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**Public Hearing Notice
Fairfax County
Secondary Six Year Plan**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, in accordance with § 33.1-70.01 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 at 4:00 PM on June 17, 2014.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at 800-367-7623. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

It's that time of the year when the Town Green is dotted with families and friends listening to live music sponsored by local businesses.



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Music Returns to the Town Green

Bluegrass music and candle tribute to former mayor M. Jane Seeman.

The Vienna Town Green concert series kicked off on Friday, May 30 with a performance by Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band, and a tribute to the late mayor M. Jane Seeman. The band was a personal favorite of Seeman and the Town paid a fitting tribute to her memory with lit candles as the concert closed. Mayor Laurie DiRocco spoke briefly on Seeman's legacy.

For families lazing on the blankets or on lawn chairs, the concert heralded the beginning of early summer.

"We look forward to spring," said 52-year Vienna resident June Terry, who has been coming to the concerts with her husband since the performance series started. "When we see the notice in the town newsletter, we say, 'spring is here.'"

As is common during the concerts, the lawn was dotted with families with young children, seniors and friends sharing picnic dinner or snacks. Some said they came spontaneously. Others were looking for something to do on a warm, bright spring evening. The Molinini family was there for the first time, celebrating dad Louis's birthday. "Mom heard they were having music here tonight, so we came," said 7-year-old Joseph Molinini. "We have a lot of open space." When 4-year-old Matthew Molinini was asked if he liked the music, he answered, "I think I want pudding."

Upcoming scheduled performances are June 6: Vienna Idol; June 8: Kingsley Winter Band – Rock; June 13: Annapolis Bluegrass; June 15: NRJ – Rock; June 18: Children's Show - Rocknocerous Sponsored by Vienna Moms, Inc; June 20: Nitehawks Swing Band; June 22: US Navy Sea Chanters; June 25: Children's Show - Networking for the Arts Foundation - Beatle Kids; June 27: Sarah Bennett Swanner - Soulful Blues; June 29: The Tonics - Blues/Rock; July 11: Stealin' the Deal - Rock and Country; July 13: Village Jazz Band; July 18: Feedback - Classic and Alternative Rock; July 20: US Navy Commo-



PHOTO BY ED HENRY

Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco [center] and Town Council members Edythe Kelleher [left] and Carey Sienicki lead the candle-light tribute to former Vienna mayor M. Jane Seeman who died in February.



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

The Vienna Town Green concert series kicked off on May 30 with a performance by Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band.

dores; July 25: Karl Stoll and the Danger Zone; July 27: Vienna Community Band. For details, go to <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=879>. For weather updates and cancellations, call Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

"You can't beat the entertainment. We like the variety," Terry said. "This is a good place to gather and see the community."

— DONNA MANZ



PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Vienna Elementary School Principal John Carmichael [center] called retiring media specialist Terry Love and fifth grade teacher Linda Camacho "lifelong teachers," modeling what a true educator is.

Vienna Elementary Honors Retiring Teachers

Terry Love and Linda Camacho leave the school after decades teaching there.

Staff, students and parents of the Vienna Elementary School [VES] community came together on May 19 to say goodbye to two long-time VES teachers retiring this year. Terry Love, media specialist and head librarian, and Linda Camacho, fifth grade teacher, are leaving with a combined tenure of 44 years.

The library was packed with colleagues and families, and peers paid tribute to them during the retirement celebration party. Love and Camacho posed for photographs with students and parents.

"The key things that come to mind about both of them are their relationships with students, staff and the community," said VES principal John Carmichael. "Their caring attitude, their wealth of knowledge and their passion for teaching stand out."

"The whole tenure here has been memorable," said Love,

who started his career with VES in 1997. "The students are fantastic. On top of that, the parents are so helpful working with the school and the students.

"I like the local community." Love is looking forward to traveling and enjoying his grandchildren. First travel plans of retirement call for a long European vacation.

Like Love, Camacho intends to travel more. She's got golf in her plans, as well. "I was glad to be here when they renovated the school," said Camacho, who taught at VES for 27 years. "Just having such a supportive place to work was really important." Two engraved stones are to be placed in the school's courtyard to honor Love and Camacho.

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The Vienna Elementary School community – colleagues, parents and students – turned out on May 19 to say goodbye to retiring teachers Terry Love and Linda Camacho and to wish them well.

Poverty in the Classroom

Pockets of low-income students scattered through Northern Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

When Carla Castro-Claure was approaching the age when she would soon attend Kindergarten, her mother became increasingly concerned about Hybla Valley Elementary School. She wasn't sure it was safe for her daughter, and stories were circulating through the neighborhood about elementary school students being suspended for having drugs. Then, one day, she learned about a robbery that happened at the 7-Eleven on the corner. The robbers hid at the school to evade police.

"It was known to be a bad elementary school," said Castro-Claure. "It has the lowest test scores, and there was a lot of crime in the neighborhood."

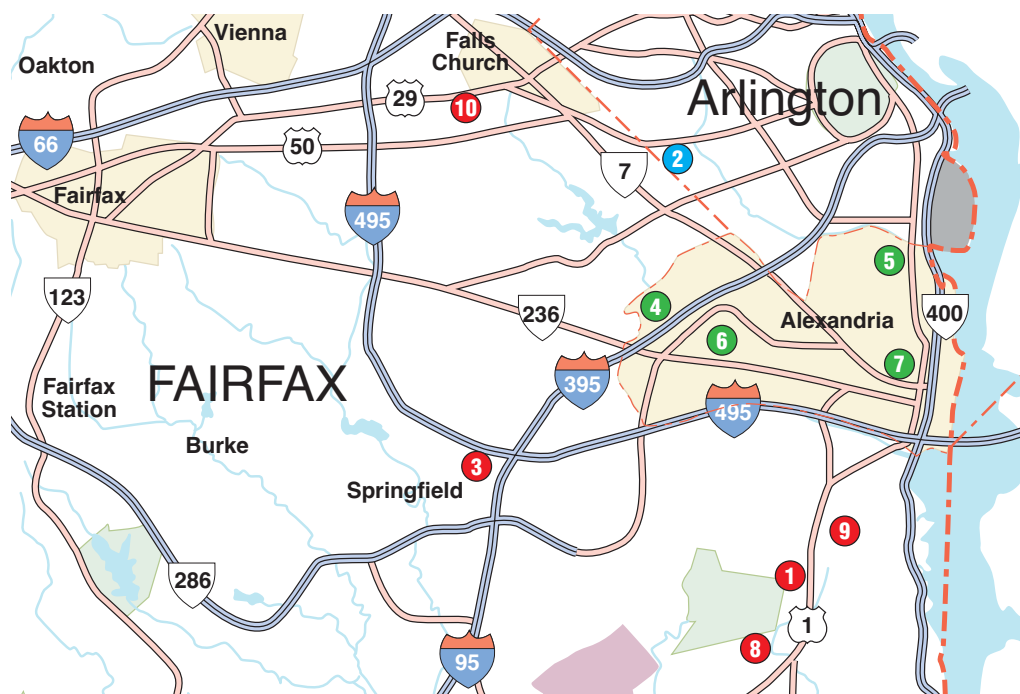
Her mother decided that Hybla Valley was not safe enough for her, choosing another school several miles away. Since that time, she said, the school has improved. It has new security measures, and the test scores have improved. Her sister now attends the school, and her mother heads the parent-teacher association. Nevertheless, the school struggles with poverty. According to a statewide database of poverty in the classroom, Hybla Valley has the highest rates of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch in Northern Virginia.

"We have a sense of urgency at all times at this school," said Hybla Valley Principal Lauren Sheehy. "At another school, we may not need as much skills and as much energy to get the job done. But here we need 110 percent at all times, and that's what drives us every day."

POVERTY SPREADS across the classrooms of Northern Virginia by ZIP code, with poor neighborhoods logging the highest percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch. Among all schools in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County, Hybla Valley has the highest. Almost 90 percent of students qualify, making it one of the highest poverty schools in the region. And even though Arlington County has a reputation of being a wealthy enclave, Carlin Springs Elementary comes in a close second. More than 86 percent of its students qualify for free or reduced price lunch.

"Arlington, like, most suburbs has very segregated schools although nobody wants to talk about it," said Fred Millar, whose children attended Arlington Public Schools. "When you draw school boundaries to effectively insulate the wealthy students, that's class warfare."

Although the 10 highest-poverty schools in Northern Virginia are spread out across the region, one area has a cluster of high-poverty schools. Southeast Fairfax County



Division	School Name	Principal	Free or Reduced Price Lunch	Performance English	Math	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
1	FCPS Hybla Valley ES	Lauren Sheehy	89.32%	59%	62%	5%	15%	77%	2%	1%
2	APS Carlin Springs ES	Corina Coronel	86.32%	61%	69%	9%	10%	70%	6%	6%
3	FCPS Lynbrook ES	Mary McNamee	86.05%	54%	45%	13%	3%	77%	5%	2%
4	ACPS William Ramsay ES	Rosario Casiano	85.44%	60%	50%	6%	26%	54%	11%	3%
5	ACPS Cora Kelly Magnet ES	Brandon Davis	81.91%	71%	80%	1%	34%	59%	6%	0%
6	ACPS Patrick Henry ES	Ingrid Bynum	81.86%	47%	51%	6%	49%	33%	8%	4%
7	ACPS Jefferson-Houston ES	Rosalyn Rice-Harris	81.66%	41%	50%	1%	67%	20%	10%	2%
8	FCPS Mount Vernon Woods ES	Pamela Simpkins	79.88%	52%	53%	8%	29%	59%	2%	1%
9	FCPS Bucknell ES	Timothy Slayter	79.09%	52%	42%	5%	15%	77%	2%	1%
10	FCPS Graham Road ES	Tamara Ballou	77.66%	71%	83%	11%	14%	66%	9%	1%

FCPS — FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; APS — ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ACPS — ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

has three of the highest poverty schools hugging the Route 1 corridor. Three of the elementary schools here make the top 10 list of high poverty schools: Hybla Valley, Mount Vernon Woods Elementary school and Bucknell Elementary School. Critics say these neighborhoods fall through the cracks because they don't have the kind of money and clout enjoyed by areas with wealth and power.

"In a lot of ways, government is more responsive to those who have than to those at the bottom," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "Why does every planetarium in the county work except the one at Carl Sandburg? Why do we still have a huge Head Start waiting list? Why do we still have a big childcare waiting list?"

TEST SCORES show that students at high-poverty schools often struggle to meet state and federal standards. One of the highest poverty schools in the region is Jefferson-Houston in the City of Alexandria, where test scores have been so low for so long that

state leaders are poised to orchestrate a takeover. When classes begin this fall, the newly created Opportunity Educational Institution is expected to seize control of the school, which serves Kindergarten through eighth grade. The institution, which was created by former Republican Gov. Bob

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McDonnell, is targeting six schools in Virginia. Jefferson-Houston is the only school in Northern Virginia, although city leaders in Alexandria are hoping that a lack of organization and funding will derail the takeover, although frustrated parents say Alexandria leaders have demonstrated they are unable to transform the school.

"I think it's a good idea for new people to step in and take over," said Bea Porter, whose grandson attends the school. "The local school system has failed Jefferson-Houston for too long."

According to salary data received in a Freedom of Information request, teachers at high poverty schools often receive lower pay than their counterparts at other schools. In many cases, that's because teachers at high-poverty schools are fresh out of school and looking to enter the profession. Many transfer to wealthier neighborhoods, where teaching students can pose fewer of the challenges related to poverty. The average pay for a Kindergarten teacher in Fairfax County, for example, is \$61,000. The highest Kindergarten teacher salary is \$99,000 at Fort Belvoir, and the lowest is \$45,000 at London Towne Elementary. The average Kindergarten teacher salary is higher than the average Kindergarten teacher salary at Hybla Valley, Lynbook, Mount Vernon Woods, Buckness and Graham Road.

"We have this mythology of equality," said Jon Liss, founder of Tenants and Workers United. "But the reality is that there has been a resegregation because of the overlap of race and class."

BEHIND HYLBA VALLEY is a series of trailers — sometimes called portables — where students gather in temporary structures. Schools with the most number of trailers tend to be at high poverty schools, although school officials also use them at some schools with low rates of poverty such as Haycock Elementary School and Clermont Elementary School. Critics say the village of trailers behind Hybla Valley is an indication that Fairfax County Schools is not willing to invest the kind of resources here that might go to a school where parents would lobby School Board members for a new wing of classrooms.

"The value of education is not equal," said Alma Lopez, parent of four children at Hybla Valley Elementary School. "If you compare students in McLean to students in Hybla Valley, it would be obvious that the level of education is better in McLean."

The principal says that the school has always needed trailers, even after a two-story addition gave the school 17 more classrooms. Before she came to Hybla Valley, Sheehy was assistant principal at Lynbrook Elementary School, another high poverty school. Like many of the teachers and staff at Hybla Valley, Sheehy says that she feels called to work with students in need.

"It really is a calling. It's a real passion, and I feel really proud to be at the school and proud to support the students here," said Sheehy. "Our teachers embrace it, and they acknowledge that there are more challenges here than at other schools."

Vienna Crash Kills Woman

An 80-year-old woman died last Thursday, May 29, following a car crash two days earlier in Vienna. Fairfax County police identified her as Mary Eckert of Potomac, Va. The incident happened May 27, around 2:08 p.m., in the area of Towlston Road and Shouse Drive.

Police say Eckert was driving north on Towlston in a 2002 Lexus RX200 and ran off the right side of the road, striking a tree. She was transported to a hospital and died May 29 as a result of her injuries. According to police, speed and alcohol were not factors in the crash.

Teens Charged in Vienna Thefts

Believing that two teens stole property from several local vehicles, Vienna police arrested them both. They did so after the pair reportedly entered a garage in the 400 block of Talahi Road S.E. in Vienna, May 25, around 4:25 p.m.

They charged Brian Rogger Cueva, 19 of Patrick Street in Vienna, with two counts each of vehicle tampering and grand lar-

ceny and one count each of petit larceny and underage possession of alcohol. Monica Nicole Custode Ron, 18, of Fort Chimney Drive in Centreville, was charged with possession of stolen property.

Police say a resident reported that, as she was leaving her home to go on a bike ride, she noticed a man rummaging through her vehicle and a woman standing behind it while it was parked in her open garage. She said that, when the man saw her approaching, he and the woman fled from her garage with a bag of oranges.

However, the resident gave chase on her bicycle and was able to catch the pair and persuade them to return to her home to speak with the responding police officers. Upon returning, the resident also discovered a bicycle that wasn't hers lying next to her vehicle. After speaking with both suspects, police determined that the couple had allegedly entered several vehicles in the area and taken property from them.

Vienna Council Work Session

The Vienna Town Council will hold a work session on Monday, June 9, at 8 p.m., in the Vienna

Town Hall, 127 Center St. S.

Hitmen Baseball Tryouts

Hitmen Baseball has announced the tryouts dates for the upcoming 2014-2015 Fall and Spring Seasons. This six year old program is designed to be a highly competitive program that concentrates on providing the Northern Virginia skilled athlete with the tools necessary for continued success as they enter their high school years. High school teams are geared toward showcasing player talent in front of college recruiters. The middle school tryouts are generally the entry point for players.

There will be an interest meeting on June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Neighbors Restaurant (Vienna) for all parents that seek information that will take them through the tryouts.

June 22 Tryout will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Langley High School and June 30 Tryout at 5 p.m. at Capital One Field.

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Mama's Donut Bites is one of the market's hot spots.



Annette Lane waits on a customer buying her homemade granola.

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Strawberries, Daisies and Doughnuts, Oh, My!

Buy fresh produce, meet neighbors at Vienna Farmers Market.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

For fresh produce, flowers, crepes, breakfast tarts, candy, baked goods and piping-hot doughnut holes – in a cheerful atmosphere filled with friends and neighbors – the Vienna Farmers Market is hard to beat.

In the parking lot of Faith Baptist Church, 301 Center St. S., it's open Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon and is definitely a hit with visitors and residents alike.

"I think it's great," said Fair Oaks's Bethany Miller, who went there recently with her sister-in-law who lives in Vienna. "I love supporting the local vendors and buying home-grown produce. Today I bought dahlias, gerbera daisies, strawberries, arugula and a spinach mixture."

Vendor Annette Lane of Vienna was selling three, different flavors of granola that she makes herself. It comes in peanut-butter flavor, coconut and the original, cinnamon-vanilla – all sweetened with maple syrup.

"It's my fifth year here at the market," she said. "It's very relaxed and the people are really nice."

CUSTOMERS Bev and Jim Seacord purchased Lane's granola to snack on at the movies. "I love Annette's granola: I've been buying it for years," said Bev Seacord. She's also a fan of the farmers market. "You get fresh stuff and I love the community atmosphere," she said. "You see kids and parents come here together, and it's good for Vienna to have something like this."

Resident Tom Flanigan was picking out apples, green onions, big red strawberries and a jar of apple butter. "I also bought three bags of the largest size of granola I could get," he said. "It's so good."

"It's nice to have a place to go and get fresh ingredients," added his wife Jessica. They brought their children, ages 16 months and almost 4, and Tom called it "a nice walk



Holding a basil plant and other produce are Vienna's Stephanie Dodman and husband Joe DiPietro.



Vienna's Brenda Huber holds chives from Westmoreland Produce.

on a Saturday morning."

"It's fun for the kids and there's a park next door," said Jessica. "So we've made walking here a tradition." At the market, they bought some canned peaches and were considering purchasing some asparagus and spring onions at Lois's Produce stand.



Vienna's Bev Seacord checks out the strawberries at Lois's Produce.



(On right) Peggy Savage of Savagely Good offers savory breakfast tarts, candy and cinnamon rolls.

Among that stand's offerings were strawberries for \$4/pint; asparagus, \$6/bunch; spring onions, \$3/bunch; and gerbera daisies, \$10/two bunches. "We've been coming to this market ever since it opened," said Lois's employee Bobby Byrd. "It's a good market; I like the people here. Everybody's

so nice and they're good, buying customers. The strawberries are especially popular today."

Husband and wife Joe DiPietro and Stephanie Dodman were among the customers enjoying themselves. They bought eggs, basil plants, pickling cucumbers, parsley and peppers; they also got veggie burritos for lunch from Reuben's Crepes.

"We came last season and were excited for this market to start again," said Dodman. "We like buying directly from the farmers, and it's nice to be here with other members of the community." Besides that, added DiPietro, "We like supporting local businesses, and it's a good way to spend a Saturday."

Selecting chives, plus spice mixes for dips, was Vienna's Brenda Huber. "I come to this market every year," she said. "I enjoy the fresh produce, the variety and the local vibe."

Vendor Peggy Savage of Savagely Good offered savory breakfast tarts. They cost \$5 apiece and contained caramelized onions, arugula, gruyere cheese and mushrooms. She also sold fudge, buckeye candies, salted caramels, cinnamon rolls, fruit hand-pies, gluten-free cookies and her Virginia State Fair, blue-ribbon-winning lemon bread.

"We've been at this market four years and get lots of regular customers," she said. "It's friendly, has a family atmosphere and the people running it are wonderful. And it's nice to see our regulars' children growing up."

Agreeing, vendor Travis Dragan of The Mushroom Stand – which sells a dozen different varieties of mushrooms – praised the "super-friendly people. This market's low-key, laid-back and family-oriented, which is a great thing. I'm so glad to be here."

IT'S ORGANIZED by the Optimists Club of Greater Vienna and run by market managers Dave Lanphear and Sarah Brady. They've opened up the front lot for special-needs parking and added benches and tables so people can sit outside and eat.

Once a month, the church provides free face-painting, gives out popcorn and sponsors a moonbounce at the market. And, said Lanphear, "The master gardeners will also give people advice about taking care of their own plants."

Vienna Woman's Club Awards Scholarships to High School Seniors

Oakton and Marshall High School students each accept \$1,000 scholarships.

The Vienna Woman's Club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three local high school seniors going on to college this fall. During the May 21 program at the Vienna Community Center, the Woman's Club also handed out \$500 to each of the Town of Vienna's four elementary schools for extracurricular programming.

Allison Pawlowicz and Julia Rhinehart of Oakton High School and Nathalia Montano Rojas of George C. Marshall High accepted scholarship checks and spoke a little about their dreams and goals. The students were supported by their career counselors.

"You educate a man, you edu-



Accepting Vienna Woman's Club \$500 grants each for their elementary schools are Vienna Elementary School Principal Intern Katharine Richman, Cunningham Park ES Assistant Principal Dylan Taylor, Marshall Road ES Principal Jennifer Heiges and Louise Archer ES Assistant Principal Jennifer Condra.

cate a man. You educate a woman, and you educate a generation," said guest speaker Jennifer Wagner Davis, vice president for Finance & Administration at George Mason University.

Pawlowicz will be off to the University of North Carolina -

Wilmington this fall. She plans on studying 3-D studio art and anatomy. While in high school, she sang with the Madrigals and volunteered with Canine Lifesavers.

Rhinehart has her heart set on being a veterinarian, but she's a humanitarian at-heart. She spends



Nathalia Montano Rojas of George C. Marshall High School and Allison Pawlowicz and Julia Rhinehart of Oakton High School each accept a \$1,000 scholarship from the Vienna Woman's Club on May 21.

summers doing Habitat for Humanity projects through her church. Her mom is battling breast cancer for the second time and Rhinehart supports breast cancer research.

Much like Pawlowicz and Rhinehart, Rojas volunteers in the

community; she works with special needs youth as a lacrosse coach. Rojas is captain of her school's lacrosse team. She says she wants to "give back" to her family.

Vienna, Cunningham Park, Louise Archer and Marshall Road elementary schools are designating their grant money to go to the schools' remedial or summer reading programs.

The Vienna Woman's Club is a civic and service nonprofit club allied with the General Federation of Women's Club and Virginia General Federation of Women's Clubs. The club fundraises, primarily through its annual fall bazaar, to support community programs. Scholarship night has been an annual recognition since the Vienna Woman's Club's founding in 1955.

The club meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m., from September through May at the Vienna Community Center at 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. For membership information, go to info@viennawomansclub.org.

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On Voting in the 8th

Vote this week at your convenience in person absentee, or be sure to vote on Tuesday.

Chances are that if you are a registered voter in the 8th Congressional District, your mailbox has been letting you know that many candidates are running in next week's Democratic primary.

The 8th Congressional District is currently represented by retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, and seven candidates are running for the right to replace him. There is no runoff, so even if the top candidate gets considerably less than 50 percent of the vote, he or she will move on as the Democratic nominee in November, facing Republican Micah Edmond. Given the voting history in the 8th district, the Democratic nominee will most likely move on to serve in Congress.

(Our region is losing its two longest serving members of Congress to retirement, Moran and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10). Voters in the 10th Congressional District will choose between Republican Barbara Comstock and Democrat John Foust in November.)

The 8th Congressional District includes all of Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon, plus parts of Tysons, McLean and Vienna to the north, Springfield, Lorton and Mason Neck to the South.

Candidates include Don Beyer, Lavern Chatman, Mark Levine, Patrick Hope, Adam Ebbin, Bill Euille and Derek Hyra. Three other names will appear on the ballot even though

the candidates have withdrawn from the race because they withdrew after the ballot was printed/set.

Election Day is Tuesday, June 10, and regular polling places will be open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Voters who qualify to vote absentee can vote in person early until June 7. But be sure to vote by primary Election Day, June 10.

Anyone who might working and commuting for 11 of the 13 hours polls will be open on Election Day, 6 a.m.-7 p.m., qualifies to vote

absentee. You can vote absentee if you are: a student or spouse at an academic institution, absent on business, absent for personal business or vacation, unable to get to the polls due to a physical disability or illness, a caretaker of a confined family member, a precinct election officer, have a religious obligation or conflict, active duty uniformed service or merchant marine or a dependent, regularly employed outside the U.S. or a dependent, and several other special circumstances.

In Arlington, vote absentee-in-person at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, through Saturday, June 7; weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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In Fairfax County, two options:

❖ Fairfax County Government Center, Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Suite 323, Fairfax, through Friday, June 6, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, through Friday, June 6, 3:30 - 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Read extensive previous coverage about the candidates at

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Representatives/VA08/>

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 15, 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.

Have You Had a Taste of Asia?

BY WONHEE KANG

Two years ago, the Taste of Asia event was created through a partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington and the Asian American Chamber of Commerce to celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This year's event, Saturday, May 10, enjoyed a new location thanks to a new partnership with Everest College, Tysons Corner.

A wet weather forecast for the day had some committee members anxious about how the event would operate in both the indoor and outdoor locations needed for the event. Throughout a morning full of setting up; including transforming the normal every-day college classrooms into Asian celebratory places full of dragon decorations, colors, and shapes from a far eastern part of the world and collecting food from eight different restaurants located in Fairfax County, which truly brought the taste of Asia to the

college location, the committee asked mother nature to keep the rain drops away.

We celebrated the event with an impromptu 'Day Light Dance' initiated by Robert Lee, the event's Master of Ceremony, which was joined by everyone from the youngest dancers to the oldest, praying for the rain to stay in the sky. After the greetings, Sanjana Srikanth presented an Indian dance followed by an impressive presentation from a group from Taekwondo. The audience was mesmerized by these works of art from people of Asia.

The original Taste of Asia event was created to share the culture of the Asian countries and this year's event shared the Asian food, performances, cultural arts and friendships with 200 people



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The Taste of Asia at Everest College in Tysons on May 10 included many demonstrations, as well as food and other cultural interactions.

of varying backgrounds including many young people.

Along with the "taste" of Asia, which included food from eight restaurants and Coca-Cola's Spon-

sorship, attendees had access to hands-on activities. With leadership from Ms. Lindsay Holt, arts and crafts tables were set up for origami (Japan), Cultural Masks (China), Weaving (Philippines), and Mandala (India/Tibet/South Asia). There was a table set up for Name Calligraphy where attendees' names could be written in Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Hindi, Thai and Tagalog. While these activities were happening, I could hear a lot of dialogue about the meaning of names and background, helping the attendees make meaningful connections to each other.

All participants had a passport to get their stamps to be sure they were not missing out any valuable

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SCHOOLS

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Eight Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have been named winners of Merit Scholarship awards by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students are part of a group of more than 2,500 National Merit® finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by higher education institutions.

Winners of the scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

- ❖ Benjamin Espey of Langley High School (computer engineering), National Merit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship.

- ❖ Timothy Sheridan of Madison High School (economics), National Merit University of Oklahoma Scholarship.

- ❖ Samuel Clayton of McLean High School (mechanical engineering), National Merit Brigham Young University Scholarship.

- ❖ Ashwin Basana of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (engineering), National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship.

- ❖ Eric Levonian of TJHSST (computer programming), National Merit University of Southern California Scholarship.

- ❖ Christine Nguyen of TJHSST (medicine), National Merit University of Central Florida Scholarship.

- ❖ Andrew Pan of TJHSST (engineering), National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship.

- ❖ Tyler Shepherd of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship.

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Born to Run Memorial 5K Race Is June 14

Fundraiser for deceased teacher's two daughters.

By BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

In November 2013, Franklin Middle School teacher Jannine Parisi, 47, was the victim of a tragedy which left her two teenage daughters without parents. But she's not been forgotten by those who knew and loved her.

And now, her former school is holding a 5K race in her honor and to raise money for her children's education. The first annual Born to Run 5K Memorial Race and Fun Run is slated for Saturday, June 14, at the school, 3300 Lees Corner Road in Chantilly.

"Jannine was a huge Bruce Springsteen fan, so we named the race after his song," said Assistant Principal Bryan Holland, organizing the event. "And as a P.E. teacher, physical fitness was important to her, and we wanted to do a community-minded event to honor her."

Parisi taught at Franklin for eight years and, according to Rob Gibbs, a fellow P.E. teacher there, "She was a well-respected member of our Franklin Middle School family. She was a wonderful teacher, role model and friend to students, staff and our school community."

"Jannine's students respected her as a positive influence, given her ability to inspire them and place the concerns of others above her own," continued Gibbs. "Since November, our school community continues to collectively heal from her loss. We want to make this special event a successful tribute to Jannine and her spirit."



Jannine Parisi

The 5K starts at 8:30 a.m., followed shortly afterward by the 1K fun run.

Online registration is at www.prraces.com. Registration for the 5K is \$35 until June 12, \$40 on race day; the 1K is \$20 through race day. Potomac River Running is managing the 5K, and runners will be timed via a computer chip in their race bibs.

All proceeds will be donated to an established education fund for Parisi's daughters. One is a Chantilly High senior and the other is in eighth grade, and both will be at the event. Those unable to participate in the event, but wishing to contribute, may do so at the Website.

"Jannine valued education, and

what meant the most to her were her daughters," said Holland. "So the best way for us to honor her and give back is to help provide an education for them."

Awards will be given to the fastest overall male and female finishers, the overall male and female staff members from the Chantilly Pyramid and the top male and female finishers in various age categories. Packet pick-up is Friday, June 13, from 3-6 p.m., and Saturday, June 14, from 7-8 a.m., before the event.

Runners will traverse a flat course through the Chantilly Highlands neighborhood, and the race will both start and end at Franklin Middle. The fun includes a raffle for gift certificates from local merchants, and the school PTA and

community businesses are providing refreshments afterward for the participants.

"The event will focus on a sense of community and the celebration of life," said Gibbs. "We are very excited to be honoring our friend in such a fashion." Anyone who'd like to donate an item to the raffle or volunteer to help on race day should contact Assistant Principal Bryan Holland at bholland@fcps.edu.

"So far, about 250 people have registered to run, so we're hoping for a good turnout," he said. "As people found out about the race, they've contacted me to ask what they could do, and it's reassured me how truly caring and compassionate the Chantilly community really is."



In happier times: Jannine Parisi having fun at school.



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Pictured, from left, are Deputy Chief Dan Janickey, Officer Conor Tracy and Colonel Jim Morris.

Vienna Police Officer Conor Tracy Honored

On May 2, Officer Conor Tracy was honored for his enforcement efforts against drunk and impaired drivers. The Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (V.A.S.A.P.) in Fairfax County and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) held its annual awards ceremony at the Tysons Westpark Hotel in McLean. The Annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Safety honored many local police officers and deputy sheriffs from various agencies for their efforts to combat drunk driving.

Every year since 1991 V.A.S.A.P. and M.A.D.D. have honored area law enforcement officers and others for their efforts in enforcing and prosecuting the drunken driving laws of the Commonwealth.

Officer Tracy has been a member of the Vienna Police Department since 2011. In addition to his duties as a patrol officer, Officer Tracy is also an Intoxilyzer Operator for the Commonwealth of Virginia, a R.A.D. (Rape Aggression and Defense) instructor, a Patrol Rifle Operator and a Bicycle Patrol Officer.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 5

The Josh Anderson Foundation and Safe Community Coalition (SCC) present "Teen-to-Teen Mental Health Summit", 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. A panel of local teens from Langley High School, McLean High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology will be sharing their stories about living with anxiety and depression and how they want to erase the stigma of talking about these issues among their peers and in the community. This will be followed by parent and teen breakout groups with discussion facilitated by educators and mental health professionals. This is a free event, but, seating is limited. Reserve your seat today at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A48A4A722A46-teentoteen>. For more information visit www.joshafoundation.org and www.safecommunitycoalition.net.

MONDAY/JUNE 9

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Meeting, 5:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The group will be discussing plans for their August 24 event commemorating the bicentennial of the burning of the nation's capital during the War of 1812. If interested in taking part in the organization and its upcoming event please contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.



Memorial 5K and Family Fun Run Race logo.

— BRYAN HOLLAND,
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, FRANKLIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL

An Homage to Jannine Parisi

At Franklin, Jannine Parisi was a hardworking and cherished staff member; to me personally, she was a good friend. She is best known for her beautiful smile and positive attitude that would improve anyone's day. She inspired her students to reach the potential she saw in each of them. She was patient with them; and they, in turn, thought highly of her.

Jannine was also the heart and soul of the P.E. department as the pseudo-mothering figure and mentor to each member. And she loved and treated each member as if they were part of

her own family. She was a calming voice, and her humor and laughter made her friends' and colleagues' days better. Her warm personality was contagious.

Always happy to help other teachers, Jannine became a prominent and award-winning member of the GMU Teaching advisory council. Her love and passion for her job always inspired her co-workers and provided those new to the profession with a solid foundation to start from.

However, those who worked closest to Jannine recognized that the most important thing in her life was being a mother. She spent

countless hours making sure both her girls had the skills to succeed in life, and she was so proud of the young women they had become.

As a co-worker, she inspired her colleagues to develop positive relationships with one another and with their students. As a person, she inspired us all to live our lives with a smile on our face, regardless of what was going on in our lives. She led a dignified and selfless life and will be forever missed, but never forgotten, by her Franklin family.

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OPINION

Taste of Asia

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experiences from the event. I trust all participants from this event tasted Asia in many ways and I am grateful for that. I thank 30-plus volunteers that we had for the event and special thanks to our event committee members who helped build many positive bridges among people in this diverse county.

When I witnessed some kids from Ghana, trying on Korean, Chinese and Thai dresses and having a photo-op, I saw a glimpse of 'Promised Land,' that once Martin Luther King noted. When I witnessed Chinese women helping Hispanic young people wearing their Chinese costumes, there was heartfelt welcoming and receiving of friendship built. It was pleasure of seeing acceptance of each other and they are moving forward to learn about each other and they are reaching out and sharing their stories. Their hearts were wide opened to embrace each other for those moments. There was joy and happiness all around.

I saw what Dr. Martin Luther

King dreamed: "that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

I am committed to seed the dream that Dr. King once talked about by offering a column that would continue to offer a place for a "Taste of Asia" and I am very excited about this calling.

As E.M. Forster noted, that this column will bring humanism to our living. "The four characteristics of humanism are curiosity, a free mind, belief in good taste, and belief in the human race."

Wonhee Kang will write an occasional column for the Connection.

Chairperson of Taste of Asia

Chairperson of Next-generation Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development Committee (NELDC)

Sr. Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Fairfax County Region

Director of Worship-arts, Culmore United Methodist Church

SCHOOL NOTES

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Each award provides between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the recipient's scholarship.

Ten Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students earned top 10 finishes at the DECA International Career Development Conference held recently in Atlanta.

The following FCPS students earned a top 10 finish at the national level:

- ❖ Paige Ahmed, Sophie Eaton, and Lauren Fisher of Robinson Secondary School, Learn and Earn Project.

- ❖ Conor Boyle and Emma Heiden of Marshall High School, Marketing Communications Team.

- ❖ Sydney Applegate and Mason Hawkins of Oakton High School, Hospitality Services Team.

- ❖ Michael Briody and Wes Hammerschmidt of Marshall High School, Buying and Merchandising Team.

- ❖ Claire Heiden of Marshall High School, Principles of Marketing.

A total of 37 FCPS students were recognized as finalists at the 2014 competition.

Seth McNair of McLean, a student at Landon School in Bethesda, Md. will participate in the 2014 U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) Summer Seminar program. USNA invited a select group of approximately 2,550 young men and women from around the nation and abroad to attend the Naval Academy Summer Seminar program this year. Summer Seminar is a fast-paced leadership experience

for rising seniors in high school. This program helps educate, motivate and prepare selected students who are considering applying for admission to USNA.

For more information about the Naval Academy, visit: www.usna.edu or the USNA Admissions Facebook page.

Longfellow Middle School students **Aaditya Singh, Franklyn Wang, and William Sun** have qualified to the United States of America Junior Mathematical Olympiad (USAJMO) 2014. The USAJMO is an invitation only competition where the MAA invites the top scoring 230 students (10th graders and below across the US) based on a combination of their performance in the AMC-10 and AIME competitions. See more at: <http://www.maa.org/node/79/#USAMO>

Courtney Cross, of Great Falls, graduated from Bishop O'Connell high school. She is a sophomore at Villanova University and was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2013.

Matthew Kent, of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at Carnegie Mellon University for the fall semester of 2013.

Lindsay Weber, a 2010 graduate of James Madison High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2013 at Radford University.

Julian Kell, of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at University of New England for the fall semester of 2013.

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WELLBEING

Healthy Cooking with Children

Local foodies say cooking with children can establish a lifetime of healthy habits.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

From creating dough for freshly baked bread to squeezing lemons for a neighborhood lemonade stand, Michael Roll enjoys spending time in the kitchen with his children transforming ordinary food into nutritious culinary creations, particularly during the summer. He says that when parents cook healthy meals with their children they model behavior that can last a lifetime.

"The more 'from scratch' and processing raw food at home a child can see through their parents, the better understanding the child can develop in terms of what makes food healthy and unhealthy and where our food comes from," said Roll, director, Department of Culinary Arts and Food and Beverage Management at The Art Institute of Washington in Arlington. "These are fundamental things that can easily be lost in our very time-crunched worlds and long grocery store aisles of prepared and over-processed foods."

Farmers markets can offer a goldmine of inspiration for creating nutritious summer meals. "[They] bring us seasonal, fresh produce, grown close to home," said Christine Wisniewski, an instructor at Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna. "In contrast to the mad dash into the supermarket the rest of the year, the more relaxed summer schedule also gives us the chance to really look around and broaden our food horizons."

Offering children a wide selection of fresh food and a chance to make their own selections broadens their culinary horizons. "In my experience, kids are more willing to try something new if they are given the opportunity to choose that new item themselves," said Wisniewski. "Challenge them to choose one new thing a week. "One week have them look for the most beautiful fruit or vegetable they can find at the market, next week have them find the ugliest. You might all be surprised with how that experiment plays out. The kids will gain exposure and you will gain experience. You were always curious about kohlrabi anyway, right?"

Roll encourages parents to approach cooking with an attitude of enthusiasm. "Baking chocolate chip cookies, even with my 6 year olds was fun because measuring flour, sugar, learning how to crack an egg were all exciting things for them," he said. "Licking raw batter and tasting warm cookies didn't hurt, but at 11, my son could probably make passable cookies without any help. My family's passion for cookies is why."

COOKING TECHNIQUES and the tasks children undertake in the kitchen should be age appropriate, said Roll. "For the really young, nothing beats funny shapes, layering yogurt and fruit and granola in a clear glass is magical to a child," he said. "For the older, make baking a chemistry lesson on baking soda [or] why flour in bread makes such a different product than flour in pancakes."

Roll added, "I think that starting simple helps, too. Chicken broth, chicken, carrots, celery and pasta,



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Students at Tiny Chefs Culinary Academy learn to prepare healthy meals.

"The more 'from scratch' and processing raw food at home a child can see through their parents, the better understanding the child can develop in terms of what makes food healthy and unhealthy."

— Michael Roll

with some seasoning still makes the best cold remedy there is. A child can peel a carrot. A child can test the doneness of pasta, a child can learn that a little salt is great, no salt is bland, and too much salt is a disaster."

With a little planning, parents can create delicious and healthy fare with their children that is hands-on, but safe. "Letting kids help cut fresh fruit for fruit salads is a great summer dish, said Beth Szymanski of Tiny Chefs, a culinary academy with locations in Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, Sterling, Ashburn, Reston, Herndon, Centerville, Va., and Potomac, Md. "Kids love to help cut food and having them use lettuce knives lets them really help out in the kitchen while keeping them safe."

Szymanski adds that there are simple short cuts to create substantial, low-maintenance meals. "Use an already cooked rotisserie chicken to create a chicken salad or pasta salad in the summer time to keep the kitchen cool without having to turn on the oven, plus the kids love to help shred and cut up the chicken," she said.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 5-SUNDAY JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax! Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, arrives June 6-8 to the Fairfax County Government Center. Twenty-five acres of vendors, exhibitors, rides, and nightly fireworks. 703-324-FAIR (3247) for all details.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 22

"Bat Boy: The Musical." Check website for times. 1st Stage Theatre in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. A musical comedy/horror spoof and satire on American prejudice featuring a half-boy, half-bat creature as the main character. Admission: \$15-\$32. <http://www.1stStageTysons.org/>. 703-854-1856.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Salvador Dali: The Sculpture Collection. Wentworth Gallery, 1807 U. International Drive, McLean. 703-833-0111.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY JUNE 8

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. 2 and 8 pm. Wolf Trap- The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Rd, Vienna. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." \$22-\$80. 703-255-1900.

Postage Stamp Show. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr, McLean. Seventy-nine dealers selling, buying, and appraising stamps and envelopes along with 11 postal administrations, exhibits, and a youth table. Free. Napex.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Vienna Idol. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. The Summer on the Green is a free concert series in Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Applause Unlimited presents "The Magic of Hans Christian Andersen." 2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. In this award-winning show two puppeteers combine their talents to present three Hans Christian Andersen's best loved stories with puppetry, masks and storytelling. Ages 4+. \$15. 703-790-0123.

"The Magic of Hans Christian Andersen." 2 p.m. Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. Two puppeteers combine their talents to present three of Hans Christian Andersen's beloved stories. \$10-15. www.aldentheater.org. 703-790-0123

Bands for Bikes. 6-8 p.m. Old Fire House Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Two local middle school boys are organizing a kids concert called Bands for Bikes to benefit Wheels to Africa, a youth-led all volunteer 501c(3) that collects used bikes for needy children in Africa.

Maria Spearman (Tai-Chi and Balance). 8-9 a.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin



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Giant ferris wheel at the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. This year the festival will be held Thursday-Sunday, June 5-8.

Avenue, McLean. 703-288-9505
Barbara Martin Trio (Blues/Jazz). 5-7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green
1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. 703-288-9505

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

A Rhapsodic Duo. 4 p.m. St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Pianist Thomas Pandolfi, known for his intensity and technical brilliance, along with cellist Doug Wolters, cellist of the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra, present a variety of works for cello and piano. \$25. www.musicinmclean.org/2013-2014-season.html. 703-356-0670.

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Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. As inexpensive and enjoyable dates go, they don't get better than this! Come hear the music of the Wayne Tympanick Trio as you try out your favorite dance moves and enjoy appetizers and refreshments. \$5.

Kingsley Winter Band-Rock. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. The Summer on the Green is a free concert series in Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating.

Parisian Musicale. 4 p.m. Carderock Falls Manor, 1323 Calder Road, McLean. Step back in a 1900s Parisian one-woman theater show.

MONDAY/JUNE 9

Gabriel Kahane. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. Gabriel Kahane is a songwriter, singer, pianist, composer, devoted amateur cook, guitarist, and occasional banjo player, who made his recital debut at Carnegie's Zankel Hall. \$12-\$15. 703-355-1566.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Trey McIntyre Project. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Filene Center, 1551 Trap Rd, Vienna. In their final DC performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. \$10-\$44. 703-255-1990.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Matt Wertz. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. More than ever, the reflective songwriter has his heart on his sleeve, and Weights & Wings is the very incarnation of that lifeline. \$20. 703-

255-1566.

Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Filene Center, 1551 Trap Rd, Vienna. Celebrate an era with a band of rock n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Journey, Toto and more! \$35-\$65. 703-255-1900.

Touching Heart Lunch. 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Marriott Tysons Corner, Shuttlers Restaurant, 8028 Lessburg Pike, Vienna. An elegant lunch and networking event by Touching Heart, a foundation to inspire kids to service. \$25. www.touchingheart.com

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

II Volo. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Filene Center, 1551 Trap Rd, Vienna. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm in a multilingual "mixture of Andrea Bocelli and the Jonas Brothers." (The NYTimes) \$30-\$65. 703-255-1900.

Annapolis Bluegrass. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. The Summer on the Green is a free concert series in Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Memorial Race and Fun Run. 8:30 a.m. at Franklin Middle School, 3300 Lees Corner Road, Chantilly. First "Born to Run" 5k Memorial Race and Fun Run in honor of the late teacher Jannine Parisi. \$30+ for 5K, \$15+ for 1K goes towards an education fund for Jannine's two daughters. To participate, register at www.prraces.com. Volunteers needed, contact Assistant Principal Bryan Holland at bholland@fcp.edu.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Naylor and Esther Covington in "Bat Boy: The Musical" at 1st Stage.



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A Delight With a Message

'Bat Boy: The Musical' at 1st Stage.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

There is a charming, big-hearted, rock musical with a message of tolerance and acceptance having a highly appealing production at Tysons' 1st Stage. It is "Bat Boy: The Musical." No, not a baseball batboy. Rather a special boy named Edgar, with pointy ears and some fangs in a family with many secrets to be exposed.

Edgar wants to be accepted to be just one of the townsfolk in a sleepy West Virginia town. As he sings, "I know you hate me. But if you could only see me the way I see all of you. Look at all your faces...you're all so beautiful. I envy you your lives."

Sound silly? Not at all. What starts tongue-in-cheek becomes a production with a deep dive into morality, with rock music and a lively cast as its energy sources. With crisp, confident direction by Steven Royal, dynamic musical direction by Walter Bobby McCoy, vigorous movements choreographed by Pauline Grossman and a nifty set by Adam Koch with popping lighting by David Sexton, "Bat Boy: The Musical" is a tidy production about life as an outsider.

The show has a catchy pop score of about 25 songs, with straight-forward lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and a graphic-novel type story by Keythe Farley and Brian Flemming. What makes the production fly is the vigorous, aiming-to-please, tuneful voices the ten-member cast brings with their wide-eyed sincerity and bright-eyed looks.

There are a number of cast stand-outs starting with the pocket-sized Jimmy Mavrikes as Bat Boy. Beyond just a good voice, he brings an understated sense of wonder and sympathy to his character. Alan Naylor does well as Dr. Parker, a character with plenty of villainous thoughts and deeds. Esther Covington is



Farrell Parker and Jimmy Mavrikes in "Bat Boy: The Musical" at 1st Stage.

Where and When

"Bat Boy: The Musical" at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances now through June 22. Fridays 8 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$32, Students & Military: \$15, Senior (age 65): \$27. Call 703-854-1856 or visit www.1ststagespringhill.org

admirable as Meredith Parker, a wife and protective mother hiding secrets.

Marie Rizzo sparkles as daughter Shelly Parker, a head-strong teenager with a heart just waiting to open to love. With delightful flair, Dani Stoller plays Mrs. Taylor a wise-cracking, vivacious mother with an E-cigarette between her fingers. They are joined by a colorful cast of eccentric, fizzy townsfolk

"Bat Boy: The Musical" is a witty musical tale about prejudice. It has a deep heart. It may be a bit of irreverent taste for some. For others it will be a cheeky pleasure with an evocative ending about a special being; a kid who only wanted to be loved and fit in.

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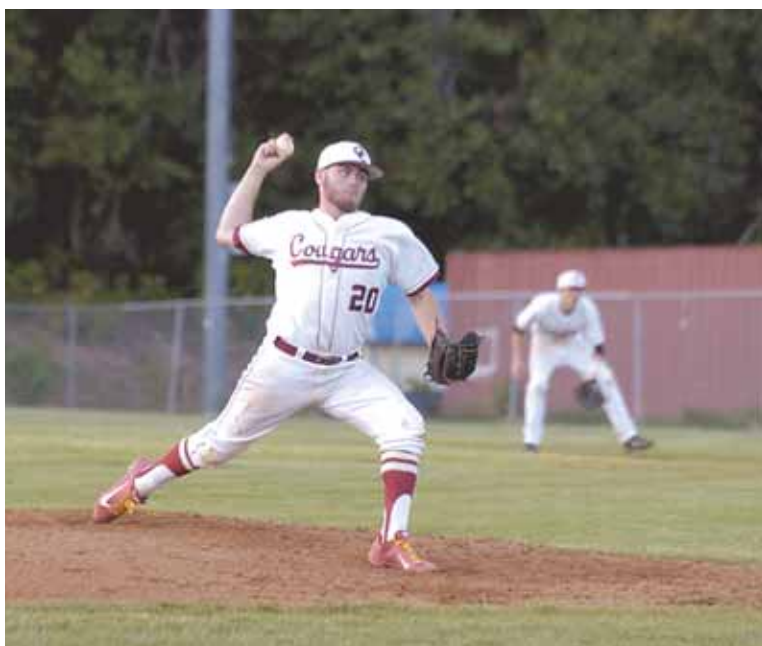
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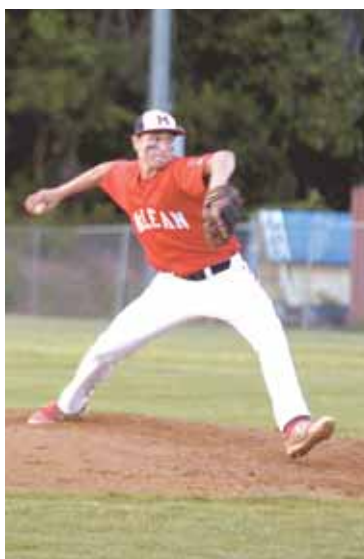
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Oakton pitcher R.J. Gaines allowed one run in six innings against McLean on May 30 during the opening round of the 6A North region tournament.



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McLean pitcher Joey Sullivan threw a one-hit shutout against Oakton in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament on May 30.

Oakton Baseball Shut Out By McLean Pitcher Sullivan

Cougars end season with regional loss to Highlanders.

BY JON ROETMAN

THE CONNECTION
Oakton senior R.J. Gaines and McLean senior Joey Sullivan engaged

in a pitcher's duel on May 30 in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament.

Gaines limited the Highlanders to one run in six innings. But on this Friday evening, even one run was too much against a motivated Sullivan.

Sullivan threw a one-hit shutout and McLean sophomore shortstop Conor Grammes drove in the game's only run as the Highlanders defeated the Cougars 1-0 at Oakton High School.

Sullivan, who signed with Virginia Tech, said he wasn't pleased with his body of work during the 2014 season and pitched like he had something to prove. Facing Conference 5 champion Oakton, Sullivan delivered what he called the "best" performance of his high school career.

"For me, this isn't the senior season that I've imagined," Sullivan

said. "... I've been pretty disappointed with my play and the [team's performance]. ... For me, today, I wanted to show people that I deserve to go to Virginia Tech, and I deserve to be [considered] an elite pitcher in the region and go out there every day and have teams fear me. I don't think I've had my best stuff this season and I don't think I've proved the type of player that I really am.

"... This was a statement game for me. I wanted to prove myself, again, to the region that I think I'm as good as it gets out there and that I give my team a good chance to win."

Sullivan threw 106 pitches, including 70 for strikes. He walked

Oakton runner to reach third base.

"Joey pitched his tail off," McLean head coach John Dowling said. "It's the same story we've had all season: We know we're going to pitch, we know we're going to play defense, and if we can scrape a couple across, I like our chances every night out."

Gaines suffered the tough-luck loss. The right-hander allowed six hits and one earned run in six innings. He walked two and struck out one. Gaines stranded two runners in scoring position in the second inning and left the bases loaded in the sixth, but the two-out RBI single he surrendered to Grammes proved to be the difference.

"We had one inning that just got away from us," Gaines said. "I left one over the middle and they found a hole and they found a way and that's all it took."

The Highlanders managed just one run Friday night, but it was plenty for Sullivan. With two outs in the top of the fifth inning, Grammes delivered an RBI

single, scoring left fielder Matthew Bielamowicz, who doubled with one out.

"I hit the first pitch that came to me, and I was definitely looking fastball middle-in because that's what I had gotten a hit on [during] my [previous] at-bat,"

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— Oakton baseball coach Justin Janis

two, hit one batter and struck out eight. A two-out, fourth-inning single by Oakton first baseman Dale Good was the only hit Sullivan surrendered.

THE MCLEAN RIGHT-HANDER did not allow an



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Marshall junior John Garvey competes against Stone Bridge in the 5A North region tennis semifinals on May 30.

Marshall Boys' Tennis Earns State Berth

By recording victories over both Albemarle and Stone Bridge, the Marshall boys' tennis team advanced to the 5A North region final for the first time in years. By advancing to the region final, the Statesmen also secured a berth in the state tournament.

Ryan Feenick, Joe San Nicolas, John Garvey, and Chris Beddow all recorded straight sets victories in both matches, while freshman Logan Tran dis-

played some grit and tenacity to scratch out a third-set tie break against Stone Bridge to clinch a berth in the state championships for the team.

Thomas Jefferson defeated Marshall in the region final on Monday.

The state championships will be played in Newport News from June 12-14.

Marshall is led by head coach James Macindoe and assistant coach Lindsey Hardenbergh.



The Marshall boys' tennis team defeated Stone Bridge 5-1 on May 30 to advance to the 5A North region finals.

Grammes said. "It was right there and I just turned on it and hit it through the third-base gap.

"I was very confident [at that point]. I knew that if we could get one, then I thought we'd be in good shape. I knew ... that Joey's an incredible pitcher and that if we could score one, that would definitely be enough."

Grammes, hitting second in the McLean batting order, finished 2-for-3.

"Conor has hit at the top of our order the entire season; he's been one or two," Dowling said. "... As a sophomore, he's maturing into a really, really talented ball player. Guys look at him, he's not the biggest guy, he's not the quickest guy, but at the plate, he does not get

fooled. He barrels up everything he sees." McLean advanced to the quarterfinals, where the Highlanders defeated Battlefield 7-5 on Monday. McLean (14-10) will travel to face Madison (21-2) in the region semifinals at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4.

OAKTON ended its season with a 14-8 record, including a second consecutive Conference 5/Concorde District championship.

"I couldn't be more proud of these guys," Oakton head coach Justin Janis said. "... One of the coaches brought it up: We started the season 5-6 and we ended up 14-8, so I think that says a lot about the character of our players."

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St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a

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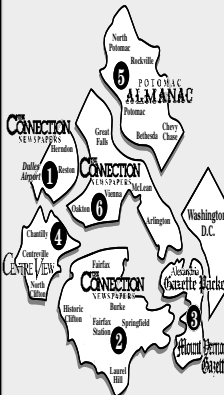
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In anticipation of my next face-to-face appointment with my oncologist, the first in three months (as per usual) and considering a breathing issue I've been experiencing the last month or so, my wife, Dina (original Team Lourie member) asked if I wanted my brother, Richard (the other original Team Lourie member), to attend. Not that he wouldn't attend if asked (he's local); it's more that I'm wondering if he really needs to attend, as in whether there will be life-changing, cancer-related decisions where all hands need be on deck. Of course, a week before the appointment I have no legitimate clue – nor have I received any suggestions from my oncologist – that anything of substance/recent changes that have occurred (I have also recently completed my quarterly diagnostic scans and am awaiting those results as well) will be discussed; and that's the point of this column: how frequently, how/when does the patient/survivor know when team members should be present at these appointments?

Initially, at the very first meeting with your oncologist (see last week's column: "Team Up"), team members' presence, inclusion, participation, etc., is mandatory. It's the subsequent appointments, however, when their presence may not be necessary; that is, the discussions with the oncologist are more mundane, (at least they have been for me anyway, mostly) and matter-of-fact and not as serious as they were at the beginning, when I was advised to take that trip I had always dreamed of because my prognosis was not that good: "13 months to two years." Now, I feel that if I bring along the entire team, I'm tempting fate somehow; thinking negatively when thinking positively is the anecdotal solution to what ails me. Trouble has already found me. I don't need to look for it.

And by trouble, I mean: the current treatment is no longer maintaining the tumor's status quo and there's been some spread and/or growth or some additional kidney/liver damage, manifestation of which would likely stop treatment. Given that I'm presently taking the last drug my oncologist feels comfortable recommending I take (given the previous organ damage I've already experienced and knowing that most chemotherapy drugs are filtered through one or two of these organs), my next choices are: other chemotherapy drugs with a 10 percent chance of positively affecting the tumors (vs. doing nothing), a clinical trial at either N.I.H. or Johns Hopkins, or doing nothing and living my life – what there is of it, and trying in turn not to not focus or anticipate when the other shoe will drop off – figuratively speaking, and/or maybe even literally, too. And therein lies my dilemma: if this is in fact where I am, the need for a calm and reasoned perspective to help consider these alternatives would be most welcome and appreciated. Still, I can't help being reminded of the old joke about the not-too-bright person questioning how the Thermos knows to keep the cold water cold and the hot water hot. How do I know my future fate? I don't. I'd like to believe in karma, but sometimes, maybe most of the time, the die is cast.

If the substance of the conversation with my oncologist is to be serious, I want the team there. If it's not, I don't want them there as a presumptive buffer to bad news that I might not even receive. I don't want to waste their support for an appointment that doesn't really warrant it, if you know what I mean? But the problem is, I'll never know until it's too late, and too early is subject to reinterpretation, as I wrote about previously in a column titled: "Whew!" So now I'll be waiting even longer for information/an assessment and knowing even less in the interim (because we've sort of learned our lesson) – and therefore we likely won't know anything until the actual appointment.

Perhaps I'm writing around in circles here, but having cancer isn't exactly a by-the-numbers kind of existence, and there's certainly no handbook or racing-type form to direct you on the various facts/feelings to consider in your everyday living-with-cancer life. (I wish there were; gosh, that would make it so much easier.) Moreover, what seems like simple choices for those of you outside these battle lines become somewhat muddled to those of us on the inside. I'll manage, though. I'm still alive five years and three months after receiving my diagnosis/prognosis in late February, 2009, a heck of a lot longer than I was originally given; and as I'm extremely fond of saying: "I'd be crazy to complain," and I'm not complaining, I'm just trying to sort out yet another cancer conundrum.

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