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Community Comes Together For ViVa! Vienna!

Annual three-day Rotary Club festival featured food, amusement rides, live entertainment and 300-plus vendor marketplace.

Thousands of local families, teens, seniors, preschoolers and friends thronged the historic Church Street corridor over Memorial Day weekend at ViVa! Vienna! The annual festival, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greater Vienna, featured 30 amusement rides for children of all ages, fried food, fresh food and frozen food, live entertainment on two stages—three if you count Vienna Idol—and more than 300 vendors selling arts, crafts, goods and services.

Not all the booths were selling something. Some, like Vienna Presbyterian Church and Church of the Seventh Day Adventists, were out there simply being good neighbors, from giving out free bottles of water to giving out free bags of popcorn and balloon art. Navy Federal Credit Union sponsored a free computer and electronic equipment recycling drop-off at James Madison High School. Vienna orthodontist Dr. Allen Garai gave out complimentary one-day amusement ride wristbands to patients.

AS MUCH FUN as it was to see friends and neighbors and sit on the Town Green listening to music performances, many festival guests echoed the sentiments of U.S. Representative Gerry Connolly [D-11].

"On July 4, we celebrate freedom and liberty," said Connolly. "On Memorial Day, we remember the people whose sacrifices made our freedom and liberty all possible. We take time out to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. We honor their courage and heroism and we honor their families."

ON MEMORIAL DAY, the Rotary Club presented a Memorial Day tribute, recognizing, particularly, veterans of the war in Vietnam.

The Rotary Club gives back, throughout the year, cash awards from the proceeds of ViVa! Vienna to the local community. In 2012, Rotary donated close



If you fry it, they will come ...



The morning audiences on the Town Green trickled in.

to \$170,000 to local civic clubs, humanitarian efforts and meritorious individuals.

Title sponsors included Navy Federal Credit Union, the Town of Vienna, the armed forces of the Department of Defense and Rotary International. Among the "special" sponsors were Burke and Herbert Bank-Town Green, DirectCarBuying.com (the Main Stage Sponsor), Sandy Spring Bank (Children's Stage sponsor), and The Connection Newspapers (newspaper media).

George C. Marshall High School sophomore Ethan Schaefer summed up his perspective on Memorial Day: "I find that every year when Memorial Day weekend comes around, it's a happy time," Schaefer said. "I get to see everybody I love and have a good time. And it's a time to give thanks to our troops who gave their lives for us and to their families."

—DONNA MANZ

VIEWPOINTS

What Does Memorial Day Mean to You?

—DONNA MANZ



Vienna Police Officer Gary Lose

"It means recognizing the military who have given so much to protect us. Just thanking them and their families for their service and our freedom."



Mary Hess and daughter Andie, 2

"Honoring the people who served our country and lost their lives defending us. Spending time with the ones we love and celebrating the start of summer."



George Burke, communications director, office of U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly

"It means reminding me of the many friends of mine and my wife's who gave their lives for our country [Vietnam War]."



State Senator Chap Petersen (D-34)

"Celebrating freedom, celebrating the people who died to keep our country free. They made the ultimate sacrifice for us."

The keywords are freedom and sacrifice."



Terry McAuliffe, candidate for governor of Virginia

"We honor all the fallen who made the ultimate sacrifice to guarantee our democracy. We should honor them, not just today, but every day for all they've done. As the son of a World War II Navy captain, I respect every person who puts on the uniform."



Karen Akers

"It means more than celebrating the people who made this country what it is. It's also celebrating what America is as a result of their service and sacrifice."

President of the Korean American Cultural Committee Jeung Hwa Elmejjad-Yi and Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Paul Gilbert standing in front of the 30-foot-tall pavilion for the Bell of Friendship.

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Korean Bell Garden Marks Anniversary

Anniversary celebration brings more than 350 visitors to Meadowlark Gardens.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

On Saturday, May 25, visitors to Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna were granted free admittance. This was due to the first anniversary celebration of the completion of the park's Korean Bell Gardens. The celebration began at 11 a.m. and brought more than 350 visitors to the park.

The concept of a bell garden came from the Korean American Cultural Committee and its chair, Jeung-Hwa Elmejjad-Yi. In 2006, the KACC reached a memorandum of understanding with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority authorizing placement in Meadowlark Gardens. "We provided the space and we thought the space worked very well for this type of garden and fit into the environment, and the Korean American Cultural Committee raised the funds," said Paul Gilbert, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

The entire project took more than five years to complete and cost approximately \$1 million. About 80 percent of this came from private donations from the Washington area Korean community, and 20 percent from the South Korean government. "We are so lucky to have this wonderful place," said Elmejjad-Yi.

The bell was funded by a donation from the government of Gyeonggi Province in South Korea. Cast into the bell are many images of birds, plants and animals. There is also an image of the dogwood flower, the official flower for the



President of the Korean American Cultural Committee Jeung Hwa Elmejjad-Yi and Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Paul Gilbert prepare to ring the bell.

Commonwealth of Virginia.

Two similarly massive Korean bells may be found in North America, one in California, the other in Vancouver, Canada. The bell at Meadowlark is the only one in the western hemisphere located in a public place. The Korean Bell Garden was designed by artist and University of Michigan Professor Y. David Chung, who grew up in Vienna.

After welcoming remarks by Master of Ceremonies Hyunae Shin, elected officials made statements. Among the invited guests were Virginia Delegates Tom Rust (R-86), David Bulova (D-37), and Barbara Comstock (R-34).

Ms. Jae Ok Jang set up a table with samples of Korean cuisine such as kimchi. The Asian American Arts Center, based in Centerville, lead a Korean traditional folk dance. "This is a beautiful site and it helps attracts business and tourists," said Gilbert. "It shows we are a very cosmopolitan and international community."

To learn more about Meadowlark Gardens, visit their webpage at: http://www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens.



Families enjoy the viewing of the small pond in the Korean Garden which makes up more than four acres of the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens.

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Jeung hyun Park's "Bottled Memories" won first place for the digital art awards. Jeung hyun Park is a student at James Madison High School.

Arts Competition Attracts More Schools

Ninth Annual SAIC Technology and the Arts Competition Awards Ceremony held.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

On Monday, May 20, The Council for the Arts of Herndon presented the ninth Annual SAIC Technology and the Arts Competition Awards Reception at the SAIC Conference Center in McLean. The event was free and open to the public.

"It has been a program that keeps us from being just about Herndon, but also doesn't distract us from our main mission, which is art development in Herndon," said Council for the Arts of Herndon Director Signe Friedrichs. Friedrichs became director in 2012, taking the position from Vicky Dorman.

Both Dorman and Gerald Connolly helped begin the Technology and the Arts Competition Awards Reception, and with corporate support from SAIC, the program has been developing. "SAIC has been a wonderful sponsor," said Friedrichs. "They have done everything you can imagine to help us with this."

The program began with a focus in only Herndon, but has since expanded to Fairfax County and Arlington County high schools. Students who take part in the competition submit entries at their schools. Teachers select which works will be entered in the contest and professionals and experts in the field then judge students.

Introduction was given by Council for the Arts of Herndon board member Cesar Del Aguila. Other board members attending the ceremony included Grace Wolf, Sheila Olem and Signe Friedrichs. SAIC New Media Manager Chris Green gave some remarks before the awards were handed out.

Awards in the competition include a top prize of \$1,000 and monetary awards for those who place or receive honorable mention in each category. Jurors for this competition included Keith Naquin, Lee Love and Charlotte Rinderknecht. The contestants and participants in this competition came from schools including James Madison High School, Herndon High School, West Potomac High School, Oakton High School, Fairfax High School, McLean High School, Lake Braddock Secondary School, Bryant Alternative School, Robinson Secondary School, Langley High School, WT Woodson High School, Falls Church High School and Mt Vernon High School.

The first place prize for Digital Art was given to Jeung hyun Park of James Madison High School for her work "Bottled Memories." The first place for Digital Photography was given to Dakota Craig from Robinson Secondary for his work "Spring Snow." For Digital Animation, a first place award was given to Max Johnson from Falls Church High School for his work "Dispensed." A SAIC Sponsors Choice Award was given to Herndon High School student Briana Bui for her work "Taken by the Wind."

Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-11) made official remarks published on May 16, recognizing the winners and participants of the Council for the Arts of Herndon's Ninth Annual SAIC Technology and the Arts Competition. In his statement Connolly said, "This program also showcases how creativity extends beyond the arts into a crucial component of our local and national economies."

FAITH

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

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

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, offers a 9 a.m. traditional service and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service on Sundays. Also offers two services during the summer, both of which will include children's sermons. 703-356-3346.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, at the intersection with Westmoreland Street has Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., traditional style worship; 9:45 a.m., contemporary style worship; and 11 a.m., traditional style worship. Sunday School and Adult Forum is at 9:45 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers a rich and unique Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. Registration for the RE program, which offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, is now open by calling 703-281-4230.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 6 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed and strength is gained. 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.



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OPINION

Don't Be Among the Missing

Last time Virginia elected a governor, 1.7 million voters failed to vote after voting the previous year.

In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

It's a mistake for people offended by the inflammatory and derogatory rhetoric by the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, E.W. Jackson, to think that he is unelectable in Virginia or that his negatives will make Ken Cuccinelli, Republican nominee for governor, unelectable.

It all depends on who turns out to vote. As an example, in November 2007, incumbent

senate Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won re-election by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election. Imagine what might be different today if that race had gone differently. Cuccinelli was first elected to the Virginia Senate in 2002 in a special election.

Primary June 11

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 11, with absentee voting currently underway.

Voters in the Democratic primary will choose between Ralph S. Northam and Aneesh Chopra for lieutenant governor; and between Mark R. Herring and Justin E. Fairfax for attorney general.

In Fairfax County, there is also Democratic primary for District 86, between Jennifer Boysko and Herb Kemp, with the winner facing incumbent Tom Rust (R).

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

on June 11.

Good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, www.sbe.virginia.gov/,

Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state, Fairfax County Board of Elections, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm,

City of Fairfax Board of Elections, www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp.

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 16, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

— MARY KIMM

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COMMENTARY

Reform the Reforms

Reform would re-direct education expectations to ensure that every child becomes a successful learner.

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

Anyone with a sibling or with two or more children knows how different children are. Within the same family there are differences in interests, aptitude, personality and temperament. These differences are among the things that make young children unique and special. That is, until they get into the public education stream. Standards set by local, state and now federal officials create a mold each child is expected to fit into. Not unlike a raw material fed into one end of the school factory, the children are expected to come out the other end as a defined product. Teachers

are the assembly-line workers with strict product specifications their students are expected to meet with the teacher's rate of pay increasingly dependent upon the students' performance. Quality control is the high stakes, standardized testing that has increasingly been encroaching on instructional time. Too often lost in the process are the special qualities of children that allow them to sing and dance with great success; to use their hands and minds to create, repair and assemble; or to ponder, write and imagine. These skills simply do not fit onto a fill-in-the-bubbles answer sheet.

Schools virtually close down instruction this time of year for the annual standardized tests. Anxiety

risers for children who can no doubt sense it from their parents and the school staff. The race is on to prove the impossible of having everyone be above average. No space is left for the individual child for under the current system every child as an individual is left behind.

I am not alone in my beliefs. Diane Ravitch, a former assistant secretary of education who helped put together the No Child Left Behind program has written a book titled, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education*. Richard Rothstein's new book, *Grading Education: Getting Accountability Right* argues that the current focus on basic skills is narrowing the curriculum allowing schools to get higher test scores without supplying better education. Linda Darling-Hammond in her book *The Flat World and Education: How America's Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future* reviews what the top-performing school systems around the world do to get results. She concludes it



is building a strong, experienced staff with an emphasis on a rich, well-balanced curriculum in the arts and sciences. Finland, the highest performing nation, does not rely on testing.

Increasingly testing has been a relatively cheap and quick way for politicians to say they are working for better schools, but the system they have built is faulty and does not encourage future learning or creativity. Reforming many of the past reforms would not lower our expectations; it would re-direct them to ensuring that every child was a successful learner who would be able to succeed in a changing world.

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SCHOOLS

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Zachary Popkin-Hall, the son of Norman Hall and Susan Popkin of Vienna, graduated from Macalester College on Saturday, May 18. Popkin-Hall received a liberal arts degree in Biology. Popkin-Hall is a graduate of George C. Marshall High School.

Elizabeth Manner, who plays basketball at Oakton High School, is a NHSCA's 2013 All-American Academic Team member. She currently has a 3.7 GPA and scored a 26 on the ACT. She was named to the Second Team All State this year. She will continue her education at Stony Brook College.

The following Vienna students have each received a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship: **Maia D. Foster**, aspiring to a career in medicine; **Thomas F. Lomont**, aspiring to a career in computer science; **Atussa Hamamoto Mohtasham**, aspiring to a career in writing; and **Nalini M. Singh**, aspiring to a career in electrical engineering.

The following Oakton students have each received a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship: **Laura Brouckman**, aspiring to a career in chemical engineering; and **Sarah E. Eltinge**, aspiring to a career in biology.

Avinash Ramesh, a graduating senior at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology, has been named one of approximately 550 semifinalists in the 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from more than 3,900 candidates on the basis of superior

achievements, leadership qualities, personal character, and involvement in community and school activities. Ramesh is a senior and will be going to UVA as an Echols scholar this fall.

George C. Marshall competed in the Regional Science Fair and two students received grand prizes, and are eligible to go to the International Science Fair in Phoenix, Ariz. in May. Nine more projects were awarded first place and are eligible to go to the Virginia State Science Fair in April.

The projects of **Supraja Chittari**, biochemistry project, The Effect of Turmeric on Memory Curves of Planarians, and **Aaron Aguhob**, electrical engineering project, Effect of Fractal Antenna Design: FM Transmission, won the grand prize.

Among the grand prize nominees were: **Lani Allen** and **Ashley Anderson** for their materials engineering project, Durability and Effectiveness of Mask Materials; **Alexander Nguyen** for his physics and astronomy project, Radio Astronomy: Radio Frequency Interferences; and **Stephanie Durham** for her plant sciences project, The Effect of Electricity on Plant Growth.

First place award winners included **Annika Dirkse** and **Will Ferrer** for their animal sciences project, The Effect of Aspartame on Planarian Regeneration; **Matthew Epstein** and **Peter Marr** for their computer science project, Image Recall in a Hopfield Neural Network; **Katya Gilbo** for her earth and planetary science project, Effect of Solar Activity on Earth's Magnetic Field; **Sanam Analouei** for her microbiology project, Effect of Varied Levels of EMF Fields on e. coli; **Shalini Rana** and **Joshna Seelam** for their microbi-

ology project, AntiMicrobial Effect of Brassica juncea on e. coli; and **Zoe Scopa** for her physics and astronomy project, Identifying Radio Frequency Interference.

Sarah Baldwin and **Natalia Cherney** received third place awards in animal sciences, **Amelia Crabtree** and **Kailee Sibley** in materials engineering, **Mohamed Kareem** in electrical and mechanical engineering and **Emily Phan** and **Creston Singer** received third place in physics and astronomy.

Honorable mentions went to **Derek Boylan** in animal sciences; **Stephen Mills** in computer sciences; and **Emily Casey** in physics and astronomy.

Clara Hintermeister of Oakton has been selected to participate in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX), a year-long, federally-funded fellowship for study and work in Germany. Hintermeister has studied at Virginia Tech and was selected as one of 75 participants (from more than 600 applicants). While in Germany on CBYX, she will attend a two-month intensive German language course, study at a German university or professional school for four months, and complete a five-month internship with a German company in her career field (Food Science and Technology).

Achievement Scholar awardees are the finalist candidates judged to have the strongest record of accomplishments and greatest potential for academic success in college. The 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Winners of the area are **Taylor N. Brown** of McLean High School and **Margaret C. Secor** of James Madison High School.

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Rocknoceros, the Beatles of the kiddie-rock set, kicks off the children's concert series on the Town Green.



The only thing more fun than running through the sprinklers set up on the Town Green is trying to stop the water from spraying. "Summer Stories and Sprinklers" begins on June 26 and runs through Aug. 7. Stories are on the lawn behind Freeman House and the sprinklers are turned on the Town Green lawn after the Wednesday story time.



Free Friday and Sunday evening concerts on the Town Green draw families, friends and neighbors.



Vienna's own award-winning musician/composer Robbie Schaefer performs at Wolf Trap's Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods on Aug. 1.

LATE JUNE THROUGH MID-AUGUST—Town of Vienna-sponsored day camps for children.

Vienna's Parks and Recreation department has dozens of diverse summer camps for kids as young as 4 years old, and up to the early teen years. There's something for every kid's inclination, talent and amusement.

There's baseball camp, there's infield camp and pitchers and catchers camp. There's football camp, basketball camp, agility camp, batting camp, field hockey, softball, lacrosse and, even, an all-sports camp. There's soccer camp, dance camp, chemistry camp, fishing camp, Lego-engineering camp and chess camp.

There's also robotics/computer camp, movie-making camp and art camp. There's more ... The extensive camp schedule runs in the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation begins—fireworks to light the sky to 4 p.m. on the Cherry Street stage across from the gazebo.

And beginning at 7 p.m., live entertainment at Yeonas Park, featuring the music of Fat Chance. At 9:15 p.m. at Southside Park, the town's pyrotechnic extravaganza begins—fireworks to light the sky as they whistle and pop.

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Summer Fun Abounds in Vienna

Guide to special events and children's activities.

By Donna Manz
The Connection

Every Friday and Sunday evening—and summer Wednesday—free concerts liven up the Vienna Town Green. Sponsored by the Town of Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department and local businesses and individuals, the concerts feature local musicians and special guests, including the armed forces bands.

The Green fills with families, couples and friends, and picnics on the lawn are common. Children dance around the stage and neighbors meet up.

Kiddie-rock favorite Rocknoceros kicks off the children's performance series on Wednesday, June 19.

The Concerts on the Town Green kicked off on May 10 and continues through the summer. If inclement weather threatens performances, check the Parks and Recreation weather hotline at 703-255-7842 or the Vienna Community Center at 703-255-6360 two hours before the event for cancellation information.

Check the Town's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TownofViennaVA> for concert updates.

VIENNA IDOL FINALS—June 7 on the Vienna Town Green feature some of the area's most ambitious talents. In its second year, Vienna Idol raises funds on behalf of the Kristin Kylo "Think Big" Memorial Scholarship, handed out to a James Madison High School senior who embodies the qualities that Kristin embraced. In 2012, Vienna Idol raised \$5,000 on behalf of the fund. Caffe Amouri, in partnership with Whole Foods Vienna, The



Grace Taylor, 3, and her sister Anna, 2, of Vienna, show off their best July 4th smiles.

Business Bank, PostNet and Vienna Smiles Dentistry, opens Vienna Idol finals to the public on Friday, June 7. The 2013 Vienna Idol is "people's choice." The finalist who garners the highest number of votes—represented by \$1—wins the title.

"SUMMER STORIES AND SPRINKLERS"—June 26 through Aug. 7. "Summer Stories and Sprinklers" runs each Wednes-

day, at 1 p.m. to about 2:30 p.m.

On the lawn at Vienna's original one-room library, located on the grounds of the historic Freeman House, Vienna Parks and Recreation hosts story and music time, followed by sprinkler-time. Parks and Rec turns on its sprinklers disbursed throughout the Town Green—the lawn has to be watered, anyway—for children to run through. The sprinklers are on until about 2:30 p.m. or a bit later.

The Freeman House is at 131 Church St. N.E.

The program is free. Children might want a towel or blanket to sit on. The towel serves double-duty.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL AND FIREWORKS—July 4th Festival and Fireworks, Thursday, July 4.

For a small-town Independence Day celebration, look no further than your local small town, Vienna. The festival, clustered around the Vienna Community Center and adjacent fields and streets, begins at 11 a.m. and runs to 4 p.m.

Main Events:
Noon presentation of Colors, Vienna Police Honor Guard

11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Vienna Community Band

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First-ever Town of Vienna July 4th Pooches on Parade, co-sponsored by The Hope Center. Noon registration at the gazebo; 1 p.m. Pooch Parade on infield of the festival. Pets are invited to come in patriotic costume. The event is free and open to all pet friends.

Kids Craft Corner runs 2 to 3 p.m. The Craft Corner is free and open to children of all ages.

Oldies performed by Ron Moody and the Centaurs runs from 12:15 to 4 p.m. on the Cherry Street stage across from the gazebo.

And beginning at 7 p.m., live entertainment at Yeonas Park, featuring the music of Fat Chance. At 9:15 p.m. at Southside Park, the town's pyrotechnic extravaganza begins—fireworks to light the sky as they whistle and pop.

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June Concert Schedule

Summer on the Green concerts are a series of free performances presented by the Town of Vienna and its sponsors. All performances are held at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, on the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E. Bring chairs or blankets for the lawn. No alcoholic beverages are permitted and pets' presence is discouraged.

May 31, Veronneau—acoustic world jazz;
June 2, Tommy Lepson Band—blues;
June 7, Vienna Idol;
June 9, Randy Barrett and the Barrettones—bluegrass;
June 14, Four Star Combo—rockabilly;
June 16, Fat Chance—rock;
June 19, Rocknoceros—sponsored by Vienna Moms, Inc. and Whole Foods;
June 21, Andrew Acosta and the Old-Time String Band;
June 22, Open Mic;
June 23, The Tonics—rock, sponsored by Georgen Scarborough Associates, PC;
June 26, Mr. Gabe—sponsored by Cuppett Performing Arts Center;
June 28, Sarah Bennett Swanner—soulful blues, sponsored by Michele Dandrea-Stanley Smith Barney, LLC;
June 30, Richard Walton Group—jazz;

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JUNE 27 THROUGH AUG. 10—Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.

From June 27 through Aug. 10, children have access to their very own Wolf Trap concert series. Wolf Trap's Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods [TITW] features global musicians, ethnic dance and, even, Vienna's own award-winning kiddie-pop celebrity, Robbie Schaefer on Thursday, Aug. 1.

Price of tickets for children two and over and for adults are \$10 each. For schedule and details, go to http://www.wolftrap.org/Education/TITW_Season.aspx.

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Ashley Lockhard, 10, Carter Lehman, 2, and Cassie Geer, 4, get the feel of the inside of a police cruiser.

Public Works Day Draws Hundreds to Property Yard

Children climb in heavy equipment and wear hardhats.

Every year, during National Public Works Week, the Town of Vienna opens up its property yard on Mill Street to the public. This is no ordinary “open house,” either. The equipment, from ditch diggers to garbage trucks and front loaders and everything a town needs to maintain its infrastructure, is washed clean and spiffy-ed up.

The all-afternoon event on May 23 featured snacks, give-outs that children like—from blowup balls to hardhats—popcorn, tattooing and the chance to climb into a police car without being hauled off to the police station. Youngsters look forward to Public Works Day all year.

“I like that my son gets to climb all over the things he loves and read about,” said Vienna mom Alyssa Lehman. “He gets to see the equipment up-close that he sees on the roads. That’s what I appreciate the

most. Carter loves this. It’s a community event and it’s nice to see everyone out here ... they [Maddie and Carter] see their friends.”

Public Works staff helped the kids into the heavy equipment, letting them turn on the back-up sounds. The animal control vehicle, operated by the Vienna Police Department, had a stuffed dog in the back, and kids got to try their hand snagging a “snake.” Children were welcome to straddle a police motorcycle and sit behind the wheel of a police cruiser. Not everyone visiting the display was a little child. There were some pretty big “kids” looking over the equipment, as well.

As one mom said, the most exciting part for the children is getting to climb into all the vehicles they see and wonder about on the road.

—DONNA MANZ



Andrew Claussen sits tall in the cab of a frontloader.



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THURSDAY/MAY 30

Langley High School Chorus' "Get On Your Feet." 7:30 p.m., Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The choirs will be performing songs from all the decades: from the 50's (Shake, Rattle and Roll) to current pop hits of Kelly Clarkson, Colbie Caillat and Plain White T's. \$10. 703-287-2700.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Postage Stamp Show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr, McLean. Eighty dealers buying, selling and appraising stamps and envelopes; 45 exhibits, 10 postal administrations, and a youth table. www.napex.org.

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The Mikado. 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players and Artistic Director Albert Bergeret present a timeless comedy about love and political entanglements set in Japan. \$12-\$50. www.wolftrap.org.

Veronneau—Acoustic World Jazz. 6:30 p.m., at Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Since their 2010 launch, international acoustic quartet Veronneau has delighted audiences in North America, Europe and beyond with their world jazz and pop. <http://www.veronneaumusic.com/>.

Macbeth. 7:30 p.m., at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9109 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of Macbeth will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. A flea market with food and a bake sale; vendor space available. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

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Social Ballroom. 8-11:30 p.m., at 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Live music by Mike Surratt and the ECB playing your favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. \$5-\$15. 703-759-2685 or Meetup.com.

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Tommy Lepson Band. 6:30 p.m., at Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Assembling a mix of vintage and original tunes for his R&B-bred quartet, Tommy Lepson comes to play at the Summer on the Green Concert Series. <http://www.tommylepson.net/>.



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Macbeth. 4:30 p.m., at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., McLean. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of Macbeth will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 4

Earth, Wind & Fire. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The six-time Grammy-winning band returns to play hits like "Shining Star" and "September," as well as tracks from their 2012 album Now, Then & Forever. \$35-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

Photography Lecture. 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Doug Spencer of the US Geological Service discusses images from the Landsat satellites. jelfri@bellatlantic.net or <http://Eros.usgs.gov>.

Widespread Panic. 7:30 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Widespread Panic brings the touring model of the Grateful Dead and Phish to promote their 2012 release, Wood, a live album chronicling their first fully unplugged tour. \$35-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

FRIDAY/JUNE 7

Rock of Ages. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Rock of Ages has been nominated for five Tony Awards and is one of the longest running shows currently on Broadway. \$25-\$45. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

Vienna Idol. 6:30 p.m., at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue East. Based off of the American Idol series, Vienna Idol encourages residents to showcase their musical talents in a local competition. <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=879>

Pop Art and Beyond: Tom Wesselmann. 7 p.m., at The Alden McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. View a slide lecture on American painter Tom Wesselmann (1931- 2004) is widely regarded as one of the leading figures in the vanguard of American Pop Art. <http://www.mcleancenter.org/>.

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3rd Annual SHARE FOODRaiser. 4-5:30 p.m., Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. A Talent Show designed to bring in food for SHARE—your local food pantry, and showcase local talent during the summer months when donations tend to be low. www.shareofmclean.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Randy Barrett and the Barrettones. 6:30 p.m., at Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Randy Barrett and the Barrettones perform original folk, bluegrass, and country, lead by Randy Barrett, award-winning singer and songwriter.

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TUESDAY/JUNE 11

Macbeth. 4:30 p.m., at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9109 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of Macbeth will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 12

Indigo Girls and Joan Baez. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Since the late '80s, Indigo Girls has released multiple platinum records, including Rites of Passage and Shaming of the Sun. Kicking off the evening is Joan Baez, winner of a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. \$28-\$42. 1 877 965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

THURSDAY/JUNE 13

The Go-Go's and Special Guest: The Psychedelic Furs. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. One of the first commercially successful all-female bands, The Go-Go's became known for hits like "We Got The Beat," "Vacation" and "Our Lips are Sealed." The Psychedelic Furs, an English post-punk/new wave band perform as special guest. \$25-\$42. 1 877 965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

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Applications Due. FAS accepts applications for adult softball teams through May 31: men's, women's, coed, corporate coed and Reston leagues are available. 703-815-9007, www.fairfaxadultsoftball.com or office@fairfaxadultsoftball.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

The 16 Inner Arts Series: Art of Thinking and Creating.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 8020 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Join for a thought-provoking workshop on the art of thinking and creating. <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6199142803>.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

McLean Community Center

Governing Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. MCC's outgoing 2012-2013 board will hold its last meeting, which will be immediately followed by the first meeting of the incoming 2013-2014 board. www.mcleancenter.org.

The Pitch And Networking Skills

Workshop. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Unity of Fairfax in Oakton, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The workshop will focus on how participants can improve their "elevator pitch" in a professional setting and learn how to network with others in order to be successful. UoffJobsearch@gmail.com. or www.unityoffairfax.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

The 16 Inner Arts Series: The Art of Remaining Contented and Happy.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 8020 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Join for a workshop on the power of being contented and remaining in a positive state of being. <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6199164869>.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 12

P.S. McLean Toastmasters Club

Open House. 6:45 p.m. at the McLean Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave, McLean. Learn how to be a better communicator and leader. A buffet will be offered. <http://2489.toastmastersclubs.org>

SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Shredding Event. Noon-4 p.m., at Westbriar Elementary School, 1741 Pine Valley Drive, Vienna. Shredding starts at 1 p.m., provided by local realtor Jeff Wu; a Food For Others truck and the Salvation Army will be present to accept donations of food and personal/household goods. www.ShredFedBed.com.

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Information Session. 11 a.m.-noon, Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. Come learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children. 703-273-3526, x22 or ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 16

The 16 Inner Arts Series: The Art of Serving and Helping.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 8020 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Join for a conversation on the art of serving and helping. <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6199225049>.

SPORTS

Underdog Marshall Baseball Advances to Region Semifinals

Statesmen one win shy of states after 0-7 start.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

First-year Marshall baseball coach Aaron Tarr stressed the importance of keeping the Statesmen loose during an interview following their regional quarterfinal matchup with Centreville on Monday.

He even shared a joke with reporters.

"We went from [a] 5-13 [record] to 10-14 now, and that's kind of the running joke now," Tarr said. "We go out there and we're like, now we're at 10-14; if we win the state, we can get back to .500."

Marshall defeated Centreville 5-4 during the Northern Region quarterfinals at Madison High School, setting up a semifinal matchup with defending state champion Lake Braddock on Wednesday. The Statesmen find themselves one win shy of a berth in the AAA state tournament despite losing their first seven games of the 2013 campaign and entering their regular-season finale with a record of 5-13.

MARSHALL CLOSED THE REGULAR SEASON with a win against South Lakes and beat Thomas Jefferson in the opening round of the Liberty District tournament. The Statesmen then upset McLean in the quarterfinals to earn a berth in the regional tournament.

After losing to Langley in the Liberty semifinals, Marshall responded by defeating National District champion Washington-Lee in the first round of regionals before knocking off Centreville, which finished atop the Concorde District's regular-season standings.

"It's so much easier to play with the house money the way that we're playing. It just is," Tarr said after Monday's matchup with Centreville, which followed an earlier quarterfinal contest between Lake Braddock and Madison. "That wasn't our most crisp game. We made some mistakes. But you can see from everybody who played on this field today: everybody's nervous. They are. Everybody's a little bit terrified. We're a little bit less terrified than everybody else because we weren't really supposed to advance to this point, anyways."

Tarr's insistence on the Statesmen remaining relaxed is a product of their success in the underdog role. But is there any chance the team's mental approach changes after beating a team like Centreville, which is considered one of the top hitting clubs in the region?

"We have to keep the house-money approach because the one thing that debilitates people at this time of the year is that they get freaked out by the enormity of the situation," Tarr said. "For us, I don't want them starting to go through their heads saying, man, if we just win this game we're gonna go to states, because if they start doing that, then they're going to freeze."

The Statesmen didn't freeze against Centreville, thanks in part to the pitching performances of Riley Cummins and Mike Evans. Cummins, a junior left-hander, started and earned the win for the Statesmen. He allowed four runs — three earned — on six hits in five-plus innings. He walked three, hit one



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Marshall junior Riley Cummins was the winning pitcher against Centreville on Monday during the Northern Region baseball quarterfinals at Madison High School.

batter and struck out two.

Evans, who missed time due to a knee injury early in the season, pitched a pair of shutout innings to pick up the save. He allowed two hits and struck out four. After surrendering back-to-back two-out singles in the seventh inning, Evans ended the game with a strikeout.

"I knew once I made it through that fifth inning," Cummins said, "[Evans] over there is going to come in and finish off the last two, which he did."

Marshall struck first with three runs in the top of the third inning. Shortstop Alec Dolton drove in the game's first run with a single. Three batters later, third baseman Kekoa Yamaguchi delivered a two-run triple to right-center.

"Kekoa Yamaguchi is on an absolute tear of tears," Tarr said. "You can't put the ball over the plate to him."

Centreville answered with three runs in the bottom half of the inning, including a two-out, two-run single by Danny Russell, but Marshall took the lead for good with two runs in the top of the fourth. Brian Lenert drove in the go-ahead run with a single and Dolton gave the Statesmen a 5-3 advantage with a sacrifice fly.

Centreville scored one run in the bottom of the fourth but would not score again.

"I kind of expected us to win," Yamaguchi said. "Especially [with] how good we've been playing the past weeks."

Dolton went 2 for 3 with two RBIs, Yamaguchi finished 2 for 4 with a double and two RBIs, and Lenert was 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Cummins and Will Brooke each produced a single for Marshall, and Evans had a double.

MARSHALL WILL FACE Lake Braddock in the semifinals at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29 at Madison High School.

Warhawks Slay Saxons, Capture Regional Title

Madison beats Langley 19-10 for first girls' lax regional title since 2011.

BY ANDREW MINDER
THE CONNECTION

It felt more like fall; cold and crisp enough to be football weather, yet the calendar displayed May 24. Fans sat idle in the stands waiting to watch the 2013 Northern Region girls' lacrosse championship during what normally would be a warmer evening on Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial beginning of summer.

In the third meeting of the season between the Langley Saxons and Madison Warhawks, coach Amanda Counts and the Warhawks captured their second regional title in school history with a 19-10 thumping of the Saxons.

The Warhawks were in control right from the start, even after they lost the first three draw controls to the Saxon senior and first-team all-region selection Grace Goettman. Sigourney Heerink, the Warhawks' sophomore goalie, had seven saves on the night, including one on the first shot of the game by the Saxons.

The ensuing offensive transition led to junior Katie Kerrigan's goal just a mere 68 seconds into the game. The tone that was set in the opening minutes was as commanding as the brisk, blustery wind that swirled throughout the stadium.

The offensive juggernaut that was Madison continued its barrage against a normally stingy Saxon defense and tallied 12 goals alone in the first half.

Langley kept it close early and tied the game at three with fewer than 14 minutes to play in the first half. Coach Richard DeSomma's offense, however, was inconsistent in a tournament where they had already averaged 16 goals per game; Madison in comparison had averaged 20. Just as the sun sometimes peeked through the ominous clouds, the Saxon of-

fense showed a few signs of life at various points during the game.

Coach Counts recognized how Langley capitalized on her team's miscues, fouls and turnovers stating that even though her team "played well, they played hard. There were maybe some high-pressured mistakes that we made that aren't typical but they recovered well and worked well together to back each other up so that the mistakes didn't compound into anything catastrophic."

The Saxons raced out to a 4-1 run in the first five minutes of the second half, which cut the margin to five, but the Warhawks minimized the damage. Goettman won three consecutive draw controls, including 13 out of 31 in the game, and then fed the ball to her teammates, including senior Hayley Soutter who had six goals of her own.

After the Saxons narrowed the score to 13-8 in the second half, Kerrigan took over the rest of the game. The Ohio State commit seemed to flip a switch after Madison's lackluster performance to start the second half. She had three assists in the first half, however, assumed the role of the aggressor more in the second half scoring four of the team's five goals from the five minute and 13 second time span.

Kerrigan said that she and the team "probably just came out a little — I don't want to say lazy — but we just knew that we had to step up after those three [Langley] goals and get the momentum going again in order to stay ahead."

Counts praised Kerrigan, calling her "a very solid offensive player, a solid player in general" and credited Langley for doing "a great job of putting pressure on her in their first game so I'm sure it was a personal goal of Kerrigan's to break free from that pressure."

The firepower of the Warhawks was just too much, however, for the Saxons.

Coach Counts and Madison look to capture their second state championship in school history. It would be their first since 2011, which was also the year of their last regional championship before the May 24 win.

Airing on the Side of Caution

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



As a non-small cell lung cancer survivor, stage IV, 52 months post-diagnosis, I am no longer living within the margins, I am living outside of them. Therefore, since trouble has already found me, I am officially not looking for trouble anymore. To that end ("end," wrong choice of words; let's use "point" instead), to that point, I am an exceptionally compliant patient. I take my pills as directed. Complete my regular and recurring lab work as instructed. Am on time to my diagnostic scans. Arrive early for my medical appointments. Have proper identification in hand – when asked, and other than stubbornly and stupidly neglecting to mail a fecal sample in the self-addressed, postage paid envelope provided for such tasks, have been an extremely cooperative and accommodating patient. My reward? Living is the best reward; and for a characterized-as-terminal, late-stage lung cancer patient, living is so much better than dying – so far as we know anyway. (And since there are no guarantees about what happens when we die, I'd just as soon wait my turn and put off finding out with certainty for as long as possible.)

In addition to my exemplary patient behavior/attendance, I have also made numerous changes to my diet – and to a lesser degree, lifestyle, to likewise give myself every opportunity to "Arrive Alive," (and not just in Maryland) and see how this life actually is lived. I'd just as soon get my year's worth, and by my calculation, 58 years (how old I am at this writing), just doesn't cut it when you consider the average life expectancy for a male age 58 is 79 years, give or take (I'd rather give), according to various "actuarially-driven" sites available online. I don't think I'm asking too much. I'm not asking for a pony or long life; just a typical life. Unfortunately "typical" might be more statistical than realistic – at least for someone with an incurable disease, which was how my oncologist originally described my lung cancer diagnosis.

Respecting the facts and the statistics AND the "terminalness" of my diagnosis; presuming that bad things don't/won't happen to good people didn't seem a prudent course of inaction and hardly a convincing rationalization that meant somehow I would survive. Cancer is an equal-opportunity and indiscriminate destroyer of lives. Thinking (hoping, really) that luck would somehow keep me alive in this fight seemed naive at best and delusional at worst. Proactive and persistent participation in my own care and ongoing survival seemed the only logical approach.

Death happens by itself. Life is about doing everything you reasonably can to prevent that inevitability. The journey is certainly one fraught with danger. Emotional and physical challenges are the norm and surviving them requires a type of vim and vigor not in great supply. Cancer will not go down – or be held in abeyance, without a serious fight. For me, it's not about winning, and it's definitely not about whining, it's simply about getting my share; and dying at age 58 is not what I consider "getting my share."

If I want to live longer and prosper, I have to treat cancer respectfully, but as nothing more than an inconvenience. And even though I may have received a bit of a bad break (considering my family history; no cancer, normal life expectancy), woe is not me. My life is in my hands and I'm responsible for it. I may not have the margin for error that I once did, but it doesn't mean there isn't room to maneuver.

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

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❖ **Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Craig Sterbutzel, Fairfax**
 Connection: Informational Graphics
 • Parks in Fairfax County



Laurence Foong

Win, Place, Show for Alexandria Gazette Packet

Alexandria Gazette Packet reporters took all three top spots for In-depth or Investigative Reporting in their division.



Craig Sterbutzel

First Place

❖ **Nicholas Horrock, Alexandria Gazette Packet: In-depth or investigative reporting**



Nicholas Horrock

Second Place

❖ **Montie Martin, Alexandria Gazette Packet: In-depth or investigative reporting • Guns From the South**



Montie Martin

Third Place

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet: In-depth or investigative reporting • Looking Behind the Numbers**



Michael Lee Pope

First Place Winners

❖ **Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Craig Sterbutzel, Fairfax**
 Connection: Informational Graphics • Parks in Fairfax County



Nikki Cheshire

❖ **Nikki Cheshire, Great Falls**
 Connection: Breaking News Photo
 • Rescue at Great Falls

❖ **Deb Cobb, Mount Vernon Gazette: Online Slideshow**
 • Daily Patrols Take to the Water



Deb Cobb

❖ **Deb Cobb, Reston**
 Connection: General news photo • Freezin' for a Reason

❖ **Laurence Foong, Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Informational Graphics**

❖ **Bonnie Hobbs, Centre View North: Public Safety Writing**



Bonnie Hobbs

❖ **Kenneth Lourie, Arlington**



Kenneth Lourie

Connection: Column Writing
 ❖ **Alex McVeigh, Oak Hill/Herndon**
 Connection: Education Writing
 • The Human Element of Learning



Alex McVeigh

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Arlington**
 Connection: Multimedia News Report • Secret Police

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Business and Financial Writing**

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Mount Vernon Gazette: Breaking**



Victoria Ross

News Writing
 ❖ **Victoria Ross, Springfield**
 Connection: In-depth or Investigative Reporting
 • Immigration

Second Place Winners

❖ **Jean Card, Mount Vernon Gazette: Page Design**

❖ **Bonnie Hobbs, Fairfax**
 Connection: Public Safety Writing



Louise Krafft

❖ **Louise Krafft, Mount Vernon Gazette: Picture Story or Essay**
 • Mount Vernon Graduation 2012

❖ **Louise Krafft, Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Combination**

Picture and Story • Memorial Day
 ❖ **Craig Sterbutzel, Burke**
 Connection: Sports News Photo
 • Santiago Valdez



Jeanne Theismann

❖ **Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Headline Writing**

❖ **Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Column Writing**



Steven Mauren

❖ **Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Stuart Moll, Laurence Foong, Jean Card, Mount Vernon Gazette: Special Sections or Special Editions**
 • Insider's Guide



Geovani Flores

LOCAL MEDIA CONNECTION



Kemal Kurspahic

❖ **Kemal Kurspahic, Amna Rehmatulla, Chelsea Bryan, Laurence Foong, Stuart Moll, Geovani Flores, Great Falls**
 Connection: General Makeup



Stuart Moll



Amna Rehmatulla

Third Place Winners

❖ **Laurence Foong, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Page Design** ❖ **Laurence Foong, The Fairfax Connection: Informational Graphics**



Chelsea Bryan



Mary Kimm

❖ **Mary Kimm, Fairfax**
 Connection: Editorial Writing
 ❖ **Louise Krafft, Arlington**
 Connection: Sports Feature Photo
 ❖ **Louise Krafft, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Picture Story or Essay** • Celebrating the Irish
 ❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Multimedia News Report** • Schools in Crisis

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Mount Vernon Gazette: Feature Series or Continuing Story** • Horses and Graves Versus Road Widening
 ❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Mount Vernon Gazette: Health, Science and Environmental Writing**

❖ **Jon Roetman, Arlington**
 Connection: Sports Writing
 ❖ **Steven Mauren, Jean Card, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong, Stuart Moll, Alexandria Gazette Packet: General Makeup**



Jon Roetman

❖ **Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Stuart Moll, Laurence Foong, Jean Card, Mount Vernon Gazette: Special Sections or Special Editions**
 • Children's Edition

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