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The younger children loved the amusement rides at ViVa! Vienna!, from the gentle carousel to the dragon coaster.

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Fairfax County Public Schools Summer Learning and Enrichment

Coming Next Month: New FCPS Schools Opening in Fall 2012

Explore Enrichment Opportunities

Do you have an aspiring musician, painter, or sculptor in the family? If you're looking for opportunities to help your student pursue a special interest, the Institute for the Arts (IFTA) likely has a class to help him or her focus on skills, concepts, and the artistic process.

IFTA is a visual and performing arts program for students entering grades 7-12 in the 2012-13 school year. Dozens of enrichment classes, taught by professionals, help students grow and expand their knowledge of dance, music, theatre, cartooning, computer graphics, photography, and more.

The Elementary Institute for Arts (E-IFTA) offers enrichment classes for students entering grades 4-6 in the 2012-13 school year. Students experience total immersion in the arts as they rotate through exciting and stimulating classes in dance, drama, music, and visual art.

"Students develop skills and talents while exploring subjects or fields that interest them when they take enrichment courses," said Folly. "For example, Tech Adventure Camp gives students a chance to rotate through a series of eight classes including automotive technology, culinary arts, CAD/3D design, gaming, graphic arts, robotics, video and webpage design. It is great exposure to many forms of technology for students who have an interest in that area."

Young people interested in pursuing a career as models, fashion designers, makeup artists, or hair stylists will explore all that and more at Fashion Camp, July 9-13, at Fairfax High School. The camp is open to all students entering first grade through ninth grade. Campers will participate in activities designed for separate age groups. Campers will learn about fashion trends and create their own personally styled outfits, jewelry, and accessories in preparation for a fashion show at the end of the week.

Dive into a Good Book

Summer is a great time for children to explore books and discover reading for enjoyment. Students who read during the summer are more likely to improve their word recognition and reading comprehension skills. So encourage your child to pick up a book, discover a new subject or author, and have fun too! Many schools provide summer reading lists for students and the Fairfax County Public Library offers a summer reading program.

Summer Learning Fun

Splashing around in the pool, bicycle riding in the neighborhood, playing video games -- just a few ways children spend their summer days. Do you want to add some exciting, fun, and even educational activities to your child's summer?

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers many programs to keep students learning throughout the summer including fashion camp, art classes, drivers' education classes, foreign language camps, and more.

"Learning doesn't occur just between September and June," said Levi Folly, manager of FCPS summer programs. "Summer academic and enrichment courses expose students to subjects and areas they might not access during the school year and they provide opportunities for students to focus on areas of interest with like-minded students."

"Completing an academic course during the summer gives students more flexibility in their

fall schedule. In fact, most students who take an academic summer course do so to get ahead," he said.

Academic programs are available for students who want to accelerate their course of study during the summer, need to recover a credit, or pass a Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) end-of-course test.

The Summer Online Campus is open to FCPS

students and non-FCPS students and includes mathematics, science, English, history, physical education, and Spanish courses. New online courses include creative writing, Algebra 2 head start, college essay writing, and rich writing.

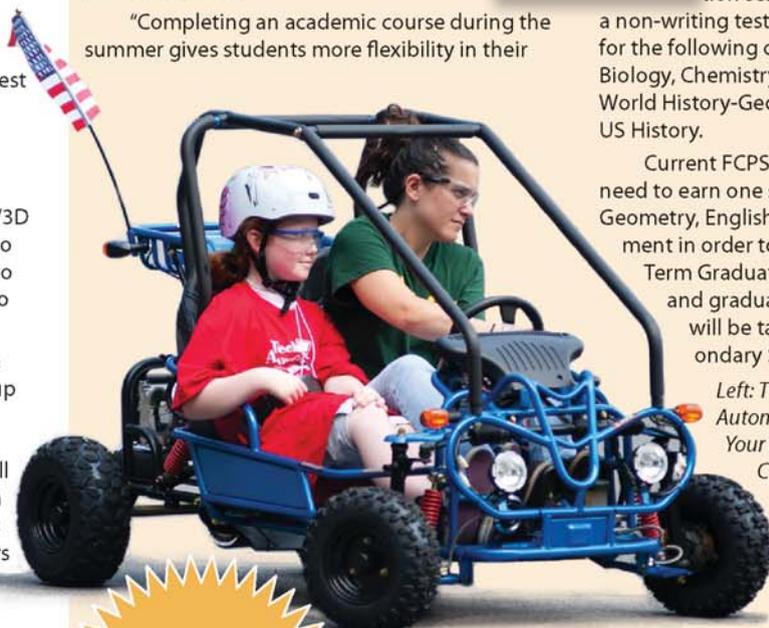
FCPS also offers two summer sessions for students seeking SOL credit. An SOL writing test remediation session will be held July 9-20 and a non-writing test session will be held July 9-24 for the following courses: Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, World History-Geography 1, World History-Geography 2, and Virginia-US History.

Current FCPS high school seniors who need to earn one standard credit in Algebra 2, Geometry, English 12, or Virginia-U.S. government in order to graduate can enroll in the Term Graduate Academy to receive credit and graduate by August 31. The classes will be taught at Lake Braddock Secondary School July 9-27.

Left: The go-cart was constructed in the Automotive Technology class "Start Your Engines" at Tech Adventure Camp last summer. The campers assembled and drove the go-carts.

This Just In

Fairfax County School Board adopted the FY2013 budget of \$2.4 billion. For details visit www.fcps.edu and click on FY 2013 Budget.



To learn more about all FCPS summer programs visit www.fcps.edu and click on Summer Programs.

Learn Languages and More Through ACE

FCPS Adult and Community Education (ACE) offer a variety of classes for everyone in the community.

Exploring world languages through games, art, songs, crafts, and activities help students in grades K-6 learn other languages. The Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) Summer Camps provide instruction in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish.

High school students who need classroom and behind-the-wheel training to meet state driver education requirements can fulfill the requirement by completing their classes through ACE.



Getting To Know Us

IFTA Visual Art Chair Joe Dailey

Joe Dailey admits he enjoys spending several weeks each summer with young people in a high energy atmosphere.

He is the visual arts chairman for the Institute for the Arts (IFTA), a unique academic program for students who want to explore visual and performing arts during the summer. Courses in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts offer students opportunities to explore various arts disciplines they may not experience in their regular school setting.

"The students are pretty spectacular," he said. "They come to IFTA excited about creating and processing their thoughts and they are excited to be with other students just like themselves who share the same interests."

IFTA students register to take four classes from a variety of course offerings. They are encouraged to enroll in one course from each discipline to grow and expand their knowledge of the arts during the month long program.

"It's a great experience for the students because they are with other students who want to excel and be challenged," said Dailey. "It's also rejuvenating for teachers to work with these students."

Students who enroll in IFTA can earn a half a credit for completing the program.

"IFTA will be an experience they won't forget," said Dailey. "The students are in their element, developing concepts and creating art. The experience from the process is very rewarding."

FCPS also offers an arts enrichment program for elementary school students in grades 3-5 through the Elementary Institute for the Arts (E-IFTA).

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The George C. Marshall High School Jazz Band performs on the Main Stage on the Town Green.



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ViVa! Vienna! Takes Over Town

Marketplace, food, live entertainment draw thousands.

It takes a lot more than blistering, pounding heat to keep Vienna-area families and neighbors away from ViVa! Vienna!, the Vienna Rotary Club's three-day Memorial Day weekend festival.

Visitor demographics spread out from newborns to seniors, families and groups of teens. Live entertainment, to appeal to young and older, was offered on the Main Stage on the Town Green and at the Children's Stage behind Freeman House, in the shade. Shade, in fact, was in high demand, as people sought respite from the heat under the old shade trees behind Freeman House.

The bungee jump, the most expensive amusement ride at the festival, had no dearth of takers, although the dragon coaster and swing were pretty popular among the little ones. The lines for the rides moved fast.

The food court offered everything from traditional carnival food to ethnic cuisine, fruit drinks, and fried candy and pastry, keeping adults happy. Twenty amusement rides and kid-focused entertainment kept the youngsters happy. The successful weekend made the Rotary Club happy, too. Net proceeds from ViVa! Vienna! are donated back to community nonprofits.

Former Virginia governor Tim Kaine, with Del. Mark Keam (D-35), shook hands and spoke to festival visitors and vendors on Sunday. Kaine and Keam spent a while listening to the competitors of Vienna Idol, the fundraiser founded by Caffe Amouri owner Michael Amouri to benefit the Kristin Kylo Memorial Fund.

The Vienna Idol competition, sponsored by Caffe Amouri, Whole Foods and The Business Bank, held court in the Caffe Amouri parking lot fronting Church Street on Sunday, May 27. Caffe Amouri split the semi-finals into two rounds, one at 11 a.m., the second at 2 p.m. During the break, the Vienna Dance Academy students wowed the crowd with their routines.

Vienna soprano Danielle Talamantes stopped foot traffic along Church Street with her pitch-perfect, ethereal rendition of the Star Spangled Banner to kick off the second round.

Some visitors remember coming to ViVa! Vienna! themselves as children; now grown-up, they are back with their own children. Others, such as Mike



Life doesn't get much better than this if you're a little child. Vienna dad Mike Linegang carried son Aidan, 4, on his shoulders, as daughter Emily 2, sat securely harnessed to dad's back as the trio took in ViVa! Vienna!

Linegang, started coming to the festival five years ago. His oldest child is four now.

"It's just a great community event," said Linegang, carrying son Aidan, 4, on his shoulders, and daughter Emily, 2, harnessed to his back. "It's a chance to shop, look around. The kids love the rides and games and the performances on the Town Green."

"We'll be back for Rocknoceros tomorrow."

—DONNA MANZ



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Vienna Women's Club scholarship recipients for 2012 are Alia Bayatti, Courtney Vereide and Helen Li.

Vienna Women's Club Hands Out Scholarships

Three recipients receive \$1,000 each to help with college expenses.

For 50 years, the Vienna Women's Club [VWC] has recognized outstanding academic and community achievement with its annual scholarship awards going to deserving local high school students. On May 16, the club gave out three \$1,000 scholarship checks to graduating seniors representing three area high schools. The four elementary schools located within the Town of Vienna boundaries received grants of \$500 each to be used for the schools' remedial programs dedicated to at-risk students.

Alia Bayatti, George C. Marshall High School – IB program; Helen Li, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; and Courtney Vereide, James Madi-

son High School – music honor society president, accepted checks from VWC scholarship chair Jo-Lynn Westlund.

Vienna ES, Marshall Road ES, Louise Archer ES and Cunningham Park welcomed the grants that will be used, primarily, for the schools' summer reading programs.

Fairfax County School Board Chairman Jane Strauss offered inspiring insights on the "special" attributes of the millennial generation. "We have faith in you, go on and be successful," said Strauss, calling the scholarships the wind beneath their wings.

One 2011 scholarship recipient, Alex Court, spoke of her first year of college and the gratitude she extends to the Vienna community for its support.

— DONNA MANZ



Joining the 2012 Vienna Women's Club scholarship winners are club president Diane Abel, education committee chairman Cindy Stewart, Fairfax County School Board chairman Jane Strauss, VWC scholarship chairman Jo-Lynn Westlund and Virginia Delegate Mark Keam, representing Vienna.



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Seventy-five candidates took the Oath of Allegiance during a special naturalization ceremony May 25 at the Fairfax County Government Center. The ceremony is part of the county's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations.

The Vietnamese American Seniors Choral Group performed patriotic songs and folk songs during the pre-ceremony of the fourth annual naturalization ceremony held at the Fairfax County Government Center on Friday, May 25.

Greeting New 'Fellow Americans'

Fairfax County hosts fourth annual naturalization ceremony.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

"My fellow Americans," U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11) said with gravitas, pausing to let the meaning sink in.

And when it did, 75 immigrants - from Afghanistan to Uzbekistan - who had just raised their right hand and taken the Oath of Allegiance to become American citizens, erupted with applause and tears, waving American flags and hugging family members. They were gathered at the Fairfax County Government Center Friday, May 25, for the county's fourth annual naturalization ceremony.

"You now join us...Every new wave of immigrants refreshes us, makes us stronger," Connolly said, leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I am happy for today," said Shahinaz Hassan, a recent immigrant from Egypt who lives in Fairfax. "Everything gets easier here," she said in halting English. She said she was looking forward to voting in the presidential elections this fall.

Yesuf Beshir, originally from Ethiopia, works as a government contractor in Springfield and brought his daughter, Kedja, 4, who was born in Virginia, to the ceremony. Beshir said he pursued American citizenship for many reasons.

"I am proud of being an American," Beshir said. "The main thing is democracy. Here, you can vote. You can be what you want in America. You can be president...If you want to be a doctor, you can be a doctor," he said, smiling at his daughter. "I tell her the possibilities are endless."

MODERATED by Corazon Sandoval Foley, the naturalization ceremony for 75 candidates from around the globe was part of the county's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations. The event

began with the Presentation of Colors by the Fairfax County Public Safety Honor Guard and the National Anthem sung by Captain Francis Mensah of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD).

Samuel DeVera, a captain with the county's Fire and Rescue Department and a member of the Fairfax County Asian American Firefighters' Association, gave the keynote address, telling the audience his personal story of coming to America from the Philippines when he was 14 years old in 1983. After becoming a paramedic in 1994, he received a Valor award and, in 2010, scored first on the test to become a captain with the Fire and Rescue Department.

"Look at me. The one thing I can say is work hard to make you and your families better," DeVera said. "If you're vice president of the company, aim to be president. I'm not here to encourage you; I want to challenge you."

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) presented the Certificates of Naturalization to the new Americans.

"Some of you have endured hardships to arrive at this time and place," Bulova said in her remarks. "All of you have invested your time, money and efforts to become citizens. Many of you came here to escape war or endless poverty."

She said she was "proud" to see the growing number of small businesses being opened by immigrants.

"Fairfax County has a very strong sense of community. Our residents and corporate neighbors are highly engaged, with a seat at the table when decisions are made..You who are here today now officially have a seat at that table."

Andrew Eade from England received a loud applause and cheers from his family and friends when Bulova presented him with his certificate. A resident of Herndon for 16 years, Eade said he wanted to become a citizen so he could "fully participate in the system and vote."

"You want to feel like you are getting your voice heard," he said.

THE NATURALIZATION CANDIDATES originated from nearly 30 countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burma, China, El Salvador, Iraq, Iran, South Korea and Sudan.

McElveen Receives Young Leaders Award

Ryan McElveen, Fairfax County School Board Member At-large, was presented with the 2012 Charles Robb Young Leaders Award by Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and Rep. Jim Moran as part of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee's first annual Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Dinner on Sunday, May 6.



Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, congratulates Ryan McElveen on the 2012 Charles Robb Young Leaders Award.

The Senator Charles S. Robb Young Leaders Award recognizes the efforts of a young leader to promote Democratic politics and candidates.

McElveen, who has been called a "rising star in the Democratic party" by former Fairfax County party chairman Rex Simmons, became the youngest school board member ever elected in Fairfax County in November 2011 at the age of 25. In a field of seven county-wide candidates, he received 87,150 votes, second only to

veteran incumbent Ilyong Moon. As an at-large member, McElveen represents 1.1 million Fairfax County residents.

McElveen works as an international policy analyst for the Boeing Company and holds a Masters in International Affairs from Columbia University and a B.A. in Anthropology and East Asian Studies from the University of Virginia.



Cooking Lesson for KG Students

Executive Chef Eddie Ishaq from Wildfire at Tysons Galleria presented a cooking lesson (including the math concepts of measurements and patterns) to the Louise Archer Elementary School kindergarteners. Pictured: Chef Eddie from Wildfire restaurant and Sydney Guthrie from Miss. Kulakowski's kindergarten class.

PHOTO GALLERY!

"Me and My Dad"

To honor dad on Father's Day, send us your favorite snapshots of you with your dad and The Connection will publish them in our Father's Day issue. Be sure to include some information about what's going on in the photo, plus your name and phone number and town of residence. To e-mail photos, send to:

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OPINION

Surviving through Summer

It is that time again, the time from proms to graduation, and all the celebrations that come with it. It's lovely to think, from a distance, that this is a happy and uncomplicated time for teens as the school year winds down, many look forward to college in the fall and a summer of internships or other interesting activities.

Few adults with clear memories of high schools would likely be willing to turn back the clock and relive that time, especially with the addition of mobile phone videos and photos to accompany those awkward moments or more serious bullying or harassment.

We do know that many, if not most, teenagers will be celebrating, or possibly self-medicating, with alcohol, and that many will en-

gage in binge drinking. While drinking and driving, or getting into a car with a driver who has been drinking, can kill, there are many other problems that come along with binge drinking. Parents owe it to themselves to talk to their teens about it, even as the teen turns away, rolls eyes, and otherwise indicates he or she is ignoring everything you say, some information will go in. They do hear you, and sometimes even make use of the information later.

Keep talking. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking. Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home, without grounding them for the summer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:
Read your editorial: "Transparency, Technology and Tolls" May 9 - 15 edition.

Agree E-Zpass should have two LED or LCD displays that illuminates for 5 to 7 seconds after passing by a toll station displaying toll rate and cost incurred. Present E-Zpass transponder along with VDOT charging for monthly statements guarantees that the fares with always rise without taxpayer input or awareness of the increases.

However I have a larger issue that no one addresses — HOV and E-Zpass express lanes are a huge waste of money.

For HOV and E-Zpass lanes, take total construction costs (exclude annual operations and maintenance costs) divide by maximum traffic capacity. The result is the lowest cost of providing the road per vehicle.

This is equivalent to an oil company, natural gas company, or water utility calculating the maximum flow rate through a pipeline. Obviously, the company wants as much product as possible flowing through the pipeline at all times to minimize cost and maximize profit. Also, the company favors a continuous flow of product rather than the product flowing in distinct packets — which is what automobiles are: distinct packets carrying one person.

Now perform the same HOV and E-Zpass express lanes calculation based on actual traffic capacity. The difference between the first and the second calculations represents funds lost (wasted), as well

as the magnitude of error as to the estimated benefit the lanes provide in alleviating commute time and commuter anguish.

Since all taxpayers pay for the construction, operation, and maintenance of HOV and E-Zpass express lanes, the lanes need to be integrated into the regular traffic lanes, so that all taxpayers can benefit from the expanded traffic handling capacity and to minimize losses.

Virginia is setting a dangerous precedent where one small group of individuals receive special rights that no other taxpayer receives. But the providing these special rights is not based on race, color, gender, or orientation, but solely on ability to pay. Such a "solution" further stratifies the commonwealth's population into the "haves" and the "haves not." And the current high cost of being elected and re-elected guarantees which constituency will receive the

greatest amount of attention and services from politicians.

More cars, more traffic lanes, and more gasoline is not the answer — and everyone knows it is not the answer. The answer is a robust, vibrant mass transit system. Not a Metrorail system that runs alongside the beltway (how is that any better or different than what already exists). But rather a spoke and hub system that extends to edge cities (like Manassas or Woodbridge) and transports citizens to the central city or to other major edge cities.

Instead of an objective, analytical, empirical, data-based report evaluating the HOV or E-Zpass express lanes after they are placed into production, VDOT will issue a statement claiming that the HOV and E-Zpass express lanes are resounding, unqualified successes justifying the huge expenditure. Which also means expect more HOV lanes and E-Zpass express

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 8.

You can submit your photos online at connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday or email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

lanes everywhere. Meanwhile, taxpayers will be left to wonder why with all the "solutions" the problem only gets worse.

Don Alberstadt
Arlington

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The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

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Bike to Work Day Celebrated



Megaprojects communications specialist Lauren Frazier, on right, greets cyclists at a Merrifield pit stop along the W&OD trail on Bike To Work Day, Friday, May 18. The pit stop was manned by Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence), Transurban officials, Megaprojects staff, Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), INOVA Fairfax Hospital and area volunteers.

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Oakton Dentist Indicted

Hamada Makarita, 50, of Oakton, has been charged in a 15-count indictment of using his position as a dentist to illegally distribute prescription pills to patients, employees and women he dated. He was also charged with allegedly using the identity of another dentist to fraudulently bill an insurance company of more than \$160,000 in claims.

Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and James W. McJunkin, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, made the announcement.

Makarita was charged with conspiracy, health care fraud, aggravated identity theft, and 12 counts of dispensing controlled substances. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison on the health care fraud charge, 20 years in prison for conspiracy and each dispensing controlled substances charge, and a consecutive two-year sentence for the aggravated identity theft charge.

According to the indictment, Makarita owns and operates a dental practice in Oakton, and advertised online at www.fixasmile.com. The indictment alleges that from about 2007 to 2012, Makarita distributed and dispensed thousands of dosages of prescription medicine to patients, employees and girlfriends, all without a legitimate dental purpose and beyond the bounds of a dental practice. Makarita allegedly asked those who received the prescriptions he issued to return to him some or all the prescribed medicine.

In addition, the indictment alleges that Makarita provided more than \$160,000 in services to his family members and billed them to an insurance provider in violation of the provider's contract. He allegedly billed the services under the name of another dentist who did not practice in Makarita's office at that time. Makarita received more than \$91,000 in reimbursement from the provider for these fraudulent claims.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI's Washington Field Office. Special Assistant United States Attorney Mazen Basrawi is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

This case is part of an Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force ("OCDETF") investigation (Operation "Cotton Candy"), which has been focusing on the illegal distribution by numerous doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and patients of pain medication.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 1

"Flora the Red Menace." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. A musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, set in the Great Depression. \$15-\$30. www.1ststage Tyson's.org.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 2

McLean Symphony's Season Finale Concert. 7:30 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Beethoven's 9th Symphony Choral Finale ("Ode to Joy"), four guest soloists, the McLean Symphony Festival Singers and members of the Puccini America Opera Chorus. \$5-\$25. mail@mclean-symphony.org or 703-991-7197.

Children's Show: the grandsons, Jr. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.janminjava.com.

Cartoon Johnny at 2 p.m.; Mary Fahl (October Project) at 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.janminjava.com.

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Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Adoption Event. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. Adoption events every Sunday. <http://lostdogrescue.org/> and click on Adoptions.
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Flea Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. With food and a bake sale. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.
Country Western Dance. 8:30-11 p.m. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lesson 7:30 p.m., couples lesson 8 p.m. \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org.
Charity Missions Yard Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. Household items, linens, rugs, clothes, books, toys, garden tools, exercise equipment, electronics and more. Proceeds benefit church missions. 703-759-3509.

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Dancing Under the Stars. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Black Tie Gala celebrating Great Falls and 80th Anniversary of dancing at Colvin Run Community Center. Cocktails and hours d'ouevres. Dance demonstration 7 p.m., open dance 8-11 p.m., dance with Mike Surratt & The EGB. \$65. Portion of proceeds donated to Analemma Society's Observatory Park. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

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Grand Finale Concert. 3 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. American Youth Symphonic Orchestra, conductor Carl J. Bianchi; American Youth Philharmonic, music director and conductor Daniel Spalding; pianist AnnaMaria Mottola. \$10-\$14. www.aypo.org or 703-642-8051.

Pet Blessing. 2 p.m. Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. All pets and their owners will be given a special blessing charm as well as a certificate of blessing. A dog wash will also be held beginning at 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 2 in the church parking lot. Prizes for best dressed and owner look alike contests. www.antiochoc.org or 703-938-6753.

Blacksmith Demonstration. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Colvin Run Historic Site, 10017 Colvin Run Road, McLean. Watch the blacksmith make metal tools and utensils. 703-759-2771.

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MONDAY/JUNE 4

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Standards. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.janminjava.com.

Sierra Club/ Great Falls Group Community Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. "Moving from Coal to Clean Energy." Learn about moving Virginia to a green energy future. s.weltz@yahoo.com or 703-402-9292.

Showcase Recital. 7:30 p.m. Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. Music Buddies Mentorship Program. Free. www.aypo.org or 703-642-8051.

TUESDAY/JUNE 5

Dance Every Tuesday. 7:15 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Introductory dance lesson 7:15 p.m., dancing 8-10:30 p.m. Swing, Latin, waltz, country and more. \$10 per person, includes lesson and snacks. No partner necessary. colvinrun.org or Ed Cottrell@macp.org.

Trace Bundy "Elephant King" CD Release. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.janminjava.com.

Author Barb Winters. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. "Letters to Virginia: Correspondence from three generations of Alexandrians from before, during and after the Civil War." 703-938-0405.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 6

Photography Lecture. 7:30 p.m. Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Andargé Asfaw will speak about wars and political conflict in "Ethiopia from the Heart." www.ethiopiafromtheheart.com. www.vps-va.org or 703-451-7298.

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The Town of Vienna opened its property yard to the public on May 24. The yellow hardhats were a big hit with the young set.



Conner Jennison, 3, and brother Ryan, 2, at the Vienna Police Department Animal Control van. With the children is their mom, Graeme.



This truck is so big, it needs two drivers. Carter Lehman, 21 months old, and his friend, shielding himself from the paparazzi.

people who do so much work to help our town," said Lehman.

—DONNA MANZ

Vienna Brings Out Its Heavy Equipment

Annual Public Works Day draws hundreds of children.

The dream to climb aboard construction and heavy-duty equipment and emergency vehicles came true for hundreds of children on May 24. That is when the Town of Vienna hosted its annual Public Works Day at its property yard on Mill Street, running from 2 to 6 p.m. There aren't many communities that can pull off a display of stationary trucks but Vienna manages to turn the event into a carnival-kind of atmosphere, with free refreshments, bags of freshly-popped popcorn, tattoos, and lots of honking horns. Not surprisingly, the free raffle featured heavy equipment toys. The replica yellow plastic hardhats were a big hit ... as hot as it was, the kids walked around the grounds wearing them. Parents, snapping away photos with cameras and phones, were happy, too, seeing the children happy. "The kids love it because they get

to see all of the vehicles up close," said Vienna mom Alyssa Lehman, with daughter Maddie, 3, and son Carter, 21 months, in tow. "My son waits for the trash truck every week, and for him to see it up close is so exciting." "Both my son and daughter also loved just climbing in and out of all the vehicles," Lehman said. "The animal control truck, front loader, street sweeper and police car were their favorites." Public Works has held an annual Open House since 2002. Two Public Works employees man each vehicle, helping the children in and out, answering questions, and helping the littlest guests honk the horns as older children do themselves. "Besides watching how much fun my children had, I like that I learn a lot," said Sarah Glassman, adding that daughter Anna liked the street sweeper the most and sister Abby, the police car. "I never stopped to think how the town might locate a sewer pipe clog [with a remote control camera] or how a street sweeper works," she said. "I appreciate the time that the town employees give to this event. Everyone was so informative about the vehicles and helpful lifting kids in and out of the trucks." There were police cruisers with flashing lights, a Vienna police de-

partment animal control truck with pretend animals inside, and one police motorcycle that children were hoisted on to. There was a backhoe, garbage truck, front-loader, dump truck, sewer truck, street sweeper, cherry pickers, ditch digger and trucks not immediately identifiable to the untrained eye. Public Works staff answered questions from parents and children. For many families, Public Works Day is a traditional outing. "What I love about Public Works Day is that it not only allows the kids to see and climb into all of the big trucks and vehicles, it also allows them to actually meet the

Teacher Honored for 'Inspiration'

Former Wolftrap Elementary student builds a new lab in honor of his teacher Candace Leyton.

BY SANDY JOLLES
THE CONNECTION

Candace Leyton was not just one to educate; she was one to inspire. Chris Shumway, her former student who was a UVA undergrad and Harvard Grad student, wanted to honor a teacher who made him "feel empowered."

On Monday, May 21, Wolftrap Elementary School held a groundbreaking ceremony for a Candace Leyton Innovation Learning Lab.

Shumway kicked off the ceremony after a brief introduction by Anita Blain, the principal of Wolftrap Elementary School.

Shumway was the one who initiated this construction by approaching Blain to undergo the project.

By pooling \$800,000, Shumway is able to fund this project, and furnish the lab with



All County Chorus sings "Today is the Day" near the end of the groundbreaking ceremony at Wolftrap Elementary School. The chorus members include: Christina Bosco, Anna Carlson, Erin Crowley, Claire DeViney, Johna Ezzard, Gracie Feuchter, Michelle Fuhrer, Sophie Gibson, Sydney Jones, Kelsi Listman, Tulsu Mehta, Kiley Moriarty, Laila Ostapovicz, Neha Reddy, Alexandra Schmitz, Anna Sotelo and Erin Williams.

state-of-the-art technology.

"Leyton was the epitome of somebody who wanted to make a difference," Shumway explained.

SEVERAL STUDENTS approached Teresa Khuluki, assistant principal at Wolftrap, to tell similar stories about inspiring teachers, a message Shumway had hoped would resonate.

"The story that Chris Shumway told about Candace Leyton never allowing him to give up and always challenging him to do more was inspiring," said Khuluki, who also helped organize the logistics of the ceremony. "It was wonderful to hear our students speak about Wolftrap teachers today the way that Mr. Shumway fondly remembers Mrs. Leyton."

According to Peter Leyton, the husband



Chris Shumway speaks on the impact his teacher Candace Leyton left on him.

of Candace Leyton who took the stage next, she was a "tough cookie" and had a "biting sense of humor."

With her passion for math, Leyton strove to improve teaching of mathematics by joining the Virginia State Council on Mathematics, a big step for the Fairfax County Public School community.

"Hopefully, the ceremony will show that teachers can make a difference," said Diane Long, one of the Wolftrap Elementary School's administrative assistants.

Michele Ferreira, currently an active member in the PTA, remembers when she

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Inspiring Teacher Remembered

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was one of Leyton's students. With Leyton's passion for math, she had inspired Ferreira to pursue engineering.

"One thing I liked was how we got to work with older kids, while still mentoring the younger ones," Ferreira said.

A 30-year employee of Fairfax County Public Schools, Leyton established an innovative approach to education. She fueled inspiration for her students as thinkers, and developed unconventional modes of experiential learning.

Rather than the teaching solely taking place in the classroom, Leyton reached far beyond those bounds. From her established family math nights, to her emphasis on traveling as a means of learning, Leyton took a twist on conventional teaching.

Leyton also took an interest in the music curriculum. After traveling to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, Leyton integrated opera into students' classes.

Leyton was a source of inspiration for Ferreira after introducing this musical genre. Ferreira found herself as a member of the Wash-

ington Opera for five years.

After Peter Leyton spoke, the school presented Shumway with a gift created by Bethany Mallino, and signed by every student and teacher in the building.

THE CONSTRUCTION will likely be completed in six to nine months, and will be available for all students to use.

The Shumway Foundation is also honoring Leyton, and "other great teachers who bring creativity and a love of learning to the classroom."

"Just as Mrs. Leyton challenged Chris Shumway to learn, we hope this technology lab will inspire both students and faculty to develop skills as critical thinkers and innovators," said the foundation.

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Langley Lacrosse Wins Northern Region

Saxons defeat Oakton in semifinals and Chantilly in finals.

The Langley Saxons defeated the Oakton Cougars in a Northern Region boys' lacrosse semifinals playoff game last Thursday, May 24. As a result, the Saxons booked their passage to the Northern Region boys' finals the following day (Friday, May 25 versus Chantilly) and also earned an automatic seeding for the upcoming Virginia High School League (VHSL) state playoffs for the fourth year running.

Langley, in Thursday's region semifinals, bested the talented and host team Cougars by a score of 16-12. The Saxons then went on to defeat the Chantilly Chargers, 7-6, for the region crown on Friday night at Lan-



Luke Salzer (3) of Langley moves with the ball during the Saxons' region finals win over Chantilly last Friday.

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gley. Chantilly had earned its place in the championship game by defeating W.T. Woodson in an overtime contest of the other semifinals game on Thursday.

With only two state competition slots allotted to Northern Region teams starting this year, the loss on Thursday ended a Cougar campaign just short of advancing beyond regional play.

In addition to seven goals from Adams and Ahearn's three for the night, the Saxons got a pair of goals from Meyer and senior middle Slater Howell, as well as the solo strikes from Rivers and Sibio. Three Cougar attackers delivered hat tricks in the game - seniors Evan Lalande and Sean Schweiker, and junior Jack Harris - to go with single goals from three middies — seniors Michael Durst and Stephen Lambrides, and sophomore Cory Harris.

—SUBMITTED BY LANGLEY LACROSSE

Madison Girls Advance To Regional Semifinals

Warhawks set to meet W.T. Woodson in round of four soccer matchup.

BY NICK DORKA
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

Last Thursday, May 24, under ominous skies at Lee High School in Springfield, the Madison Warhawks and Lee Lancers girls' soccer teams squared off in a hard-fought Northern Regional quarterfinals playoff match that saw four overtime periods before eventually being decided on penalty kicks. Both teams played valiantly for over 100 minutes as Madison ultimately prevailed by a score of 3-3, 3-1 on penalty kicks.

Midway through the first half, senior Shaydah Naraghi opened the scoring for Madison on a hard strike from the left side that gave the Warhawks a 1-0 lead that they would hold for most of the first half. But, with a few minutes remaining in the half, Lee found the Madison goal, to tie the score at 1-1.

As the second half began, the skies opened up and a steady rain fell for the remainder of the game. Madison struck quickly, on a free kick by Rachel Moore. Naraghi netted the rebound in front of the goal to give the Warhawks a 2-1 advantage. But the Lancers fought back and Megan Cox scored two goals on a header and a long-range strike to give Lee a 3-2 lead with time winding down.

As Lee fell back into defense to protect its lead, Madison mounted several last assaults on the Lee goal. With three minutes remaining, Naraghi stepped up once again to score her third goal (a hat trick) that tied the score at 3-3. Naraghi, on

the game-tying score, broke open on the right side, took a nice pass from her teammate, dribbled towards the goal, and beat the keeper to the far post.

After a short break at the conclusion of regulation play, the exhausted teams played four, five-minute overtime sessions, with neither team managing to score. With the score tied at 3-3, both teams prepared for the penalty kick shootout to decide which team would move on to the regional semifinals.

THE SHOOT-OUT FORMAT provides five rounds of penalty shots (five by each team) in an alternating format. Madison went first and Moore put the Warhawks ahead, 1-0, with a low, hard shot to the right corner. Lexi Graham, Madison's keeper who has had a strong and steady season, was ready for the challenge and turned away the first Lee shot to preserve Madison's 1-0 lead.

Kaitlyn Dorka buried her shot low right to give Madison a 2-0 lead which they held when Graham made another point-blank stop of a Lee shot.

Rebecca Henry gave Madison a 3-0 lead with a low rocket to the left corner. However, Cox scored for Lee to make the score 3-1 after three rounds of penalty kicks.

Madison missed its fourth kick when the Lee keeper anticipated the shot and made a nice stop. However, Graham ended the drama and a long night of soccer when she made one last fabulous stop on a Lee shot to give the Warhawks the win. The referee signaled game over and the Warhawk players rushed to congratulate their goalkeeper and celebrate the win.

With the win, Madison advances to the regional semifinals where they will play the Woodson Cavaliers this week on Wednesday, May 30.

Davis Carries Oakton Softball to Region Semifinals

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Members of the Oakton softball team endearingly refer to standout sophomore pitcher Allison Davis as "The Chosen One." Facing a win-or-go-home scenario on May 28, Davis gave the Hayfield Hawks a glimpse of the talents that earned her the same moniker as NBA star LeBron James.

Davis threw a two-hit shutout and delivered a two-run double as Oakton defeated Hayfield, 6-0, in a Northern Region quarterfinal matchup at Falls Church High School. Davis walked one, hit one batter and struck out 11 while allowing only one runner to reach third base. At the plate, her two-run double was part of a four-run fourth inning for the Cougars.

"She works so hard," Oakton head coach Ray Gordon said. "Allison works at the game 12 months of the year. She's really

good."

While Davis' work ethic continues to improve her on-field talents, No. 21 said she has also gotten better at handling pressure.

"I think I took a lot of the weight last year just being the pitcher and I let it get to me a little bit," the sophomore said. "This year, I've just kind of calmed down and relaxed and I've learned to trust my team because they're really good on defense."

Right-fielder Mary Kate Mehegan gave Oakton a 2-0 lead with an RBI groundout in the second. Sophomore second baseman Becky Cerva produced a run-scoring single in the fourth and two batters later, junior shortstop Emily Krisanda delivered an RBI double.

Oakton, the No. 2 seed from the Concorde District, will take on Patriot District champion South County in the regional semifinals at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30 at Madison High School.

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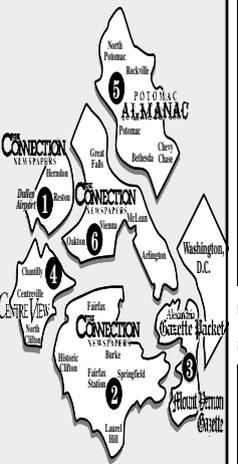
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Off Topic, Almost

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



If only it were that simple. And as much I'd like to turn the cancer switch off, finding that switch has proven to be extremely challenging. Not that I'm forever looking for it mind you, but if it were to present itself, I hope I wouldn't be so self-absorbed in its pursuit to not take advantage of its proximity. Under the present circumstances (as I live and breathe, still), a break and/or a brake in all this cancer focus/action would be most welcome. A cure even better, but if nothing else, I am realistic about my cancer diagnosis. I'm not quite ready to admit that I'm consumed by it however (really?), but if I were to be honest, I'd have to say my life is certainly controlled by it.

The enlightened view is of course, given the "terminal" characterization of my diagnosis/prognosis, that as long as I am still controlled by cancer, I am still living with it. And so far as we know, generally speaking it beats the alternative of not living with it. Dying might be a beginning for some, but for me, it sort of represents an end, an end I'd rather not reach, at least not before my pre-cancer diagnosis, life-expectancy age of 85 or so. It just doesn't seem right (you'll note I didn't say fair), to die at a younger age than either of my parents (age 86 and 87) did. Aren't succeeding generations supposed to naturally evolve and live longer and healthier than those which preceded them?

I know. There's no guarantee. Oh, there is, actually: "death and taxes," as the old joke says, (ironic, given my situation). And really, who else am I supposed to be concerned about? Granted, it can't be all about Kenny all the time; that would be boring (as some of you occasional readers have opined). But unless I start at home, I'll never make it out on the road. I don't want to be a metaphorical black hole that sucks all the life and laughter out of a room because I have cancer. I want to be the exact opposite. Part of my intention is that I believe that what goes around comes around, and being positive to others will generate positivity back to me (of that I'm positive). Ultimately, I am being selfish. I need that positivity sent my way. I don't need to be around any "nattering nabobs of negativism" (Spiro T. Agnew). The other part is, it's not my nature to be negative, and when it happens that I receive and/or sense negativity, it really drains my emotional wherewithal – which after three-plus years of living with a terminal diagnosis, it is wherewithal which has come and often gone. It's simply too difficult to overcome. I already have enough physical and medical challenges. I don't need any matters being made worse.

On the contrary, to prevent further erosion, I need to be over-compensated for my troubles. Apparently, the longer one lives as a cancer survivor/patient, the greater the cumulative weight of the underlying diagnosis. If it's ever gone (remission), it's certainly not forgotten – by the patient. One way or another, it's with you for the rest of your life. And good health guarantees? Right next to your "Get out of jail free card." Nevertheless, after sifting and sorting through the emotional maze these last three years, I feel as if I have a pretty good handle on what I'm doing and why. The only problem is, cancer doesn't care; it does what it wants and it causes what it causes. As much as you try, it overwhelms. Some days are worse than others, as you no doubt can read for yourself.

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NEWS

The Pure Pasty Co. owner Mike Burgess and chef Nicola Willis-Jones with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee fruitcake Willis-Jones and fellow Pure Pasty chefs created.



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Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Hits Vienna

The Pure Pasty Co. makes celebration cake.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

It took a four-month period, two pounds each of butter, flour and sugar, eight pounds of mixed dried fruit, home-made marzipan and fondant, brandy and artistic finesse to create the spectacular Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee cake at The Pure Pasty Co. on Church Street. The fruitcake, made in the traditional British manner, weighs in at approximately 30 pounds, 15 of which are cake, six pounds marzipan, six fondant, and two pounds worth of solid-fondant coronation crown coated with sugar paste.

If you think that's hard to describe, you ought to try making it.

That's just what Pure Pasty chef Nicola Willis-Jones and shop colleagues did. The ingredients alone cost \$100 for the 100-serving cake.

THE TWO-TIERED fruitcake, laden with dried fruit and soaked in brandy for four months, was designed and made in honor of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, the 60th anniversary of her ascension to the throne. There are layers of marzipan and fondant to gild the lilly.

"We're bringing the Jubilee celebration to the U.S.," said The Pure Pasty Co. owner Mike Burgess, whose shop made a wedding cake in honor of the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Willis-Jones estimates the cake took her and two fellow chefs about 16 hours to make from start to finish. Willis-Jones concentrated on the fruitcake and its design, and the sugar 60 was made by Jen Starchak and the fondant by Jessica Parsons, all of whom have cake decorating experience.

The official UK bank holiday weekend celebrating the ascension of Elizabeth to the



The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee fruitcake marks the celebration of the Queen's ascension to the throne in 1952. The cake, adorned with a replica fondant coronation crown and hand-crafted flags representing the monarch's 16 realms will be cut into serving pieces and sold on June 2.

throne in 1952 is celebrated from June 2 through June 5 throughout the United Kingdom. Queen Elizabeth II's coronation was in the following year.

June 2, in London, 1,000 barges will float down the Thames River, with Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family heading the procession. On that same date, a six-inch fruitcake will be raffled off at The Pure Pasty Co.

Fruitcake, explained Willis-Jones and Burgess, is the traditional cake to serve at festive events, from weddings, birthdays

and anniversaries to christenings. The Pure Pasty Co. Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee cake is on display until June 2 when the cake will be cut into serving pieces and sold to celebrate the momentous occasion.

"If they come here to look at the cake, they'll learn something they didn't know," said Willis-Jones. "What they don't know is that the flags on the cake represent the 16 realms of which Queen Elizabeth II is the monarch."

Willis-Jones trained as a chef as a member of the Royal Air Force. "I can honestly say I cooked for the Queen and other members of the royal family," Willis-Jones said. "Along with other chefs, of course." She spent time in Australia learning pastry-making techniques before moving here 6-1/2 years ago. She joined fellow Brit Burgess when the shop opened. A year ago, she moved up the chef ranks, teaming with Burgess and chef Jessica Parsons to create the rich, authentic Cornish pasties of The Pure Pasty Co.

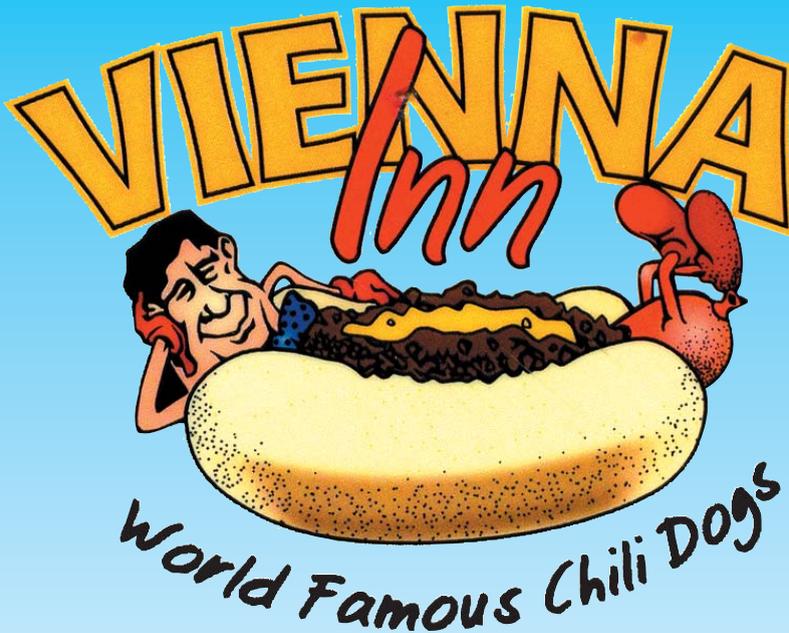
Besides the commemorative fruitcake, The Pure Pasty Co. is making "coronation chicken" to mark the Diamond Jubilee. The cold curried chicken salad, in vol au vent pastry shells, was concocted in 1953 to serve at the Queen's coronation.

The Pure Pasty Co., a go-to shop for British expatriates and Anglophiles, boasts of buying organic ingredients. When asked if preservatives, artificial flavoring or coloring, any kind of "junk," was used in the fruitcake, Willis-Jones appeared to be appalled by the suggestion. "We don't cook with junk in here," she said. They do use sugar, though.

TO SEE the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee cake, stop by The Pure Pasty Co., 128C Church Street, in the alleyway between Maple Avenue and Church Street. For information on the shop, go to www.purepasty.com or call 703-255-7147. Remember, the cake will be sliced and sold on June 2.

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Our omelettes are made with two large Grade A eggs and are with home fries and toast.

- Cheese Omelette**
Choice of American, Cheddar-jack, Provolone or Alpine Lace Swiss.
- Ham and Cheese Omelette**
- Tex Mex Omelette**
With cheddar cheese and salsa.
- Western Omelette**
With peppers, onions, and ham. add cheese (extra)
- Veggie Omelette**
With tomatoes, onions, peppers and cheese.

Side Orders

- *One Egg
- *Two Egg
- Toast
- Home Fries
- Bacon, Ham, Sausage or Scrapple
- Country Ham
- Grits

Danish

- Apple
- Cinnamon-Raisin
- Raspberry

Appetizers

- Buffalo Chicken Wings**
With carrots, celery, and bleu cheese dressing (Hot or Extra Hot).
- Boneless Wings**
- Buffalo Shrimp**
Battered shrimp with our wing sauce with carrots, celery and bleu cheese dressing.
- Fried Red Chili Peppers**
With our habaero sauce.
- Fried Mozzarella Sticks**
With marinara sauce.
- Fried Mushrooms**
With ranch dressing.
- Fried Zucchini**
With ranch dressing.
- Quesadillas**
with Grilled Chicken Breast (extra)
- Nachos**
Hummus with veggies and warm pita.
- Fresh Made Potato Chips** *with bleu cheese dressing.*

Chili

- Chili-Dog**
Mustard, diced onions and chili.
- Chili-Cheese Dog**
- Chili with Red Beans**
Cheddar Cheese and diced onions.
- Vegetarian Chili** *Made with five different Heirloom beans and vegetables, with cheddar cheese and diced onions.*
- Chili-Mac** *Spaghetti topped with your choice of regular or vegetarian chili without beans; topped with cheddar cheese and diced onions.*

Soup

- New England Clam Chowder
- Soup of the Day

Sides

- French Fries
- Cheese Fries
- Chili Cheese Fries
- Gravy Fries
- Beer-battered Onion Rings
- Potato Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Sweet Potato Fries

Entrée

- *Filet Mignon 5 oz. tenderloin with mashed potatoes and vegetables.
- *Fish of the Day *With rice and vegetables.*
- Green Salad** *Red leaf and romaine lettuce with fresh vegetables and choice of cheddar or feta cheese tossed in balsamic vinaigrette.*
- Caesar Salad** *Romaine, Parmesan cheese, croutons and Caesar dressing.*
- Taco Salad** *in a crispy fried tortilla shell with sour cream, fresh-made salsa and your choice of chili topped with cheddar cheese.*

Specialty Sandwiches

- *Chicken Fajita *Grilled chicken breast, peppers and onions wrapped in a red pepper flour tortilla with salsa and sour cream.*
- *Blackened Tuna Sandwich *on a seeded roll with potato salad.*
- Smoked Bratwurst *on a potato roll with sauerkraut and potato salad.*
- *Hot Beef Brisket *An open sandwich of braised brisket of beef with mashed potatoes and gravy.*
- Hot Roast Turkey *An open sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy.*
- Grilled Reuben *on rye bread with lean corned beef brisket, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and Russian dressing.*

North Carolina BBQ

- Hot Pastrami *on rye bread with provolone cheese and cole slaw.*
- Beef BBQ Sandwich *Braised lean beef brisket simmered in barbeque sauce on a roll with cole slaw.*
- *Steak and Provolone *Grilled Certified Angus Beef sirloin steak with onions on a hearth roll with lettuce and tomato.*
- Italian Cold Cut Sub *Spicy capicola ham, salami, pepperoni and provolone cheese with lettuce, tomato, onions and Italian dressing.*

Burgers

- We serve only the finest 1/3 lb. Certified Angus Beef® chuck burgers with shredded lettuce, tomato, red onion and pickles.*
- *Sliders with Fries
- *Hamburger
- *Cheeseburger - *Choice of Swiss, Cheddar, Provolone or American Cheese.*
- *Chili-Cheeseburger
- *Bacon-Cheeseburger
- *Turkey Burger *Skinless turkey breast freshly ground blended with onions, garlic and spices; with potato salad.*

Baskets

- Chicken Tenders *With honey mustard and french fries.*
- Fried Honey Stung Chicken *With fries.*
- Fried Clams *With slaw and fries.*
- Fried Shrimp *With slaw and fries.*
- Mahi Tacos *With slaw and fries.*

Sandwiches

- Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato
- Grilled Cheese with fries
- Grilled Chicken Breast *With lettuce and tomato.*
- Mexican Chicken Sandwich *Grilled boneless skinless chicken breast with salsa and cheddar.*
- Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
- Classic Turkey Club
- Tuna Salad Pita with Fries *Pita bread with lettuce and tomato using solid white albacore tuna.*
- Tuna Melt with Fries *Tuna on a English muffin with tomatoes and Swiss cheese.*
- Catfish Sandwich *Breaded farm raised catfish with slaw.*
- Hot Ham and Swiss *Thinly sliced ham steamed with Alpine Lace Swiss cheese.*
- Gardenburger Zesty Bean *A spicy black bean vegetable patty with lettuce and tomato.*

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