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CURRENTLY, the Kohls share their Oakton home with four dogs, all part of the GEB program. Gambit, a 9-week-old who arrived in early July, is a black and tan German shepherd, the half-brother of son Curtis’ dog, Eben. Just two days into home life at the Kohls’ house, Gambit was already comfortable, following Michele Kohl around and wedging himself among the bigger dogs.

“That’s what they’re supposed to do,” said Michele Kohl. “These dogs are bred for specific desirable traits.”

One of Betsy Kohl’s previous dogs, Faraday, attended all of her classes at James Madison High School.

“That really increased awareness of Guiding Eyes for the Blind,” said Michele Kohl. Last year, Curtis’ new dog Eben became a Madison fixture, as well. Described by Michele Kohl as the “sweetest” German shepherd ever, Eben was popular and well-liked at the school. “People stopped Curtis in the halls to ask him about the dog,” she said.

Madison awarded Curtis Kohl a scholarship for making a difference.

Eben is the third Kohl dog to go on to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). Eben is now in Mexico City, trained as an explosive detection dog. “That became his calling,” Michele Kohl said.

When the fostered pups acquire a specified set of skills, they are jacketed, a public recognition that they are service dogs in-training.

One, like Buster, who accompanied daughter Betsy to Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in an experimental program, has a condition that made him unable to live his life as a guide dog for the blind. Dogs who graduate from the GEB program, for the benefit of the recipient, must be free from illness and medical problems.

Picasso is Betsy Kohl’s newest charge and will leave with Betsy for school in early August.

By DONNA MANZ
The Connection

In this 2008 photo, Michele Kohl and her children, Betsy and Curtis, enjoy the companionship of the Guiding Eyes for the Blind dogs they were raising at that time.

“Once you meet the person who has the dog, and hear the story of how life has changed for them, it makes it worth having to give the dogs up.”

— Michele Kohl, pup raiser
Guiding Eyes for the Blind

Buster became a folk hero of sorts at RIT. When a professor of alternative media read an earlier Connection story on Guiding Eyes and Buster, he contacted Betsy Kohl. In the second semester of her freshman year, the professor followed Betsy and Buster around campus, documenting their lives at the school. Buster, in RIT’s pilot program, was so well-received, that RIT allowed Betsy Kohl to bring Faraday and now, Picasso, to the RIT campus.

“It was the Connection story on Buster that opened the door to allow Buster and all the other dogs to come to RIT,” said Michele Kohl.

PUP RAISERS socialize their fostered dogs and teach them basic commands. The pups are trained by their raisers not to become territorial and to respond to simple words. GEB trains the animals to be guiding eyes.

“Pup raising is not for working people who have to be away from the animals for long periods,” said Michele Kohl. “Basically, this is a lifestyle. That’s what we tell people. The dogs are in-training at all times.”

Michele Kohl works at night as a nurse so that there is always someone around to attend to the pup. “I’m willing to make sacrifices because I love raising dogs for the blind,” she said. “I can never see myself not doing this. It becomes who you are.”

Pup raisers receive no financial compensation for their dedication. You do it once, and you’re hooked, Kohl said.

The pups are bred at a breeding colony in GEB’s facility in upper New York State, and the top 3 percent of graduates are retained as breeding animals.

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Dogs that Change Lives
Pup raisers foster dogs for Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

By DONNA MANZ
The Connection

“His family had him since he was a puppy, but the owner was going blind from diabetes and had to give him up,” she said.

Noah is a great companion for the Sullivans’ other dog Dixie, a 9-year-old Golden retriever also found through GRREAT.

In addition to the two Golden retrievers, the Sullivans have three cats: Pip, 7, Cuddles, 12, and Inky, 15. Like Noah and Dixie, all three cats have come from shelters or rescue centers. The Sullivans have adopted many pets this way over the years, always with positive results. “They all have interesting personalities,” Nancy Sullivan said. “Noah, he’s incredible. He’s so smart. There’s just something about him. They’re just all so appreciative since they’re rescues.”

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One Big Happy Family

The Sullivans of Vienna have five rescued pets.

By KIM THORNTON
The Connection

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Audra Meckstroth is fostering a Red-Eared Slider turtle named Ratchet. He was found with another hatchling abandoned in a small plastic container and brought to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. While these hatchlings are very small, the adult size for this species of turtle is well over 10 inches. They can live for more than 50 years.

This young beagle came to the shelter as a stray. He was evaluated by two vets who determined that, at some point in his short life, the little beagle had sustained a serious injury to his right front leg. The age and extent of the injury indicated that the only treatment that would eliminate the pain the beagle was experiencing was to have the leg amputated.

File photo Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

“A sweet, ‘sensitive’ kitty, Pom Pom was adopted and unadopted twice before she was adopted out of Friends of Homeless Animals by Vienna’s Susan King.

Contributed by Audra Meckstroth

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Saving Lives, One Animal at a Time

Shelter works to find homes for homeless pets.

By DONNA MANZ

The Connection

“We strive toward the day when no healthy, treatable or rehabilitatable companion animal is euthanized for lack of space or other resources.”

Twenty two words describe the vision of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, an open access refuge where no animal, of any kind, is turned away.

Many of the animals that come into the shelter find either forever-homes or live their final days protected by nonprofit rescue groups. Some do not.

Puppies and kittens and bunnies rate high on the cute factor. Senior pets, that are frequently trained and calmer, aren’t as highly in-demand. Yet, as Animal Shelter Advisory Commission member Cindy Stewart of Vienna said, every one of these lives has merit.

Volunteers, as well as staff, work to make that vision a reality. From fostering animals to playing with them at the shelter, from fund raising by Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to the mission of the shelter’s director, giving homeless and unwanted animals a second chance at life and being loved is the essence of the work at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

“THE SHELTER makes assessments about its animals,” said Stewart, guardian of two cats, Tacitus and Pearl, both adopted from the Fairfax County shelter. Everyone who comes in contact with an animal at the shelter is invited to comment on him, his temperament, needs, and joys. Does he get along with other dogs or cats? Is he an abused animal a bit fearful of humans? Does he purr or wag a tail when a human strokes him?

“The shelter is more objective, more upfront, about the animals that need a home than a seller is,” Stewart said. “Nobody at the shelter wants a companion animal returned to it.”

An issue greater than that of reputable breeders are the puppy mills. “Puppy mill animals may be sick or have congenital disorders you don’t know about. Puppy mill animals may not get needed medical care. At the shelter, all the animals with medical problems are treated if they can be.”

Stewart volunteers in the cat room at the shelter and is a member of the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, a private nonprofit dedicated to raising funds that are donated to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to be used for medical and shelter services, programs and special projects.

Several years ago, Stewart, a retired government lawyer, read a note in a local newspaper that the Fairfax County was looking for members of various specific commissions. Living in Supervisor Cathy Hudgins’ district, Stewart applied for the Hunter Mill position on the Fairfax County Animal Shelter Advisory Commission. Hudgins appointed her upon application in 2006.

AUDRA MECKSTROTH of Vienna volunteers at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, fosters exotic animals on the shelter’s behalf and is secretary of the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. A graphic designer by trade, Meckstroth started volunteering in 2007 walking the shelter’s dogs. She expanded her support by helping at adoption events. As an owner of four turtles, Meckstroth was approached by the shelter to foster an abandoned turtle.

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Service Awards Presented

ViennaTysons Chamber’s annual dinner recognizes exceptional members.

Every year, the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce (VTRCC) honors members who best represent service to the Chamber and to the community. On July 20, VTRCC recognized the 2010 service award winners at a dinner program at Maggiano’s Little Italy at Galleria.

A select committee of previous winners identify businesses and individuals that extend commitment above and beyond their membership participation.

Eight committee-chosen businesses and business people were presented plaques of recognition by Virginia State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), acting as emcee, and VTRCC Board chairman, Gina Cocomello.

Cocomello presented the Chairman’s Award, a salute to a member who makes an outstanding contribution to VTRCC and the community.

“Entrepreneurship is the lifeblood of the economy,” said Bahak Hafezi, whose company, HafeziCapital, sponsored the 2010 VTRCC Service Awards Dinner.

RECIPIENTS of the 2010 VTRCC Service Awards were:

- Business of the Year, The Business Bank, Vienna, accepted by Harold Rauner; Business Person of the Year, Keith Turner of the West Group, McLean, accepted by Corey Scott; Entrepreneur of the Year, Dan Shaw, CPA, Vienna; Nonprofit of the Year, Alternative House, accepted by Judith Ditman; Educator of the Year, Sandy Andrews of Flint Hill School, Vienna, who accepted the award on behalf of all educators; and Lifetime Service Award to Air Treatment Company, Vienna, accepted on behalf of all educators; and Lifetime Service Award to Rockville; New Member of the Year, Ameriprise Financial, represented by Bridget Halsall, Vienna; Citizen of the Year, Dan Shaw, CPA, Vienna; Nonprofit of the Year, Animal shelter in search of love.

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Animal Shelter In Search of Love

active rescue partners,” Diviney said. “Our Friends group does what a private sector group can do to support our mission.”

Diviney emphasized the importance of spaying and neutering pets to prevent unwanted litters. Six million to 7 million unwanted pets pass through the country’s shelters. The Humane Society of the United States estimates that 3 million to 4 million of those animals will be euthanized.

AT THE FAIRFAX SHELTER, a dog deemed dangerous by the courts may receive a death sentence, but for non-aggressive, treatable, adoptable animals, the shelter uses all its resources to save the animals’ lives.

“Animals give us unconditional love, and inspire us to be better human beings in order to return that love and care for them,” said Stewart. “They bring a never-ending source of pleasure and joy into your life.”

Although senior pets are more likely to place than younger ones, Stewart hailed the attributes of senior pets, noting that for senior humans, older pets — particularly cats — do have some advantages over younger friskier ones. They are more relaxed and calm around humans and are more gentle and affectionate.

Some senior residence facilities understand the therapeutic nature of pets. Frequently, the senior living facility has house pets that were adopted and encourages pet visits from volunteers, even in skilled nursing units where seniors cannot take care of themselves, let alone an animal.

Sunrise Senior Living sees pets as important in the life of many seniors, said Paul Kelley, Northern Virginia regional director of Operations for Sunrise.

Sunrise permits residents in independent living facilities to bring their pets to live with them.

“Sunrise works with each resident on a highly individual basis regarding their pets,” said Kelley. “We understand that, for some residents, caring for a pet is part of their daily lives.”

“And if the resident can no longer care for the pet, we explore innovative ways to keep the resident and pet together. Some of those approaches include adopting the resident’s pet as a community pet or gaining additional pet-care support from families or volunteers,” Kelley said. “A lot of people think animals are something you buy and can dispose of when you grow tired of it, like shoes or a coat. They’re living creatures, not commodities. They shouldn’t be classified as property or an item rather than as a living being.”

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is located at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax. Phone: 703-830-1100. The shelter is open to the public Tuesday–Friday, 12-7 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

To learn more about adopting a pet or to volunteer at the shelter, go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/.

To join the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter or to contribute, see http://www.ffcas.org/
Welcome to the Pet Connection

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t would be easy, based on some measures, to say that some areas love their dogs more than others, although we are quite confident that most families love their dogs and other pets in a way that defies quantification.

Nevertheless, we will point out that the City of Alexandria, with a population of more than 150,000 and more than 70,000 households, is also home to 17 different dog parks, including both fenced and unfenced areas for dogs to run free of their leashes and play with other dogs. (Na- tionally, 39 percent of households average 1 dog, so even assuming a normal level of dog ownership in Alexandria (we suspect it exceeds national norms), there are roughly more than 46,000 dogs. That’s one dog park for every 2,700.

In Fairfax County, with a population of about 1,038,000, and more than 393,000 households, statistics would predict at least 260,000 dogs, but only eight dog parks. That’s one dog park for every 32,000 dogs or so...

In Arlington, 217,000 people live in about 103,000 households, and a statistically likely 68,000 dogs also have at least eight dog parks, or one dog park for about every 8,500 dogs.

In Montgomery County, Md., about 970,000 people live in about 364,000 households, and probably about 240,000 dogs, and just five dog parks, so more than 48,000 dogs per dog park.

Fortunately, we found no evidence of overcrowded dog parks in any of our areas, just happy dogs and owners enjoying one of the amenities of this area. And lots of dog parks mean less likelihood of dog owners running their dogs off their leashes in other less appropriate parks. In fact, the growing numbers of dog parks are just one more indicator of how important pets and animals are to us.

A third of local households are likely homes to cats, with the average household having 2.4 cats, but there are not cat parks ... Most “cat people” agree that cats are safer indoors, although we all know exceptions.

Of all these animals, 19 percent of dogs and 22 percent of cats are adopted from animal shelters. Most pets – 75 percent of dogs, 87 percent of cats) are spayed or neutered. There are so many pets that need homes, it’s a local and national crisis. If you are considering adopting a pet to your family, please consider the humane society, the shelter or a rescue organization.

In the pages of our Pet Connection this week, you’ll find stories of many families and their pets, plus information on how and where to adopt dogs, cats, birds, small animals and even horses that desperately need homes.

For much more information, look online at www.PetConnectionNewspapers.com, and click on Pet Connection.

If you’d like to share information about other pet resources, or about your pet, we will look forward to hearing from you.


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping Our Eye on the Prize

To the Editor:

A number of community groups, newspapers, and local politicians have criticized, often in strident tones, some recent decisions of the Fairfax County School Board. The decision to close Clifton Elementary School is one such example. According to the critics, members of the Board supposedly ignored the “wishes of the community,” and relied too heavily on the Superintendent and his professional staff. One editorial accused the Board of depriving citizens of information, and adopting a “we know what’s best” attitude. By ig- noring the unprecedented amount of information the School Board makes available and the open na- ture of the Board’s processes, the critics miss the mark.

The voters of Fairfax County elected the School Board – not single issue or self-appointed “community” advocates – to exercise responsible steward- ship over the education of our chil- dren. This means it is our job to work harder, make more ethical choices, and not allow our decisions to be guided purely by polls or the wishes of the voters. We always need to be concerned about what is best for all of Fairfax County and the children we serve. It means that the loudest, most persistent voices do not always carry the day, the supposed opinion of a “majority” of community members is not always right, and what may be the best decision for some commu- nity advocates is not always the best decision for all the children.

When former School Board Chair Bob Frye used to say we must always “listen to the silence,” he was reminding us to take ac- count of the voices of those in our County who do not organize e- mail and petition drives, who do not hold mass rallies, and who have never written a letter to the editor or a check to a candidate for School Board. As a result, we sometimes make decisions that, as one Clifton resident wrote to a Board member, “offend the rich and powerful.” That comes with the territory.

What should not come with the territory, however, are disrespectful personal attacks on individual Board members and their integrity, whether from community mem- bers or other elected officials. And yet angry Clifton residents have sent hate mail to the homes of School Board members and called some Board members names that cannot be printed in the newspaper. One so-called community group has questioned not only the integrity of the Board, but also the competence of the Superintendent and everyone who works for him. That group – which has yet to of- fer any support for the Board, its budget, or any of its decisions – apparently believes that recent gains in student achievement all happened by magic. A member of the Virginia House of Delegates accused one School Board mem- ber of “throwing Clifton children under the bus.” Still another offici- ally threatened political retaliation against a member of the School Board.

We would not tolerate this behavior from our own chil- dren. We should not tolerate it from adults.

Even though we have to make decisions about many things, the Board must always focus on one thing: student achievement. By all measures, we are succeeding. More children are achieving greater success than ever before. Achievement gaps are steadily shrinking. In some schools they have disappeared altogether. We have achieved our successes by working together with parents, teachers, administrators, and sup- port staff. That is how we should be working.

At the end of the day, we must make decisions that focus on sup- porting our mission to “inspire, enable, and empower students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship.” When we start trying to please or pander to vocal, well- organized groups of single-issue advocates, or elected officials trying to make political hay, we will have lost sight of our goal. And when some Board mem- bers and the public treat the profes- sional staff as adversaries, not as partners, student achievement will suffer. No one can afford that.

Stuart D. Gibson
Member, Fairfax County School Board
Hunter Mill District

Tessie Wilson
Member, Fairfax County School Board
Braddock District

Decisions First, ‘Dialogue’ Later

To the Editor:

Re: Kathy Smith’s letter [School Board Welcomes Dialogue, Connect- ion, July 21-27, 2010].

The process the School Board has used to reach every important decision has been flawed, because in each case the outcome was pre- determined by how the board framed the questions and re- stricted the discussion. Hosting “community dialogues” in which the scope of the discussion is limited only to the answers the School Board wants to hear is a sham. That was the case with redistricting, and it was the case with the bell schedule discussion. The only options provided were “bad” and “worse,” with the board nudging people toward retaining the cur- rent bad schedule. They said at the time that other alternatives, made possible through more efficient bus scheduling were not possible. Then, only months later when the budget crunch hit, they miracu- lously found new bus schedule ef- ficiencies that permitted them to save money by making adjust- ments to some school’s bell sched- ules.

The fact is that this School Board routinely predetermines its deci- sions and then structures false debates to create the appearance of engagement and support for those predetermined decisions.

Dan Carney
Herndon
Political Pets

Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) called her cat Winston ‘the love of our lives.’ She picked him out at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter two years ago.

Providence District School Board member Patty Reed poses with her dog Abigal.

Missing Max

This is a picture of Max and Madeleine Ernst of Vienna. Max was adopted from the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in 1997 as a puppy. Max was 13 this spring when he died due to a tumor on his liver. He loved all animals and wanted to be friends with everyone — squirrels, chipmunks, snakes, cats and deer. His best friend was Madison the cat, and they loved to play together by chasing each other around the house. Madison misses her buddy but always refused to be photographed with him. His human friend, Madeleine, adored Max and misses him everyday and his other human friends, Emily, Lauren and Chris miss him too. Madeleine is 7 and lives in Vienna with her 5-year-old sister Lauren.

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Throw it! Throw it! Yes, he threw it! OK, Jump! Yes! I got it! Yes, look at me, I did just that, what can you do for your Master? (staring at the bulldog). Not that I bet! I think I like this place - open fields, the other dogs I usually could do without seeing, but that stud golden over there looks better than that steak I stole off the grill last week.

Is that what I think it is? Water? I need a cool down! Splash! I need a cool down! Splash! Oh this feels fantastic!

Why is my Master yelling at me? I guess I better get out. Woof, Woof! I want to stay! I’m not getting back in that hot car! Stop it! Put me down! I wonder if I ever will come back to this place? Yes! The windows down! Ahh … the air feels great! I wonder if we’re going home? I’m hungry!

By Timothy P. Muha

Taffy and ‘Master Tim’ Muha during the dog’s first trip to the park.

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Cats, Dogs Find ‘Place To Belong’

Pet fostering: A risk worth taking.

By Jayne O’Donnell  
The Connection

Tom Spitznagel and his wife Dianna, of Vienna, have fostered about 300 cats since 1998. That includes two black cats named Rita and Hunter, which have been living in the guest room for a year. Despite the long-term residency, Tom Spitznagel said the couple still considers the duo foster cats.

Welcome to the world of pet fostering, where it’s easy to get attached, but a risk rescue groups and foster families say is worth taking. Groups such as 4Paws, where the Spitznagels volunteer, say every new foster home is a chance for them to rescue a pet from shelters ready to euthanize them or off the streets. It also gives the groups a chance to learn more about the animals’ health and behavior so they can best describe and match them with prospective adopters.

Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, which has a ranch in Summerville, Va., hosts five adoption fairs a weekend at PetSmart locations in Northern Virginia and finds homes for dozens of pets a week. Christina Perez-Bass, the group’s foster coordinator, said Lost Dog’s 94 foster homes are critical to its success.

“IT helps us socialize the dogs and find their real personality,” said Perez-Bass. “And it’s fantastic for the dogs to have another place to belong.”

The Spitznagels already own a dog and cat that started out as foster pets and a cat they adopted after its owner, a neighbor, died. So they remain hopeful the lovable, plus-size Hunter will get adopted at one of 4Paws’ adoption fairs at local Petco stores. Rita, who is quite shy and can only walk on three legs, is a bit less likely to find a home, they worry. They once fostered two kittens with leukemia for the two years they survived.

“We tend to get the ones that stay awhile,” said Tom Spitznagel, with a smile. “4Paws President Barbara Lipson said adopting one of their foster pets often makes it easier for foster “parents” to give up kittens and cats when they find permanent homes.

“They always have that furry reminder of why they are volunteering for 4Paws and of all the good they are doing by fostering,” said Lipson. “If adopting a cat makes it easier for them to continue fostering then I’m all for it.”
**B**ehind the rescue and the adoption is a story of pride and gratitude. The couple picked up stray animals and the families that have adopted or rescued animals talk about the place their animal family members have in their homes and their hearts, and why they chose to adopt rather than to purchase. Ryan P. Carney, 6, of Vienna, bought a dog after we adopted Simba, his first dog. 

**Pat Morrell and her rescued dog Jasper, hiking Mount Evans, Colo.**

**Rescue Tails**

Adopters share their stories.

**B**y Shannon Feeney, Vienna, on a rescue organization.

**M**y husband agreed the dog could spend one night, but we would re-evaluate the situation in the morning. We never had a dog before. By the next morning, my husband said, “Simba is a big part of our lives. We love every moment we do.”

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Roxy, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, gives a high-5 for a treat from companion Agnes Vanek, while Vanek keeps the other pups who would also like a treat at bay at the Reston Dog Park.

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Open: Daylight to Dusk.

Fairfax County Park Authority has always welcomed leashed dogs in all of its parks. Now, well-mannered canines can enjoy a good run or a friendly romp in one of 8 dog parks – fenced areas where unleashed dogs can have free play. Additional off-leash dog areas are in the planning stages. See http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-offleash.htm for more.

All of the dog parks are public/private partnerships, developed in cooperation with sponsoring organizations of pet owners. The sponsors are the agency’s liaison between users and local residents, Animal Control and the Police Department. They monitor and clean up the facilities, publicize dog park rules and regulations, and report maintenance needs to the Park Authority.

The hours of operation of all off-leash dog areas are dawn to dusk, unless posted otherwise.

All dogs four months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are good for one year and must be purchased by January 31st.

1. The off-leash dog area is for dogs, their handlers and those accompanying them. No other use is allowed.
2. All dogs must be legally licensed and vaccinated, and shall wear a visible dog license.
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10. Handlers must be 16 years of age or older.
11. Handlers must have possession of the dog leash at all times.

Fido and Eggs in glass containers are prohibited.

12. Food and drinks in glass containers are prohibited; training treats are allowed.
13. Dogs must be removed from the off-leash dog area at the first sign of aggression.
14. No animals other than dogs shall be permitted in the area.
15. Handlers are responsible for any injuries caused by the dog(s) under their control.
16. Users of the facility do so at their own risk. Neither Fairfax County nor the Fairfax County Park Authority shall be liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog in the off-leash area.

Pet Connection
Talk of the Town

Kathy Hale, a Herndon resident, is pictured at the Herndon Dog Park with two of her dogs — and the pug Presley hoping for a treat — her 9-year-old black border collie mix Rosie, far right, and her 5-year-old beagle/pug mix, Carly.
Stories of Pride, Gratitude

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Hollenbeck. “Little Buddies rescues cats only. We got Shanghai about four years ago. He was in the same cage as his brother.

“And when we brought him home, he cried and cried. We really only wanted one, but a week later, we went back and got his brother, too. Mbarara.

“My cats are so funny, too funny. I really just love my cats. I’d have more if my husband would let me.

“I know there’s so many cats who need homes. I never dreamed I’d own a cat. Boy, are they a lot of work, but worth it. They have the best life.”

Cindy Stewart on Tacitus, Pearl and Buster

Stewart is the Hunter Mill District representative to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter Advisory Commission, an appointed citizen body, as well as a volunteer at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

“Tacitus and Pearl were both adopted from the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

“Here is the story about Tacitus.

“Before I started to volunteer in the cat room, I would volunteer for some of the shelter’s special events, like adoption or rabies clinics. I was volunteering at a special adoption event and during the two-hour or so period, I noticed Tacitus and thought he was a cute little guy. However, no one was asking to look at him, take him out of the cat condo to the play room.

“When I was about to leave, I went to say goodbye to Tacitus and he stood up and started to paw the door to the cage. At that point, I called Buzz, my husband, who came immediately. He held Tacitus, who started to purr, and we adopted him that day. He was a stray. Some good Samaritan had brought him to the shelter.

“He was not in good shape but the shelter took excellent care of him. The shelter estimated he was about 3-years old. He must be about 6 now.

“Pearl was 10-years old when we got her from the shelter. She’s now 14.

“Pearl is a success story. She was a senior cat at 10-years old when her owner surrendered her. Her owner was an elderly woman who had to go into a nursing home and couldn’t care for the cat. She wasn’t in the shelter very long when I saw her. I adopted her immediately.

“Senior cats really are appropriate pets, especially for senior people.

“In the first place, an older cat is more relaxed, calmer and quieter, more gentle and affectionate.

“Secondly, with a senior cat, you have a track record, an idea of their personalities.

“The primary reason to go to a shelter to adopt is that you are, indeed, saving a life that has merit. In many cases, they had been a pet in a loving household.

“In a typical shelter, not only has the staff gotten to know the animal, but all the volunteers who come in get to know the animal, too. Everyone who comes in contact with the animal is invited to note com

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Cindy Stewart with Tacitus, named after the Roman historian

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Calendars

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Summer on the Green: Difficult Run Jazz Band, 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-4360 or www.viennava.gov.

Hamburger James, 6 p.m. Great Falls Village Musical, at 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. An introductory guided stroll. Learn how the gardens attract butterflies and other free-feeding species of birds. Adult member adults 84 and seniors age 7-17: $10, under age 6 free. Bingo hilo cards available at the Visitor Center. 703-253-8501. ext. 0 or www.wolftrap.org. wolftrap.org/botanical_gardens

“The Pajama Game.” 2 p.m. St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna. A musical comedy about a pajama factory labor dispute. $12 adults, $10 students and seniors. Proceeds support mission projects in Haiti. www.stmark.org or 703-938-5656.

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

The God Goodheart, Jonas Sees In Color, The Love Light and the Light, 8 p.m. at Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com

Reggae: For the Love of It with Beres Hammond, Inner Circle, Kenvyatta Full Gospel, Lenya Wilks and DJ Inferno, 3 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. $42 in-house, $25 lawn. www.jamminjava.com

MONDAY/AUG. 3
Alejandro Saiz, 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. $30-$48. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Dhoonya Dance’s Bollywood & Hip Hop Dance Camp will be Aug. 2-5 at James School of Dance, 6723 Whitner Ave., McLean. Ages 7-11 and 11-15 can attend Dhoonya Dance’s summer camp intensive, for a combination of Bollywood and Hip-Hop styles that culminate in a performance at the end of the session. Register at tinyurl.com/dhoonyacamp.

TUESDAY/AUG. 3
Willie Nelson, 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. $25-$45. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.


SATURDAY/JULY 31
Wolftrap Children’s Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Maryland Youth Ballet: Caroline Goes to the Zoo, 11 a.m. A Bob Brown Puppets: Dragon Feathers. Free workshops follow the 11 a.m. performance. Reservations required at 703-255-1824. $8-$10. www.wolftrap.org.


Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. A City of Fairfax Regional Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. A musical comedy about a pajama factory labor dispute. $12 adults, $10 students and seniors. Proceeds support mission projects in Haiti. www.stmark.org or 703-938-5656.

Artist’s Reception, 6:30 p.m. at Applegate Gallery & Custom Framing, 101 Church St. N.W., Suite C, Vienna. Lark McPhail will be on hand to answer questions about her artwork. Refreshments served. Exhibition open July 31-Aug. 25. info@applegateframing.com.

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GEB DOGS RAISED LOCALLY have gone on to different arenas of law enforcement. One swept for the Super Bowl. Another works as a police dog in the Sully District.

Others have gone on to drug and explosive work throughout the country. Eagle, a yellow Labrador retriever, is retired and back at the Kohls’ home in Oakton where he was raised. When Betty Kohl takes Picasso with her to school, it will fall upon Buster and Eagle to be the wise, experienced GEB-trained dogs teaching a frisky little Gambit.

“People say they can’t give the dog up if they raise him,” said Michele Kohl. “I say, that once you meet the person who has the dog, and hear the story of how life has changed for them, it makes it worth having to give the dogs up. Would you ever do anything else in your life that has such a powerful impact?”

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Michele Kohl, rewards her well-behaving dogs with treats. Gambit, who arrived at the Kohl’s home just two days prior, thinks he’s one of the big guys.

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Lot 25, Oakleigh, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted, and recorded in Deed Book 5793 at page 1267, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2009 Oakleigh Lane, Oakton, Virginia 22124.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $30,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent shall be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.125 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the full amount of the sale price is not paid at the time of sale and the promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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James Madison High girls’ softball coach John Schneebberger was at the helm of the West Team for the recent Virginia State High School All Star Softball Game, played on July 8 at Christopher Newport University. Two of Schneebberger’s ball players from Madison — Kaila Conlon and Laura Wolff — were a part of the West Team.

This past spring, Madison had an outstanding season, winning the Liberty District, both the regular season and tournament titles, as well as the Northern Region crown. Schneebberger, in leading the Warhawks, received both District and Region Coach of the Year accolades.

Conlon was named District Player of the Year for Madison while Wolff was an honorable mention All-Met selection. Both Warhawk standouts were scholar athletes and named to the All Madison team, the highest honor at their high school. They will both continue their softball careers in the fall as Kaila attends George Mason University and Laura attends Virginia Tech.

THE VIENNA BABE RUTH 14-UNDER baseball team beat Arlington, 2-1, and Northern Falls Church, 7-6, to advance to the championship game of the District 7 All Stars Tournament in Arlington.

In the finals, Vienna once again defeated Northern Falls Church, 10-0, to capture the title and advance to the state tournament in Stafford County.

The Vienna All Star team players are: Patrick Abrahamsen, Eric Alvarez, Brian Boehm, Bruce Briglia, Nick Brady, Daniel Delgado, Tommy Doyle, Patrick Eason, C.J. Graves, Nick Grisius, Chris Kim, Nick Nelson and Will Sparrow. Ken Graves is the head coach of the 14-under team.

Vienna Swim Report

The Shouse Village Sharks lost to the Sully Station II Piranhas, 245 to157, last Saturday in NVSL Division 7 action.

Double winners for the Sharks were Sinead Ekesten, Christi Geisler, MJ Minutoli and Christopher Oakley. Single winners were Monica Balistere, Evan Bremsner, Karl Myer, Paige Pilewski, Ellie Springsteen and Catherine Zysk.

Westwood Country Club won its fourth consecutive dual meet of the season last Saturday as it defeated Country Club of Fairfax, 358-158. Four event winners for Westwood included Carly Billak, Kaitlin O’Malley, Palmer Lloyd, Laura Kellan and Matt Callahan. Two event winners were Tyler Banks and Alec Dolton. Single event winners were Melissa Kellan, Alexander Gomez, Natalie Bendel, Sam Colligan, Audrey Kellan, Kelly Lloyd, Lexi Novak, Brian Harris, Spencer Brayman and Tom Renninger.

Also scoring points for Westwood were Lachlan Suter, Alana Suter, Casandra Picard, Riley Motz, Tommy Fisher, Molly Anspray, Zack Thornburg, Andee Brayman, Clement Greco, Lyana Katz, Victoria Tilson, Jeremy Timblin, Chandler Kourtesis, Kiana Seecharan, Jackson Miller, Justin Gomez, Cathleen Arase, Tristan Timblin, Jillian Hickey, Stephanie Bendel and Craig Strasbourger.

The Oakton Orters, in Division 2 swimming action, went into their meet against McLean undefeated. But McLean edged out Oakton, 205 to 197. Double winners for Oakton were Eric Koplishki, Jodie Koplishki and Laura Branton. Single winners were Meghan Benefield, Layne Stikeleather, Carter Sharer, Kathleen Smith, Lindsey Liddell, Michael Ambrose, Evelyn Pickett, Steven Howard, Kaitlyn Power and Devon Thomas.

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Vienna All Stars

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Northern Virginia’s SYA Storm U11 girls soccer team, made up of players from all around Northern Virginia, hit Ocean City under an alias nickname — “Category 5” — and finished as champion at the 2010 Beach 5 Sand Soccer Tournament, on June 26 in Ocean City, Md. The team’s Ocean City trip was sponsored by Keller Williams Fairfax Gateway Realtor Group. The Storm, competing at the tournament for the third straight year, went unbeaten at 4-0-0, scoring 21 goals and allowing just five. It was a follow up to their impressive play at The Virginian Tournament, which they won over the Memorial Day weekend.

The Storm — or Category 5 — was victorious against its three opponents in the preliminary round. The victories came over teams from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Columbia, Md. Category 5, which outscored its preliminary round opponents, 18-4, then advanced to the championship game where it defeated a team from Massachusetts, 3-1. It marked the third straight year in which Category 5 setts, 3-1. It marked the third straight year in which Category 5 won the tournament.

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