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The audience watches fireworks from the bleachers at **Langley High** School Wednesday. July 4, 2012.



Let the Sparks Fly

It's not too late to enjoy local 4th of July festivals, parades and fireworks.

> By Victoria Ross The Connection Newspapers

o. It's July 4, 2013. Independence Day. A federal holiday celebrating our freedom from Great Britain. The National Day of the United

And you have nothing planned.

Your children have dreams of fireworks in their heads, your neighbors' homes are festooned with patriotic flair, and your friends already have their coolers packed and lawn chairs ready for their memorable 4th of July celebration.

(And no, you can't wear that stars-and-stripes shirt with the matching light-up fireworks socks some

It's not too late for you to have a fun-filled 4th of July too. We've compiled a list of the best local events, close to your home and mostly free. You're welcome. Happy 4th of July!

GREAT FALLS

- ❖ 8 a.m.—5K Walk/Run at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial The Great Falls Trailblazers are bringing the Annual 5K Walk/ Run to local trails. Join them at the Freedom Memorial on the library grounds. From there, go off-road on the Lucy Hanes Trail, along Arnon Chapel and past Great Falls Elementary before heading back to the Freedom Memorial.
- ❖ 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—INOVA Blood Drive at the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, 9916 Georgetown Pike Save lives and give blood this July 4th. Everyone who completes the donor screening procedure will receive a \$10 Gas Card. A Photo ID is required. Allow one hour for donor
- ❖ 9 a.m.—The Little Patriot Parade at the Village Centre Green Gazebo, at Georgetown Pike and Walker Road Be a "Star Spangled Family" and head out to one of Great Falls' most popular events. Children up to age 5 are welcome to parade their finest patriotic garments around the Green. Awards will be given for "Young George Washington," "Little Miss Betsy Ross," and "The Star Spangled Family.'
- ❖ 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Parade at Great Falls Village Centre & Village Centre Green Festival
- Enjoy colorful floats, horses, antique cars and pets at the Main Parade. Be sure to spot the winning floats for Best Neighborhood, Best Business and Best Organization. The

- parade begins on Columbine Road and proceeds around the Village Centre Green. After the parade, enjoy burgers, hot dogs and snow cones along with music, field games and
- festivities on the Village Centre Green.

 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 6—Fireworks at Turner Farm, at the intersection of Georgetown Pike (Route 193) and Springvale Road (Route 674)
- This 52-acre park, located on the site of a former dairy farm, is the setting for the annual Great Falls fireworks display. Enjoy games, activities and music, and bring something to sit on to watch the fireworks light up the sky at dusk.
- (Events sponsored by the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation. For more information, go to www.celebrategreatfalls.org/ July4th or call 571-293-0474.)

MCLEAN

- $\boldsymbol{\diamondsuit}$ 8 $\boldsymbol{p.m.} extstyle{--} ext{Fourth of July Fireworks Langley High School}$
- Stadium, 6520 Georgetown Pike In honor of the nation's 237th birthday, the McLean Community Center (MCC) presents its annual 4th of July Fireworks Celebration held at Langley High School. The grounds will open at 8 p.m. The fireworks show will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Come out and hear music provided by DJ L.A. Express and a special presentation before the fireworks. Food, refreshments and glow items will be available for purchase.
- Receive an American flag from the McLean American Legion Post 270 and see one of Northern Virginia's best fireworks displays. Rain date is Friday, July 5. Free shuttle bus service will be available from St. John's Episcopal Church (6715 Georgetown Pike) and MCC (1234 Ingleside Ave.) beginning at 7 p.m. A handicap-accessible bus will be available at both sites. Smoking, pets, fireworks, sparklers and alcohol are not allowed on school grounds.

For more information, call 703-790-0123, or go to www.mcleancenter.org

TOWN OF VIENNA

- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Fourth of July Festival, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E.
- 7 p.m.—Fireworks preshow
 9:15 p.m.—Fireworks at Southside Park. 1315 Ross Drive
- The Vienna Community Band kicks off the annual Town of Vienna Fourth of July festivities, which include arts, crafts, a classic car show and the famous chili cook-off. New this year is the "Pooches on Parade" at noon. Dress your pet in July 4th costumes and register at the Gazebo to be a part of the parade. Enjoy the oldies throughout the day by Ron Moody and the Centaurs on the Main Stage. At 2 p.m., stop by the Kids Craft Corner near the gazebo for fun Fourth of July crafts. At 7 p.m., the fireworks pre-show begins at Yeonas Park with music by Fat Chance. Seating is available at Yeonas Park, and the Little League Concession will be open. Some seating will be available near the playground at Southside Park, At 9:15 p.m., the fireworks show begins at Southside Park. Rain date for fireworks show is Friday, July 5. Parking is available at Cedar Lane School and Thoreau
- For more information, go to www.viennava.gov. For live updates on the fireworks show, follow the Town of Vienna



From left, Elliot, Isaac, 7, Oriana, 5, Zoe and Solomon Zaret, 3, who were named "Star Spangled Family" during the Little Patriot Parade in Great Falls Wednesday, July 4,



Photo by Donna Manz/The Connection

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

Flexy, the new EZ Pass mascot, greets Jason Shetler at the **Keep Tysons Moving event** Thursday, June 27.



Keeping Tysons Moving

Annual event highlights transportation changes.

BY ALEX McVeigh The Connection

evelopers of transportation projects in and affecting Tysons Corner gathered at the annual Keep Tysons Moving event Thursday, June 27, an opportunity for local companies to hear the latest updates on the 495 and 95 Express Lanes, Dulles Metrorail and

"At this time last year we were preparing for the opening of the 495 Express Lanes," said John Lynch, Regional Transportation program director for VDOT. "The success of that project has allowed us to move on to other projects. That was a good four years of construction we had there, and we're seeing the benefits now. ... Our goal was 10 percent reduction in traffic through our construction zones, which we were able to see."

Lynch referred to other projects such as the Tysons Bus Circulator, which had its one-millionth passenger in April, van-pooling setups, which provided 175 trips during each weekday for long-distance commuters and telework programs used by 34 Tysons companies eliminating approximately 500 car trips

There is currently \$1.5 billion in projects scheduled for this summer along I-95 in Northern Virginia, which includes the 95 Express Lanes, which will be 29 miles of variable-priced toll lanes from Washington, D.C. to Stafford County.

THE PRELIMINARY design for the lanes is done, and construction is approximately 35 percent complete. Lynch said once complete, there will be a "seamless express lane system connection 95, 495 and 395."

Metrorail through Tysons Corner and to Wiehle Avenue in Reston is the other major project expected to be finished by the end of the year. Marcia McAllister, communications manager for Dulles Metrorail, said that construction on the Silver Line Phase One is expected to be finished around Sep-

"Construction is 94 percent complete, all of our pedestrian bridges and entrance pavilions to the stations are in place and the structures for all five stations are in place and the utility work is done," she said. "What's coming up now is the final finishing work inside the station and installing systems."

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John Lynch, Regional Transportation program director for **VDOT**, speaks at the annual **Keep Tysons Moving event** Thursday, **June 27.**





Guests duck the rain at the annual Northern Virginia **Technology Council Hot Ticket Awards in McLean** Wednesday, June 26.

NVTC Hosts Hot Ticket Awards

Annual awards recognize "hot" technology businesses.

By Alex McVeigh The Connection

uests at the annual Northern Virginia Technology Council's Hot Ticket Awards came dressed for a beach but weathered a brief summer storm Wednesday, June 26 in McLean. Hosted by NVTC President and CEO Bobbie Kilberg at her home, the awards recognized the region's technology compa-

"The awards are to celebrate companies in the region's technology community who exhibit that special something that makes them 'hot.' Vision, the ability to implement and delivery, innovative management approaches and star quality charisma," said Mark Anderson of BDO, who served as master of ceremonies for the evening. "This year NVTC received more than 130 nominations for the award categories, which is the most ever, and very impressive."

More than 500 people attended the event, a record for the event's 12 years. In addition to the awards, guests sampled a wide variety of Virginia wines and participated in a Hawaiian clothing contest.

"This is the second year we've been in the NVTC, and we love it," said Jose Hernandez of JP ing time with the members, who are all in the technology sector around the region."

Nine awards were given out, everything from "Hottest Bootstrap," the company that has

Hot Ticket Winners

Sonatype

Hottest Bootstrap—Altruista Health Hottest Buzz-Vitustream Hottest Company Culture—Excella Consulting, Inc. Hottest Emerging Government Contractor—Octo Consulting Hottest Exit—Eloqua and GeoEye Hottest Friend of the Entrepreneur— Carl Grant, Cooley LLP Hottest Management Team-Vubiquity Hottest Startup—Zoomdata Hottest Venture Capital Deal-

shown growth or increased their presence without relying on traditional investors, to "Hottest Company Culture," to the company that retains its talent and gives back to the community.

The awards also play a part in NVTC's programs throughout the year. Kilberg said the award winners will be participating in the second year of their Hot Ticket Insight Series.

"This past year we launched a new event series, based on what we're doing here tonight, the Hot Ticket Insight Series, designed to help technology companies grow past the startup phase to sustainability and success," she said. "The series features past Hot Ticket Award winners, finalists and Morgan Chase. "We love spend- highlights their best practices and innovative management practices. We're going to continue the series with the finalists and winners here tonight."

More information can be found at www.nvtc.org.

Tysons Updates Presented

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All utility work is completed and all station structures, pedestrian bridges and entrance pavilions are in place.

The project includes 124,350 feet of track, 6 miles of aerial guide way, 2,769 concrete segments, 39 miles of cable and 21 utility relocations. The project also necessitated the shifting of Route 7 in Tysons Corner by more than 60 feet.

McAllister said construction is about 94 percent complete, and Phase One of the Silver Line is expected to be open after Christmas.

McAllister said that a notice to proceed with construction of Phase Two, which will run from Wiehle Avenue to Ashburn, and will include a stop at Dulles International Airport, is expected by July.

Design, surveying and soil testing, mostly along the median of the Dulles Airport Access Road, will begin this summer, and construction is expected to go until late 2018.

Another big change coming with the arrival of Metrorail is the changes to the Fairfax Connector routes in Tysons Corner. Throughout the county, there have been big changes to the routes, resulting in a 10 percent service increase.

Christy Wegener, manager of Fairfax Connector Operations and Planning for the Fairfax Department of Transportation, said that the new three-route circulator system in Tysons provides a very "robust" service plan.

"The circulator routes are designed to be the last mile connection to and from rail stations and desti-

nations within Tysons," she said.

THE ROUTES will serve the three westernmost stations, Tysons Corner, Greensboro and Spring Hill Stations, with stops every 10 minutes during rush hour on weekdays, and 15-20 minutes at other times. It also includes an enhanced bus feeder system from Vienna, Merrifield and McLean.

Bus Route 422 will serve the Greensboro Station, starting at the station and traveling clockwise to Greensboro Drive, International Drive across Route 123, looping around the mall, back to Route 7, to Boone Boulevard and Howard Avenue before returning to the station.

Route 423 is run seven days a week to connect Tysons Corner and Spring Hill Stations. It will start at the Tysons Corner station, go along Route 123 to International Drive, along Greensboro Drive, stopping at the Spring Hill station, along Tyco Road, Jones Branch Drive, Westpark Drive, then back to Tysons Corner Station.

Route 424 will start at the Spring Hill Station, travel along Tyco Road, down International Drive, then go counter-clockwise along Westpark Drive and Jones Branch Drive.

The final project still in the works for Tyson Corner is the Jones Branch Connector, which will connect Route 123 with Jones Branch Drive. The connector will support cars, as well as transit, bicycles and pedestrians.

The project plans are about 30 percent completed, with construction expected to start in the summer of 2016 and finishing by spring 2018.



An Oral Treatment Option for Relapsing Forms of Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

An informative event for people living with MS and their caregivers.

Brandon Yehl, PA

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Thursday, July 11, 2013, 6:30PM

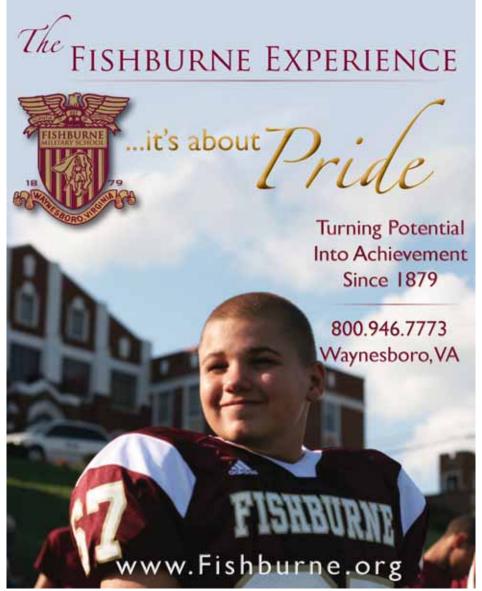
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OPINION

HOT-Lanes and No Metro for I-66?

Did you miss the public discussion and input? So did we.

ne day when I was stuck in traffic on I-66, I was briefly entertained by the license plate of the vehicle in front of me. "66 SUCKS," it read.

No question, commuting on I-66 is a bear. But last week, Gov. Bob McDonnell issued a request for the private sector to make improvements on the 25 miles between Route 15 and the Beltway.

A press release Thursday, June 27, announced that the "Commonwealth is looking for the best and brightest

ideas, suggestions and recommendations from the private sector to transform I-66 from a highly congested corridor to a multi-modal transportation facility that moves traffic and people more efficiently."

So far so good. But the devil is in the details, which call for:

❖ Widen I-66 by building additional general purpose lanes that would not be tolled

❖ Convert the existing high occupancy vehicle lane into either a one or two lane (in each direction) facility that would be free to carpoolers, buses and emergency vehicles. The HOV lanes would operate similar to the I-495 Express Lanes, which were completed late 2012 or the I-95 Express Lanes, which are under construction.

❖ Locate Bus Rapid Transit in the median of I-66 extending west from Vienna to Haymarket.

Wait, Bus Rapid Transit is the only transit option in the request. Metrorail, VRE, light rail, all eliminated from consideration with the push

of a "send" button.

EDITORIAL

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority expressed "grave concern regarding the lack of transit concepts moving forward for additional consideration." The NVTA said in a letter to McDonnell: "Although Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is on the list of seven concepts being recommended for Tier 2, the absence of Metrorail extensions, VRE extensions and light rail transit is surprising. ... We are concerned by the exclusion of these transit options for additional study, as this could preclude development of these options in the future and is in conflict with existing and planned transit facilities for the I-66 Corridor."

This specific invitation to the private sector would stop consideration of any transit except bus rapid transit. While bus rapid transit should certainly be considered, this route could be a logical exprision of the Metro Orango Line poet Vienna

tension of the Metro Orange Line past Vienna, and VRE is also operating in the area. This is not the place to stop the consideration of transit options.

Also of concern is the fact that the 495 Express Lanes have not operated long enough to be fairly evaluated. Use of the lanes has been significantly below projections, and revenue has fallen short as well.

Nationwide, most HOT-Lanes projects are significantly underperforming projections. Turning over tolls for 75-80 years to a private partner is questionable, and the public needs to understand that the commonwealth invested heavily in the 495-Express Lanes as well.

The 495 Express Lanes were "funded with an extraordinary package of private equity, state funds and federal credit assistance, under a public-private partnership agreement signed on Dec. 20, 2007," according to Public Works Financing newsletter. "Key to making the numbers work were the large contribution

from VDOT and the flexible federal credit assistance."

The agreement includes no limit on the amount of tolls, "protecting" the private investor from "excessive" HOV use (use of the lanes is free if there are three or more people in the vehicle), and revenue sharing with the commonwealth only after the project has met the optimistic expected return on investment of 13 percent.

There have been significant benefits to the 495 Express Lanes project including replacement of aging bridges and interchanges and additional capacity in the regular lanes. But we have no idea what those benefits will cost in the long run.

McDonnell should heed the request of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and pull back from the current request. Other transit options must be on the table, although bus rapid transit could still emerge as the best option. And an impartial analysis of how high occupancy toll lanes are working so far, and what Virginia's obligations are if they do not meet expectation, is a must before going forward on I-66.

At presstime, early this week because of the Independence Day holiday, McDonnell released a draft 2013 Virginia PPTA Pipeline, calling for public comment between now and Aug. 1. Ten "candidate projects" include; I-66 Corridor Improvements; Air Rights Development (VDOT); I-64 HOV to HOT Conversion; I-495 Express Lanes Extension; Cell Tower/Fiber Optic Opportunities. Ten conceptual projects include: Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities (VDOT); Parking Facilities Enhancements (VDOT); Rest Area Enhancements.

See www.vappta.org

— Mary Kimm MKIMM@connectionnewspapers.com

Job Training Key to Combating Homelessness

By Mary Agee President and CEO /Northern Virginia Family Service

uring their last round of budget hearings, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors heard from Marlena, a domestic violence survivor who had to decide between the "security" of her home or the personal safety of her family.

Upon moving her two sons into emergency housing, Marlena received the wraparound counseling and care services offered to shelter residents. After successive cycles of having, losing and searching for jobs, Marlena heard about Northern Virginia Family Service's (NVFS) Training Futures job development program and decided to register.

Over the course of six months, Marlena learned office skills, etiquette and ethics; how to prepare a resume and interviewing skills; and completed an internship giving her real-world experience. She was initially hired by a nonprofit as a receptionist, and has since earned a promotion doing client services.

She even continued her education at Northern Virginia Community College and earned a certificate in Business Information Technology. But most importantly, with steady income, she was able to secure an apartment in Northern Virginia for her and her two boys.

NVFS is committed to ending homelessness.

Nothing is more critical to the fabric of a family than the safety and stability of a place to call

home. Our consortium of nonprofit partners and commitment from local government, such as Fairfax County's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, have invested resources to make sure our neighbors in need can help themselves. These services are generally a combination of emergency and temporary housing, mental health counseling, access of health care, food, etc. But without the ability to provide for one's family, all of the services listed above become Band-Aids to the greater need of economic self-sufficiency.

The United Way of the National Capital Area recently released "Community Snapshot: A Report on the Economic and Social Well-Being of the National Capital Area," prepared by the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis. This report forecasts that more than 60 percent of high-demand jobs in our area will require a high school degree, GED, vocational education training or on-the-job training. That's where a program like Training Futures really makes a difference in our community. For Marlena and 1,500 of her fellow graduates, this job training program has empowered individuals and families to take control of their lives and become contributing members of our community.

Although Training Futures is not a housing program, it remains an important piece of the puzzle when considering how to end homelessness. For more information on how you can become involved, please visit www.nvfs.org/trainingfutures.

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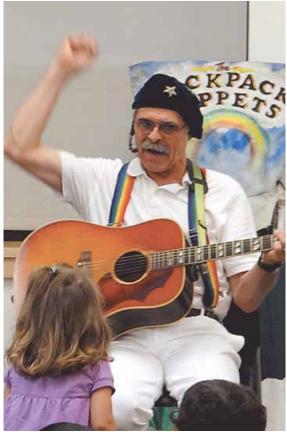
Time to Read in Great Falls, McLean

Summer reading programs at local libraries attract children and parents alike.

By Ashley Adams
The Connection

chool may be out, but Fairfax County Public Libraries are hoping that doesn't mean students will stop reading. To encourage reading during the summer months, the Great Falls and Dolley Madison public libraries, along with the rest of the county's libraries, began their annual Summer Reading Program on June 18.

"It's an institution at this point," Ted Kavich, the libraries' Program and Educational Services manager, said of the Summer Reading Program. When Kavich began his career with the county's public libraries 13 years ago, he says the program was already well estab-



Joe Pipik begins his show at Dolley Madison Library in McLean with the song "She'll Be Coming Around the Beltway."



After the show, children crowd around a triceratops marionette puppet named Blue at Dolley Madison Library.

lished. The program challenges students to read or have read to them a certain number of books depending on their age. Once books are completed, they are listed on the reading log the library provides. A completed log earns each child a coupon book that includes free or discounted items and event admission from sponsors like McDonalds, Krispy Kreme, Splash Down Waterpark and D.C. United Soccer.

THE EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT

of the Summer Reading Program goes beyond merely keeping children reading over the summer. According to Kavich, summer reading is instrumental in preparing children to enter the next grade level.

Sharon Harmon, Youth Services manager and a Children's Librarian at Great Falls Library, agrees. "It keeps their minds active and in school-mode," Harmon said.

But the program is more than just reading. Fairfax County Public Libraries will also play host to a number of events geared toward

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'Damn Yankees' Arrives at the Alden

McLean Community Players to present "a grand musical comedy."

> By David Siegel THE CONNECTION its original

Where and When

McLean Community Players present "Damn Yankees" at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, cal. It was 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Performances July 12-28. Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18-\$20. There Douglass is also a special \$15 ticket offer. Call Wallop 703-790-9223 www.mccleanplayers.org

amenting about the Lost the World Series prospects Pennant." It of the local professional was written baseball team? How often have when New my soul for a long ball hitter?"

Players (MCP) are bringing the what happens when the wish to team. have a long-ball hitter is

said Pamela McCormack, co-director of "Damn Yankees."

"Damn Yankees" won multiple Tony Awards for Broadway production, including Best Musibased upon the book by

"The Year the Yankees

you thought to yourself, "I'd sell" York City was the center of the by his team. With the intervention view, Ermlick mentioned she baseball world, the Yankees the of a slick salesman-like incarnate wanted the role since it provides Well, the McLean Community cream of the American League and of the Devil named Mr. Applegate, an opportunity "to do comedy, often enough the World Series win- Boyd is transformed into a young to dance and sing and have a next best thing: "a grand musiner and the 1950's era Washingphenom. He helps his team win fun time." cal comedy" that tries to answer ton Senators were rarely a top rung while battling a temptation, a "We are keeping it fun and



Applegate (Mike Baker) and Lola (Annie Ermlick) hatch their plans.

Heart," Souls.

a middle- the role Applegate. aged fan

temptress named Lola. The true lively for the audience," added The musical's score by Richard love of his life, his wife, waits for Pamela McCormack.

Jerry Ross With a cast of 25, the i n c l u d e s production's co-director, Kevin over a dozen McCormack, spoke of his "love Broadway for large scale musicals." The show tune musical director is veteran John standards Edwards Niles fronting a nineas member orchestra. Choreogra-"(You Gotta phy is by the experienced hoofer H a v e) Kathleen McCormack.

The cast includes Tim Adams "Whatever as the young Joe Hardy, alter Lola Wants," ego of the older Joe Boyd char-"A Little acter. Adams is a Herndon High Brains, A and George Mason University Little Tal- graduate. The older Boyd is ent," and played by Hans Bachman, D.C. "Two Lost area theater veteran with Barbara Cobb-Jepperson as Meg, e wife of older Joe. Mike Baker, storyline featured in MCP's production of centers upon "Man of La Mancha," takes on

Lola is played by Annie named Joe Ermlick (Centreville), who has Boyd who is worked professionally in New disappointed York City theater. In an inter-

Entertainment

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 3

Jammin Java Midatlantic Battle of the Bands. 6-10 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Select bands compete in the first round (second round Aug. 23), with every kind of performance from onewoman-projects to bands such as The Post, boasting saxophone, keys, bass, drums, guitar, vocals and harmonies. \$10. www.jamminjava.com.

Aaron Nigel Smith. 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Aaron Nigel Smith performs versions of children's classics in an interactive performance. \$8. http:// www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.

The Buddy Holly Story. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Featuring more than 25 rock 'n' roll hits, this musical recounts Charles Hardin "Buddy" Holly's rise to fame and his impact on popular music. \$25-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 4

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The Mystical Arts of Tibet event gives a live exhibition of

elaborate Peace Mandala sand painting and performances of related music, dance, and lectures July 23-28 at Unity of Fairfax Church in Oakton.

FRIDAY/JULY 5

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round (second round Aug. 23), with every kind of performance from onewoman-projects to bands such as The Post, boasting saxophone, keys, bass, drums, guitar, vocals and harmonies \$10. www.jamminjava.com.

Bari Koral Family Rock Band, 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Joined by her Family Rock Band, Bari Koral sings with themes about cupcakes, a gingerbread man and rocket ships. \$8. http:// www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx

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Wonders To Wander To. 3 p.m., The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Steven Blier and four Filene Young Artists will present musical fables by Porter, Bolcom, Coward, Schumanr

Doobie Brothers. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. These '70s pop/rock Grammy winners from California play hits "What a Fool Believes," "Black Water" and "China Grove." \$25-\$42. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org.

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SUNDAY/JULY 7

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TUESDAY/JULY 9

Moona Luna. 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Moona Luna uses Latin sounds through accordion, bass and drums that transition from Spanish to English lyrics. \$8. http:// www.wolftrap.org/ Filene Center.aspx

John Shields at Wildfire. 6:30 p.m., at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor, Mclean. Join John Shields, author of Chesapeake Bay Cooking, as he shares his passion for the Chesapeake region and its cuisine with cooking tips. \$80 per person. 703-442-9110.

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Love After 50: Baby Boomers Need Romance Too

Couple chronicles like how to know when someone puts something in [an online protheir online dating file] that isn't true or not true anyexperience in new book.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Connection

n a recent Wednesday evening, Mindy Mitchell and her partner, Edward Land, found themselves not only sharing some of the intimate details of their courtship, but also offering advice to other baby boomers who were looking for love. Mitchell, a bespectacled design consultant with cropped, chestnut hair, and Land, a tall, rugged longshoreman with a graying beard and matching receding hairline, were at One More Page Books in Arlington, to read from their newly released book on online dating for boomers.

"There were women who'd had intriguing experiences," said Mitchell. "They asked questions

more. One woman said she found a guy who said he was active, but when she met him, he was using a walker."

Sixty-one-year-old Mitchell of Reston and 63-year-old Land of Hampton recently published "Lube of Life: A Tribute to Sex, Love and the Pursuit of Happiness in the Boomer Age," a tome that chronicles their online dating adventure. They hope their story will inspire other single baby boomers who are searching for mates. "Dating in your 60s is a lot different than dating in the 1960s, to be sure," said Mitchell, who works as a design consultant at Sun Design Remodeling Specialists, Inc. in Burke. "Our message is one of hope and the courage to try one more time. Life is just too short."

Land, whose wife died prematurely of heart failure after 22 years of marriage, decided to try online dating because he was lonely: "I had been on my own for a year and a half and I missed the company of a sweetheart. I've always enjoyed the company of la-



Mindy Mitchell of Reston and Edward Land of Hampton share expertise from their new book, "Lube of Life: A Tribute to Sex, Love and the Pursuit of Happiness in the Boomer Age," during a reading at One More Page Books in Arlington.

dies."

Mitchell, who has been divorced twice, noticed Land's online profile, and though she found him attractive, the two became only friends at first. "Mindy and I were just buddies because she lived too far away," said Land.

"We became friends to help each other and give each other dating advice," Mitchell added. "We ended up having all of these long conversations and connected energetically. Then one day, I blurted

out, 'Why don't we meet?""

The book chronicles the evolution of their relationship from chums to lovers through a series of emails, text messages and dialogues. They share some of their innermost apprehensions with readers, their insecurities, thoughts and feelings, such as their first face-to-face meeting.

"I decided that I'd really like to have sex one more time before I die," said Mitchell. "We set up this time to meet for sex. If sex is like riding a bicycle, I wanted Edward to be my training wheels." She does offer a caveat, however: "That is not like

me and I don't want to put it out there as a recommendation. You have to be careful.ºI had a background check [done] on him before we met."

When publisher Roseann S. Lentin of Turn the Page Publishing first heard Mitchell and Land's story, she knew it was a book in the making. "Now that baby boomers have a life expectancy that is now in the 90s, they are ready to have more of a revolutionary spirit," said Lentin. "The

book was to be an inspiration for people to get back on the horse and get out there again."

Mitchell and Land say it is important to share details of their relationship in order to debunk some of the myths around online dating in one's golden years. "I think many baby boomers are uncomfortable with it," said Mitchell. 'We talked to so many people of our age. There were so many angry people who said, 'Why do I have to go online to do this?' For a woman, it is more about facing your own fears. Men often want younger women."

Ioana Boie, Ph.D., an assistant professor of counseling at Marymount University in Arlington says romantic relationships are important as people age. She also believes in removing some of the trepidation that often surrounds such discussions. "I think romantic relationships are a human need. We are relational beings," she said. "I don't think that people reach 70 and say, 'I don't want to be involved with anyone.' I believe romantic relationships mold who we are, offer support and help us





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Oakton Otters Dive Team Falls to Wakefield Chapel

The Oakton Otters lost to Wakefield Chapel in a Division 4 dive meet, 37-35, on June 25.

This was the first meet of the season for the Otters. Three Otter divers took first place: Mackenzie Brennan in junior girls with a score of 108.30, Elana Colbert in intermediate girls with a score of 142.20, and AJ Colbert in senior girls with a score of 173.00.

The Otters swept the top three places for junior girls (Kenna Campfield finished second, Kyla Straker third). Other Otter divers that placed were: Gillian MacStravic (freshman girls, second), Haley Liddell (freshman girls, third), Blaise Wuest (freshman boys, third), Julia Powell (intermediate girls, second), Brad Burgeson (intermediate boys, second), James Crowley (intermediate boys, third), Everi Osofsky

(senior girls, third) and Liam Klopfenstein (senior boys, second).

The Otters will host their first home meet of the season on Tuesday, July 2 against Highlands Swim.

Shouse Village Sharks Earn Second Victory

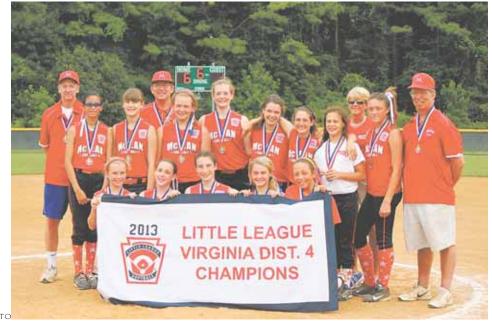
The Shouse Village Sharks defeated the Fox Hunt Splash 236-183 in NVSL Division 10 on June 29 for their second victory this season.

Double winners for Shouse were: Monica Balistrere, James Bouharoun, Jack Brilliant, Sinead Eksteen, Kathleen Oakley, Paige Pilewski and Ryan Sribar. Single winners were: William Bouharoun, Evan Bremser, Kara Bremser, Connor Cason, Kevin Geiger, Grace Hitchcock, Freya Milbury and Fiona

The McLean Little League majors allstar softball team won the District 4 allstar softball championship on Sunday, June 30.

Shark swimmer Carlyn **Kranking** competes in

50-meter breaststroke.



McLean All-Star Softball Team Wins Championship

Behind a six-inning no hitter pitched by Kathryn Sandercock, some stellar defensive plays by Madiball team won the District 4 all-star softball champi- coaches the team's hitters. onship on Sunday by a 6-1 score over the all-stars from Great Falls.

This victory capped a two-game sweep of the bestof-three series by the girls from McLean. In the tournament, the McLean all-stars were led by Wolfe with four hits, Elizabeth Hoeymans with three hits and Wang, Sarah Stahlman and Caitlin Jorae with two

hits each. The McLean all-star team is coached by Rob Haas and Colin Sandercock, and the manager is son Wolfe, Rachel Remer, Gracen Govan and Jamie Gerry Megas. Lisa Haas is the team mom. Liz Milloy Wang, the McLean Little League majors all-star soft- coaches the team's pitchers and Mike Chambers

> Team members include Govan, Kate Haas, Hoeymans, Julia Jones, Jorae, Gabi Norton, Rachel Remer, Sandercock, Riley Simon, Stahlman, Wang, Cate Willing and Wolfe.

> The state tournament will be held at Freedom Park in Leesburg beginning on July 12.



Justin Galiani, a 2013 Langley High School graduate, will play soccer at Bucknell University.

Langley Grad Galiani to Play Soccer at Bucknell University

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—Justin Galiani

thought I'd be

Justin Galiani, a 2013 Langley High School graduate, was a two-sport standout for the Saxons. He helped lead the boys' soccer team to a state tournament appearance in 2011 and a trip to the Northern Region semifinals in 2012. As a senior, he was one of the top scorers on the boys' basketball team.

As a soccer player, Galiani was a three-time first-team all-Liberty District selection. He

was first team all-region as a junior, as well as second team all state. He finished with 34 career goals despite missing most of his senior season with a foot injury.

Galiani will major in economics and play soccer at Division I Bucknell University in

Lewisburg, Pa., joining fellow 2013 Langley grad Brad Dotson, who will play lacrosse for the Bison.

Galiani participated in a Q and A with the Connection via

Connection: What made Bucknell the right fit for you?

Galiani: Getting a top educastay within three hours of home made Bucknell the perfect school for me.

Connection: What position will you play?

Galiani: I expect to play as a central striker.

Connection: Any word on playing time as a freshman?

Galiani: I'm hopeful that if I work hard enough I can get an opportunity to help fill the void left by former striker Brendan Burgdorf up top.

Connection: What is your favorite memory of playing soccer at Langley?

Galiani: Winning the district

and going to states my sophomore year.

Connection: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?

Galiani: Being able to play at a higher level with/against top players is something that really excites me.

Connection: At what age did you start playing soccer? Did you imagine you'd one day play it in college?

Galiani: I started playing at age 4 but never really thought I'd be playing in college one day. I always just played for the competition but being able to play tion, joining an impressive soc- at the college level is a great cer program and being able to opportunity I'm really excited for.

—Jon Roetman

Libraries Launch Summer Reading Program

families, children and teens over the course of the summer.

On June 24, vocal sound impressionist and children's comedian Charlie Williams performed at the Great Falls Public Library. During the event, Williams demonstrated some of his favorite soundsamong them the sound of a helicopter, rainstorm and that last bit of ketchup being squeezed from its nearly empty bottle. Williams also taught his audience how to make their own sounds and how to incorporate those sounds into the stories they tell. Joe Pipik and his BackPack Puppets from the Goodlife Theatre performed The Fabulous Five Senses/Dinosaur Show at Dolley Madison Library in McLean on June 27. The event features songs about the five senses and a one-man puppet show performed by Pipik about a time-travelling puppet that finds himself in the age of the dinosaurs.

The event may be countywide, but branches like Great Falls make the Summer Reading Program special for their patrons with activities and events unique to their branch. A large jar nearly bursting with candy, featured prominently near the library's entrance, is a draw for many young visitors, says Harmon. The child who guesses the amount of candy in the jar most accurately is rewarded with its contents at the ice cream social the branch hosts at the end of the summer.

THE SUMMER READING PRO-

GRAM isn't just popular with the libraries' younger patrons, but with their parents as well, who say the program is an engaging way to keep their children reading without the assignment feeling like a chore. "We love the candy jar and the coupon book," Kathy Mattay of Great Falls said. Her sons Mason, 13, Michael, 11, and Hayden, 7, are all participating in the Summer Reading Program this year. Students can register for the Summer Reading Program and branch events online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library. The program will run until Aug.



Great Falls Children's Librarian Sharon Harmon poses with a furry friend.



Teen Librarian Jennifer McCullough in the Young Adult Section of Dolley Madi-

Attracting Teens to Reading

arents of teenagers may find it harder to encourage their children to read. Sharon Harmon of Great Falls Library and Jennifer McCullough of Dolley Madison agree that participation in the Summer Reading Program declines as children get older. But getting teenagers to read certainly isn't impossible, McCullough

"It's hard to get teens into the library, but once we get talking to them we can usually find something they like," McCullough said.

Some of her recommendations include science fiction and fantasy series like "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins and "Harry Potter" by J.K. Rowling, both of which remain popular reads among teens.

She also recommends "Embers and Echoes" by

Karsten Knight.

Her nonfiction recommendations include "Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different," a biography of the late tech giant aimed at teens by Karen Blumenthal, and the graphic autobiography "Smile" by Raina Telgemeier.

Her Dolley Madison colleague Bonnie Weston often recommends "The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure" by Martin W. Sandler and "Island of Thieves" by Josh Lacey to teenagers unsure of what to read.

At Great Falls Library, Sharon Harmon suggests checking that out the county's list of suggested titles for teens is a good place to start.

Titles like "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green and the Alex Rider series by Anthony Harowitz are often requested by teens at the branch.



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I.V. chemotherapy, that's what; and I'm not infusing it for the fun of it, either. I'm infusing it for the potential tumor-shrinking effect of it. It's not my first choice, to be infused, but after four-plus years of miscellaneous treatments, it is one of the few remaining choices I have left. I've had a good run of success though, diagnosis to date; especially considering that it's been 11 months since my last infusion. Since then, it's been a pill a day, 150 MG of Tarceva, which has indeed kept the doctor away. No fuss. No muss. Now, there's likely to be fuss and muss. It's nothing I haven't experienced and dealt with before - being infused - so I know the drill. The outcome, of course, I don't know.

Not that I'm looking forward to the treatment: three weeks on, one week off, etc., but looking backward serves no particular purpose and certainly offers no guarantee of future success. Tolerating the previous infusions as well as I have bodes well, as does my overall good health. However, if I've learned anything in my cancer journey, it is that oncologists, generally speaking, are not in the predicting business. Projecting maybe, but not so much that it anticipates a scenario worth planning for. The process is not exactly wait and see, it's more like treat and see – via the next scan; the anxiety concerning which has been well-chronicled in this space over the past month or so.

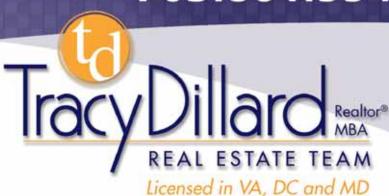
And sure enough, the results from this most recent scan were a bit discouraging. For the first time in nearly a year, growth, "slow growth" was apparent (and as my father used to say: "Any way you slice it, it's still ham.") In the cancer business, when the tumors grow after not having grown previously, it generally means the treatment/ medication is no longer effective; it's like a tipping point. Therefore, change is necessary. My change is to restart I.V. chemotherapy, and restart with a drug with which my body has not previously been infused and with which the cancer cells are not familiar. Another cancer fact I've learned: once the cancer cells become acquainted, shall we say, with their chemical adversaries, they fail to respond as hoped. Moreover, once the cells have been exposed/treated by a particular drug/cocktail of drugs, the treatment becomes progressively less harmful to the tumor and in turn more likely to cause collateral damage to the patient, making future treatment options challenging. Outliving one's prognosis is wonderful. However, it is akin to - if I may use a football analogy outkicking your punt coverage: protocols for patients who significantly outlive their prognosis are, unfortunately, few and far between, given the available patient population.

In addition, I'm limited by the irreparable chemotherapy-caused collateral damage I've already experienced. Still, I'm hopeful (25 percent so, as I've been advised by my oncologist). But I remain positive about this new negative. Diagnosis to date, I've responded better than expected to every previous similarly-necessary treatment change I've faced; and other than the reality of the situation, I have no reason to believe otherwise infusing forward.

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