, noted Connie Hartke, of the Reston Citizens Association, who rides the line for fun, such as to soccer games in D.C. or Maryland plus

the opening ceremonies of the recent World Police and Fire Games.

“It is expensive, but probably no more so than driving and parking and it is so nice to relax on the way home rather than worry with getting safely out of a sports event parking lot and dealing with the beltway,” she said.

Whitworth notices that the drop off space at Spring Hill isn’t sufficient for eastbound traffic.

And Darlene Murphy found that a private parking lot is adjacent to the Metro lot that offers free Sunday parking.

“They trick you. It cost me \$10 to get out,” she said. Murphy was reimbursed by “a nice manager,” but she wants to alert others to the signs that she didn’t see.

“I bet this has happened to other people,” she said.

Back in McLean, Foust said he and his colleagues ensured that there would be sufficient parking when the Silver Line opened. The 711-space lot in McLean has plenty of space for those ready to try the Silver Line, he said.

HERNDON WANTS all details perfected by day one.

Herndon plans for 2,400 residential units and 3.1 million square feet of additional commercial space for business and retail use as well as a revitalized downtown.

And Herndon has planned vehicular traffic to stay on the south side of town by the Silver Line stop.

A year-long task force made recommendations to ensure residents to get to Metro easily. Approximately \$21 million is dedicated to projects resulting from the task force.

“We passed a resolution in February advocating for the county to put a Circulator Bus route for Phase II because we want our residents to get to the Metro without having to get in the car,” Merkel said. “If we have reliable, frequent transit options, people will use it.”

Merkel wants everything in place by the time the Silver Line’s doors open to Herndon in four or so years.

“People are going to establish their commuting patterns on that first day,” Merkel said. “We are working with Fairfax County because we do want to be ready on day one.”

A View from Wiehle: D.C. Gets Closer

Taking a train from Reston: Commuters express satisfaction and some criticism.

BY MADDY WEINGAST
THE CONNECTION

Clean, safe, on time ... Also: crowded, long wait time ... These are some of the mixed emotions coming to light in conversations with commuters reflecting on the one-year anniversary of the new Silver Line Metro operation. The line includes the following new stations: Wiehle-Reston East, Spring Hill, Greensboro, Tysons Corner and McLean, leading into the District and ending at Largo Town Center. Many locals use the new line to commute to work in Washington D.C.

"It's good to have a connecting station so close but it's always full. The commute to work in D.C. and Tysons is better than driving—to get to D.C. this is the option," said Metro commuter Swetha.

Commuters also credited the line with providing an atmosphere of safety.

"It's always on time and I'm able to get to work easily. Rarely are the trains delayed, and they are always clean. I've



Passengers prepare to board the Silver Line train toward Largo Town Center, which runs through downtown D.C.

never felt unsafe on the Silver Line, even late at night," said Adele Gibson from Great Falls.

Some suggestions for improvement in-



In town for the week, visitor Annie Condoluci boards the metro to go visit museums on the National Mall.

cluded increased signage and maps at the station and on the train especially for visitors so they are aware of upcoming stops.

In its one year of operation it appears the line is an efficient way for many visitors that

are unfamiliar to the area to travel into Washington, D.C.

"The metro was really fun and a lot cleaner than I thought it would be, but very crowded. It was really convenient to get to the museums in the District because there was no traffic and I would definitely ride it again when I come visit," said visitor Annie Condoluci from Brielle, N.J.

Despite an overall favorable impression some passengers expressed frustration with crowding, and a lack of knowledge regarding train wait times.

"Around 5 o'clock the trains are pretty crowded and I normally have to stand for around 30 minutes for a seat, so more trains running on the line would be nice," said Gibson.

One commuter said many of her friends turned to ordering cars from the Uber app when faced with exorbitantly long wait times for a train.

"Lately I feel like the Metro has been worse. There's lots of track work, delays, it's crowded and less reliable. It seems like a systematic and political problem of not enough funding. The tri-state area of D.C., Virginia and Maryland need to collaborate and see it as a shared resource," said Metro Commuter Joy.

'Impressive' Change

Commuters discuss conveniences of Silver Line.

BY ALICJA JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

July 26 marked the first anniversary of the Metro's Silver Line opening. In the year since, the new rail has changed commuting for Fairfax County and the area. The Silver Line begins at the newly constructed Wiehle-Reston East Station and travels four stations including Tysons Corner and McLean before lining up with the Orange Line at East Falls Church and then continuing to Largo Town Center.

As Chris, a salesman in D.C. puts it, the new route is "more expensive, but consistent." Before the silver line was opened last year, Chris had to take a bus out to Falls Church every day. "Now, my commute to work is more consistent and streamlined," said Chris.

For commuters like Steven Shearer, the silver line provides less of a hassle than driving. "It's much easier for me," said Shearer, "the toll and parking in D.C. is more expensive [than the Silver Line.]" Having been commuting from Northern Virginia to D.C. for 17 years, Shearer has found the Silver Line to be a great convenience this past year.

Loudoun County is also now connected to the D.C. metro more conveniently, via the Loudoun County Transit. Commuters can catch a bus and run to one of the Silver Line stations, including Wiehle-Reston and Spring Hill. This has been revolutionary for Loudoun commuters like Sara Johnson. "I never thought 15 years ago, from Loudoun, you'd be able to commute [to D.C.]," said Johnson. Johnson has been commuting to D.C. twice a week for the past three years, and she has been very impressed with the Silver Line. "The fares seem reasonably priced given the expanse of the distance," said Johnson, "and the cleanliness is outstanding."

The Silver Line also offers connections to other bus systems. The Fairfax Connector serves the four stations in Tysons, as well as Wiehle-Reston. The Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission provides a connection from Tysons Corner to Prince William County. In addition, Washington Flyer will provide a Silver Line Express service between Dulles Airport and Wiehle-Reston East.

The Silver Line has been attracting more than commuters. Nineteen-year-old Molly McKnight and her brother, residents of the Herndon/Reston area, use the silver line to see museums and monuments in D.C.

Whether they be commuters or sightseers, the Silver Line travelers seem to be enjoying the new conveniences.



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The Silver Line stops in Fairfax County's largest business district (Tysons Corner) and in the county's second-largest commercial center (Reston).



PHOTO BY ALICJA JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

Riders prepare to board a train to go sightseeing in D.C.

Riverdogs Advance to Cal Ripken League Semifinals

Vienna beats DC Grays, one of four remaining playoff teams.

BY BONNIE SCHIPPER
FOR THE CONNECTION

After scoring two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to beat the DC Grays in a nail-biter in the first round of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League playoffs, the Vienna Riverdogs advanced to take on the Baltimore Redbirds in a best-of-three semifinal series. The series opener, originally scheduled for Monday, was re-scheduled for Tuesday due to inclement weather.

During the 2015 summer season, the Riverdogs posted a 21-19 record, second in the Cal Ripken Collegiate South, allowing them to advance to the playoffs for the second time in five years. The Redbirds took first in the North division, putting them in a position to compete for their fourth consecutive league championship.

"On paper, [the Redbirds] have the best team in the league," Riverdogs manager Bruce Hall said. "On paper doesn't always win games."

During the regular season, Baltimore took three of four games against Vienna, but only one game was decided by more than one run.

Even after having lost several starters to injuries and vacations, including big-hitter Nate Lowe, who was ranked second in the

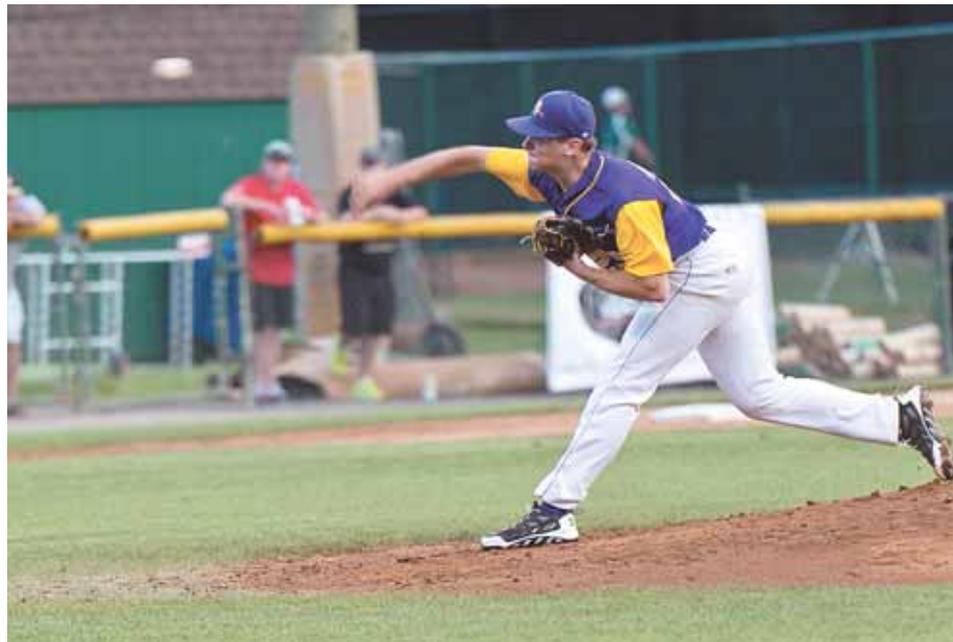


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Jack Gomersall and the Vienna Riverdogs advanced to the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League semifinals.

league in homeruns, Hall is confident that his team will be able to produce offensively, naming Louisburg College's Jordan Sergent, James Madison's Mike Sciorra, West Virginia's Shaun Wood, and Virginia Tech's Jack Owens as some of the team's stron-

gest offensive players.

"Even though we've lost four or five starters, we can still hit the ball pretty well," Hall said. "These guys can all play."

Baltimore's Jason Morgan is ranked second in the CRCBL in wins (5), with team-

mates Dakota Forsyth and Emerson Gibbs tied for third (4).

"The Redbirds can definitely pitch really well. I think that as a team we have struggled with that in the past, but as the season has progressed we have been taking really good at bats," pitcher Jack Gomersall said. "[Coach Hall] has put a strong emphasis on having a good approach every time up. Overall our team has hit the ball very well this year, and if we can get a few runs across against the Redbirds' pitching staff it could be a very entertaining series."

MLB prospect Kevin Lachance returned from several injuries and the shortstop is expected to lead the Riverdogs through the postseason. Lake Braddock graduate Jack Owens has also proven to be productive, and drove in four runs in the first-round game against the Grays.

Strong pitching will be key to the Riverdogs' success versus Baltimore. Virginia Military Institute pitcher and JEB Stuart High School graduate Gomersall leads the league in both wins (6) and ERA (0.44), while Wofford College's Jordan Accetta has the most strikeouts in the CRCBL (43). James Madison's Mark Gunst has an ERA of 1.70.

"We'll compete at the plate, play good defense, and get some good pitching," Hall said. "We'll have to play well and [the Redbirds will] have to be held down."

Oakton Otters Finish Undefeated in Division 4

The Otter divers finished the 2015 season undefeated in Division 4, with a record of 5-0, after they dominated Ravensworth Farm on July 21 in the last dual meet of the summer, 53-19.

Six Otter divers took first place in their respective categories: Haley Liddell (freshman girls, 72.35); Sarah Gurley (junior girls, 116.55); Spencer Dearman (junior boys, 84.60); Mackenzie Brennan (intermediate girls, 150.05); Elana Colbert (senior girls, 185.75); and Liam Klopfenstein, (senior boys, 184.30).

The Otters swept the top three places in four categories: freshman girls (second-Katie Vaughan, third-Zoe Ginsburg); junior girls (second-Lexi Pierce, third-Molly Kenefick); intermediate girls (second-Kenna Campfield, third-Saachi Khurana); and senior boys (second-Brad Burgeson, third-Grant Newberry). The other Otter divers who placed were: Jon Anthony Montel (freshman boys, second), Josh Shipley (intermediate boys, third), and Julia Powell (senior girls, second).

Several Oakton divers also competed in the Cracker Jack Invitational Meet held on July 19 at the Springfield Swim and Racquet Club. The Cracker Jack In-



Kenna Campfield (intermediate girls) competes for the Oakton Otters.



Molly Kenefick (junior girls) and the Oakton Otters finished undefeated in Division 4.

vitational is a championship meet for developmental divers within the NVSL and is one of the largest one-day dive meets hosted by the NVSL. This year, approximately 272

divers competed at the meet. Oakton sent nine divers to the meet, four of whom placed. The Oakton Otters swept the top three spots (out of 22 divers) in the 11-year-

old girls' event (first-Molly Estes, second-Claire Newberry, third-Molly Kenefick). Finn MacStravic also placed third in the 8-year-old boys' event.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to north@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

"The Healing Wall." Tuesdays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., through Aug. 1. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. "The Healing Wall" is assembled from two dozen puzzles created by soldiers recovering at the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Each piece makes a powerful statement by itself as well as part of the larger puzzle.

Restful Pause. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 1. Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Robert Gilbert brings his nine, framed still-life paintings to exhibit. The subjects are wine bottles, wine glasses, ceramic pots, fruits and vegetables. The paintings are realistic in some areas and impressionistic in others.

What's in Your Garden? Tuesdays - Saturdays, through Aug. 1. Vienna Arts Society "Gallery in the Village Green," 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Featured artist Loy McGaughy of Reston exhibits a collection of watercolors inspired by her personal photographs. The exhibition includes more than a dozen other artists.

Tyson's Concerts on the Plaza. Fridays, through Aug. 7. 6-8 p.m. at Tyson's Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tyson's Corner. Sit back and enjoy live music with a special line up each week. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 10 a.m. each Friday morning in the mall concourse on level 2 next to ZARA.

Summer Reading Program. Friday-Sunday, through Sept. 5. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Attend summer events and check out books. All ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

Great Falls Concerts on the Green. Sundays, through Sept. 6. 6-8 p.m. at Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out on Sundays and listen to some live music. Visit <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

Vienna's Summer on the Green Concert Series. Fridays-Sundays, through Sept. 27. 6:30 p.m. at Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Come out on the weekend and listen to some good music. Visit <http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2640>

WEDNESDAY/ JULY 29

Jambo. 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Discover the dynamic roots of American music for children's imagination. Tickets: \$10. Visit www.wolftrap.org

Jill Scott. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Triple-grammy winner Jill Scott performs. Tickets: \$45-\$100. Visit www.wolftrap.org

THURSDAY/JULY 30

Under the Sea. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Meet live sea creatures. Age 6-12. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dm/>.

Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Recent title change: Me Before You by Jojo Moyes. Adults. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/>.

Reading Buddies. 4:30- 6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Grab a buddy! Teen Volunteers available to read to or with beginning readers. Ages 3-9. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

Happy Birthday, Harry Potter! 7-8:30 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Help us celebrate the birthday of our favorite literary wizard. Teens. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/>.

Under the Sea. 2:30- 3:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnham Place, Oakton. Meet live sea creatures. Age 6-12. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>

Natyabhoomi School of Indian Dance. 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Revel in the rich traditions of South Asia. Tickets \$8. Visit www.wolftrap.org

Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. For the first time since 2008, the group reunites on tour for blues, soul, reggae and rock performances. Tickets \$35-\$60. Visit www.wolftrap.org.

Wine Class. 7-8 p.m. The Wine Outlet, 278 Cedar Lane SE, Vienna. Wine class covering Europe's 43rd Parallel, discussing Provence, France, Tuscany, Italy and more. A light food pairing will be included. \$5. RSVP at 703-639-0155

FRIDAY/JULY 31

Playdate Cafe. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and playspace for children. Coffee and conversation for grownups. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

Pokemon League. 3- 6 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Learn and play. Ages 5-18. Open play. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/>.

Family Game Time. 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play assorted board games. All skill levels and ages welcome.

Dr. Seuss Spectacular. 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L. Tyson's Corner Center, McLean. A celebration of Theodor Geisel known to the world as the beloved Dr. Seuss.

Kayak Tour-Sunset Over Riverbend. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. A kayak tour of the upper Potomac River. Tickets: \$38. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov.

Parent & Child Fishing by Boat. 5 – 7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Enjoy fishing with your kids. Tickets: \$16. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov.

Pushcart Players. 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Pushcart Players brings "Alice in Wonderland" to life. Tickets \$10. Visit www.wolftrap.org

Rufus Wainwright. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Wainwright pairs his singing with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$25-\$58. Visit www.wolftrap.org

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 31-AUG. 1

Pushcart Players: Alice in Wonderland. 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Pushcart Players will be performing Alice in Wonderland. Tickets: \$10. [wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 1-2

The Rodgers Family: A Century of Musicals. 3 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. The Rodgers family will be performing music from several of their family's famous productions. Tickets: \$46. [wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).



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Tony Lucca and ZZ Ward (below) perform at Tysons Plaza last Friday.

Tony Lucca and ZZ Ward Rock Tysons Plaza

Fans of all ages gathered on the Tysons Corner Plaza last Friday for good music, laughs and stunning views of the sunset. Originally a member of "The Mickey Mouse Club," Tony Lucca opened the night with soulful acoustic numbers such as "Pretty Things" and "Fight Song." From personal anecdotes of honky-tonks he performed at in Nashville to his time on the second season of "The Voice" in 2012 (Team Adam!), Lucca made his performance intimate and fun.

ZZ Ward came on shortly after, striding the stage in a matching cheetah blazer and shorts, topped

off with a black hat. Citing Etta James as one of her muses, her velvety voice and enthusiastic band could be described as Amy Winehouse meets Eric Clapton. The description is fitting, seeing she performed briefly with Eric Clapton on tour, alongside other famous venues such as Bonnaroo and Coachella. Many could be seen singing along to her popular songs, such as "Love 3X", "Put the Gun Down", and "365 Days," closing the night post-sunset with an encore/dance party.

— CAROLINE WATKINS

SATURDAY/AUG. 1

Star Trek. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Wolf Trap will be screening the film "Star Trek" while the National Symphony Orchestra performs the movie score. Tickets: \$30-\$58. [wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

SUNDAY/AUG. 2

David Sedaris. 7 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. NPR humorist and author David Sedaris will be performing his comedy followed by a Q&A and a book signing. Tickets: \$25-\$55. [wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

MONDAY/AUG. 3

Preschool Science 123. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Mad Science presents fun and amazing experiments. Age 3-6 with adult. Each adult and child must be signed up separately.

TUESDAY/AUG. 4

Legos in the Library. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Get creative with Legos. Ages 5-12.

TUESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 4-9

Mystical Arts of Tibet. 7:30 p.m. Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The acclaimed Mystical Arts of Tibet will conduct a live exhibition of an elaborate Peace Mandala sand painting and perform related music, dance and lectures. www.unityoffairfax.org

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 5

Dan Navarro. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. \$20. For over 30 years, Dan Navarro has written, sung, played and acted throughout his career.

Books and Babies Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Build an early literacy foundation for you and your child while enjoying rhymes, songs, stories and activities.

Pokemon League. 4:30 p.m. Great

Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play Pokemon with your friends.

THURSDAY/AUG. 6

The Piano Guys. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Piano and cello YouTube phenoms bring their beautiful compositions to the stage, with original works and classical/pop mashups ranging from Swedish House Mafia to Vivaldi. Tickets: \$30-\$55. www.wolftrap.org.

Reading Buddies. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Teen volunteers available to read to/ with beginning readers. Ages 3-9.

Knit Club. 6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Bring your supplies and practice your crochet, knitting and cross stitching techniques. Ages 8-18.

FRIDAY/AUG. 7

Madama Butterfly. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Experience Puccini's heartbreaking masterpiece of passion, honor, and sacrifice with Wolf Trap Opera and the National Symphony Orchestra in this new, staged, and costumed production with custom video projections. Tickets: \$25-\$75. www.wolftrap.org.

Playdate Cafe. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Children come and enjoy toys and a playspace, while adults enjoy coffee and conversation. Ages birth-5.

Family Game Time. 3:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play assorted board games. All skill levels and ages welcome.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 7-8

"Fiddler on the Roof." 7:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna.

SATURDAY/AUG. 8

Vienna Art Society's Photography Exhibition. 4-6 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, NW, Vienna. Juror Matthew G. Schmidt

will select winners at the Vienna Arts Society's annual judged photography exhibition. Enjoy light refreshments and meet the artists at the awards reception.

Silver Line Music & Food Truck Festival. 12-9 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons. Admission is free, over 20 food trucks and fun.

The Music of John Williams National Symphony Orchestra. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Journey now with John Williams' and the NSO as they perform entrancing and exhilarating music by the most Oscar-nominated man alive, with songs from beloved films like Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Jaws, Jurassic Park, Harry Potter, Hook, and more. Tickets: \$20-\$58.

Fire Truck Visit. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come check out a fire truck up close and hear all about being a firefighter from the team at the Great Falls fire station.

TUESDAY/AUG. 11

Needtobreathe's Tour De Compadres. 7 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Immerse yourself in captivating alt-rock from premier bands. Tickets: \$25-\$45. www.wolftrap.org.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 12

Jim Gaffigan- Contagious. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Laugh it up with the Grammy-nominated humorist as he dishes on food, fatherhood, and everything in between. Tickets: \$30-\$60. www.wolftrap.org.

Pokemon League. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play Pokemon with your friends.

THURSDAY/AUG. 13

Counting Crows-Somewhere Under Wonderland Tour. 7 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Fall "Accidentally in Love" with the melodic alternative rockers and hear them play all their hits off their album. Tickets: \$45-\$60. www.wolftrap.org.

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On A Tangent



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I live day-to-day or even month-to-month, but I do live – in my head anyway – quarter-to-quarter; that interval representing the usual and customary time between my recurring diagnostic scans. The time when the rubber hits my road. The time when push comes to shove. The time when my oncologist tells me whether my warranty has been extended for the next three months or not. Not that I anticipate that my time will run out that quickly after a disappointing scan result; still, bad news seems to travel faster and cause adverse consequences quicker than good news causes relief, a sort of “disharmony,” to quote James Cagney from the movie, “Mister Roberts.”

But what else is new? Nothing, really. Because to live the life of a cancer survivor is way better than not living, or casting yourself as a victim, which, for those who know me, know I never do. Where’s the future in that? Blaming, “woeing-is-meing,” “self-dissatisfying?” To what end? Misery might like company but it’s boring to be around miserable people. And to survive a potentially devastating and depressing set of circumstances – expected or not – associating and/or being exposed to/subjected to people who look at life through black-rose-colored glasses provides no help whatsoever.

I don’t want to feel better about myself by being around people who feel worse about themselves. I want to feel better by being around people who feel good and act/behave positively. Strength may indeed come from numbers, as they say; but when you’re a cancer patient/survivor, strength comes from attitude: yours, your fellow cancer survivors and the people with whom you surround yourself. I don’t want to have overcome someone else’s negativity. I want to be overcome by their positivity. I want/need to feel good about everything I do/attempt to do. I don’t want/definitely don’t need to feel/be made to feel bad about anything. Granted, it’s a subtle line between encouragement and disappointment where you might be suggesting one thing and minimizing another. Yet, finding a middle ground becomes imperative. Not that cancer patients’ psyches are fragile and easily affected by the words and deeds of others; however, cancer does exert some subconscious and even unconscious control and consequently, you might end up feeling/emoting/reacting differently than you ever have or ever anticipated. As an example: I tear up regularly while watching television, and not just at “tear-jerkers,” either: news, weather, sports, comedies, dramas, fiction, non-fiction; anything, everything.

Mastering one’s domain, in a non-Seinfeld-type context is crucial to surviving a cancer ordeal. Taking the ups and downs and all-arounds in some sort of stride, even two steps forward and one step backward isn’t so bad. At least your net movement is forward. And forward is the goal. Certainly I’m not looking forward to my next scan in October but it is something to look forward to; it’s progress, sort of; it means that life is still being lived. It’s not ideal, but ideal left the building on February 27, 2009 when I received my initial face-to-face diagnosis/prognosis. Nevertheless, I remain positive about my negative. In my opinion, the alternative serves no purpose.

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MONDAY/AUG. 3

Spanish Chat. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All levels welcome to practice Spanish in a relaxed environment with a native speaker. Adults.

MONDAY/AUG. 10

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MONDAY/AUG. 24

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ONGOING

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Food Addicts in Recovery. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free twelve step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or www.foodaddicts.org.

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.

Run With the Doctor. Every other Saturday at 7 a.m. 8230 Boone Blvd., Tysons Corner. The Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine offers its services in a convenient format to runners at this running event. Free. facebook.com/runwiththedoctor.

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St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children’s chapel and children’s choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.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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WEEK IN VIENNA

Vienna Area Branch of AAUW to Host Open House

American Association of University Women (AAUW) of the Vienna Area will hold an informational Open House on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 in the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, in Vienna. Refreshments will be served and membership dues will be discounted for those who join at this event. Contact ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com for information.

Tara Voigt Elected to First Term as Councilmember

As the Town wishes best farewells to Emil Attanasi for his diligent service, they welcome freshly elected Tara Voigt to her new seat on the Town Council. She brings her passion for enhancing Vienna's community and infrastructure from both her Planning Commission tenure and previous experience as Chair on the Town of Vienna Transportation Safety Commission. Councilmember Voigt was officially sworn in at Town Hall on July 6, preceding her first council meeting.

Tara Voigt has been a Town resident since 2000. She is an active member in developing Vienna's youth community, currently as a teacher and Assistant Director at FB Meekins Preschool in Vienna. The newly elected Councilmember has also served in leadership roles in James Madison Band, James Madison Crew Volunteers, Vienna Aquatic Club, Girl Scouts,

La Leche League, and as PTA President at Marshall Road Elementary School. Councilmember Voigt received a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Ashford University. She and her husband Chris reside in Southwest Vienna with their three children.

Final Collection for Annual Book Sale

The final McLean AAUW 46th Annual Used Books, CDs, DVDs, and Software Collection is Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue East. No encyclopedias, VHS, or audio tapes. Proceeds are used for scholarships for women, to promote their professional development and to encourage grade school and high schools girls to engage in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Questions: email aauwbookfair@gmail.com or call 703 527 4201. The Used Book Sale will be Sept. 18, 19 and 20 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

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