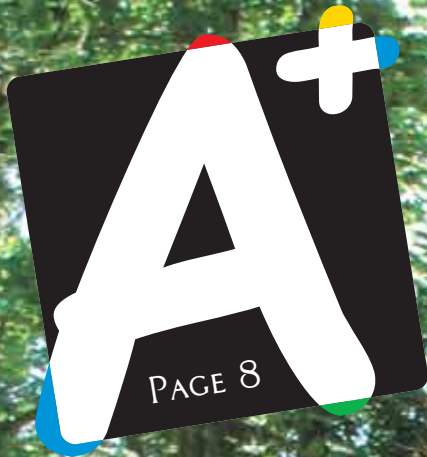


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In Gaby Thompson's hand is a cell phone holding the photo of Gia Thompson, a one-eyed Pekingese who died three years ago. Pastor Beeman blessed Gia from her photo.

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The 48-year-old Vienna Community Center will receive a renovation and a new gym.



Salgado

Traffic Study Presented

Town Council hears results of Tysons traffic study.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Concerned about how the increasing urbanization of Tysons Corner and the resulting traffic will affect surrounding neighborhoods, Fairfax County had 29 intersections analyzed.

The three Vienna intersections are Maple Avenue and Beulah Road, Maple Avenue and Lawyers Road, and Old Courthouse Road and Westbriar Drive. And last Monday, June 9, the Town Council heard details of the traffic study.

"We investigated, if we increase capacity on I-66 and the Beltway east of Route 123, would that attract more traffic to I-66 and draw it away from Maple Avenue?" said Dan Rathbone, chief of Fairfax County's Transportation Planning Division.

They learned that 54 percent of westbound p.m. traffic starting from Old Courthouse would still head for Nutley Street via Maple Avenue. "Only about 240 cars would be diverted from Maple Avenue – and about 100 during peak times – so that wouldn't help," said Rathbone. "So if you keep Maple Avenue two lanes in each direction, the traffic will find other paths."

REGARDING THE THREE VIENNA INTERSECTIONS studied, transportation planner Dan Stevens with the county Department of Transportation presented the findings, plus some ideas to mitigate the traffic. At Beulah Road, he said, "We propose adding an additional left-turn lane to get a more-efficient use of green-light time by changing the signal timing on that approach [to Maple] to get more cars out per second."

"The [county] Board of Supervisors allocated \$70 million over the next 30 years for intersection and pedestrian improvements," said Rathbone. "So there's some funding available."

But Councilwoman Laurie Cole said Vienna's intersections would be competing for this money against the other 26 intersections studied. And, asked Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher, "We've worked hard to make all the traffic lights work together, so how would the Beulah change affect

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Vienna Community Center Renovation Plans Update

Town to seek LEED silver certification for project.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The 48-year-old Vienna Community Center is being renovated, enlarged and modernized. The two-story building on Cherry Street S.E. is 28,814 square feet and is used practically 'round the clock for everything from classes to club meetings to craft fairs to sports.

But it's leaking in several places, lacks high-tech wiring for laptops and needs new electrical and HVAC (heating and air conditioning) systems, plus repairs to the classroom floors and walls and a new roof. And since the gym's too small and its ceiling too low for league play, an 8,000-square-foot gym will be built in the back.

It's a big project, though, and the Town of Vienna is making sure it's being done exactly the way it wants and that its money will be well-spent. The work's funded by the town's Capital Improvement budget, courtesy of a \$4 million bond issue in fall 2013. But according to Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Salgado, probably another \$1 million will be needed before it's all done.

Construction is expected to start early next winter and take about 16 months, with dedication of the new portion slated for the community center's 50th anniversary in April 2016. And last Monday, June 9, Salgado and the architect, Gregory Lukmire, presented the latest information about the project and answered questions during a Town Council work session.

Regarding the larger gym, Salgado said it would be slightly on school property, "so we'd have to come to agreement with

them." Lukmire said it's a "tight site because the Park Authority wants an 18-foot trail, a 4-6-foot sidewalk and a 60-foot parking area."

THE MAJOR TOPIC, though, was whether to pursue a LEED Silver certification for the building. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a "green" building-certification program recognizing best-in-class building strategies and practices.

"The community center will be a showcase for our community, to show how it can be done the right way," said Vice-Mayor Carey Sienicki. "So I believe LEED silver should be incorporated at the beginning of the project."

Salgado also recommended commissioning – having a third party come in and "certify that the heating and air-conditioning systems will do what they're supposed to, through all four seasons." She said the LEED certification would cost \$44,000 and commissioning could cost \$28,000 or less.

Councilwoman Laurie Cole asked what the Town would get for this money. Besides a plaque, said Salgado, the Community Center would be Vienna's first building to have LEED certification, as well as "53 points [of work required for the certification] that might not be done, otherwise."

"You make sure everything possible is sustainable," said Lukmire. "But it's up to you."

Councilman Emil Attanasi asked if the community center would then cost less to operate, and Lukmire said it's possible. "Right now, the community center is an energy sieve, so part of this will optimize the systems," he said. "For example, if we increase the insulation and have a better HVAC system, it'll cost less to operate."

Salgado also noted that City staff would like to use a VRV (variable refrigerant volume) system. "It costs 15 percent more than HVAC, but the payback is in 7-15 years," she said.

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About 20 people came to have their pets blessed — in the flesh, in memory or in absentia.



Antioch Christian Church Pastor Randy Beeman blesses the ashes of Fancy and Thundercloud Dougherty, held by Daniel Dougherty, and those of Fancy's "best friends," shipped from Ohio to be blessed, held by Faith Dougherty.

Pets Blessed in Vienna

Antioch Christian Church's annual pet blessing draws the living and those alive in memory only.

Every year since Pastor Randy Beeman came to Antioch Christian Church in Vienna four years ago, he has set aside a June Sunday to bestow grace on the family pets of the area who come for the church's "Blessing of the Animals." Since its inception, the pet blessing ceremony has grown with participants and species. Some pets present have medical conditions. Some were blessed in absentia, too ill to come. Others, gone from this realm, hold a lasting place in the hearts of their guardians and come in urns or name only. More than 20 people participated.

Shirley Elliott of Vienna helped put the ceremony together with Pastor Beeman. She believes pets deserve God's grace.

"Our pets are part of our family. They love us unconditionally and they're God's creatures."

Raising his hand over the pet's head — or over his ashes or name card — Pastor Beeman said to each animal, "The creator of the Universe has given you breath and life. You are cherished and treasured. Receive the love of your Creator and your kindred creatures. May ___ be blessed by the power of God's love in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

and may you the guardian and pet enjoy life together with our God."

Faith and Daniel Dougherty of Great Falls come every year. They bring the remains of Fancy and Thundercloud in urns. This year, ashes of Fancy's best "friends" came from Ohio, shipped in plastic bags, to be blessed.

Jan Stanley has come to Antioch for the pet blessing for three years. The first time she came, she had Diva with her, a two-year-old sheltie about to have her leg amputated. Diva died of cancer and, this year, Stanley had with her Daisy, 12, and her daughter, Penny, 10. Along with Daisy and Penny, Diva received a blessing. "It's just as important to bless the ones who have passed on," said Pastor Beeman, noting how the loss of a pet touches the heart of its guardian.

Each pet, living or passed, was given a blessing card and a grace charm to wear on collar.

"Our pets are part of our family. They love us unconditionally and they're God's creatures."

— Pastor Randy Beeman

Gia Thompson, a one-eyed Pekingese, died about three years ago of a blood disease. She was adopted from the Potomac Pekingese Rescue by Gaby Thompson three years before she died. When Gaby Thompson walked up to Pastor Beeman for Gia's blessing, she held up a cell phone toward him. On the phone was Gia's photo. "She was, definitely, the sweetest dog I've ever had," said Thompson.

Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road.

— DONNA MANZ

WEEK IN VIENNA

Help County Succeed Economically

For the past year Fairfax County has been updating its vision for creating an environment conducive to continued economic success. County leadership and staff members have worked with the Board of Supervisors' Economic Advisory Commission (EAC) to develop "The Strategic Plan to Facilitate the Economic Success of Fairfax County," an update of the 2011 plan. The draft update includes four main focuses — people, places, employment and governance.

But the plan also needs residents' and business owners' input, so two stakeholder-input sessions are slated. They're set for Wednesday, June 25, Session 1 — 8:30-11 a.m., Session 2 — 1:30-4 p.m.; and Thursday, June 26, Session 1 — 8:30-11 a.m., Session 2 — 1:30-4 p.m.; in

conference rooms 9/10 at the county Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

People will be able to tell the decision-makers what they need from the county to help them, their businesses and their community achieve economic success. To register for one of the sessions, email Charles.Suddith@fairfaxcounty.gov by June 20. Due to limited space, provide first and second session-choices in the email.

Stanford Academy Opens Near Silver Line Station

Stanford Academy (grades 7-12) is opening near new Silver Line Spring Hill Station in Vienna. The Academy's mission is not only to prepare students for college, but also to give them the skills necessary to thrive in the future

global matrix. Their core curriculum is fully accredited, favorable to colleges and universities, and adapts to each student's needs and abilities. Their Future Orientation courses include: Computer programming; Mandarin (Chinese); Conflict Resolution and 3-D printer modeling.

The staff at Stanford Academy comprises experienced mentors concerned not only with students' cognitive progress, but also with their social, emotional and ethical development. Stanford Academy work with each student to explore possible vocational goals by arranging internships for her/his perceived area of primary interest.

The Academy welcomes you to visit and have a personal interview and take advantage of their current \$5,000 tuition reduction.

Contact: Dex Curi, 703.566.8868 <http://www.stanford-academy.com>

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PEOPLE



Michael Amouri, left, and Baba Freeman, right, display their Lord and Lady Fairfax decrees at the Board of Supervisors meeting, while Supervisors Hudgins (right) and Frey (left) look on from behind the dais.

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Michael Amouri and Baba Freeman Honored As Hunter Mill's Lord and Lady Fairfax

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins has honored the 2014 Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees for the Hunter Mill District: Lady Fairfax representing the Hunter Mill District is Baba Freeman of Reston, and the Lord Fairfax selection is Michael Amouri of Vienna.

Baba Freeman has an unbroken 28 year record of service to Fairfax County under three different Hunter Mill area Supervisors on the Advisory Social Services Board, and subsequently, on the Human Services Council.

Michael Amouri, proprietor of Caffe Amouri in Vienna, was recognized for his support of commu-

nity organizations, service projects, and his founding of hometown programs including Vienna's First Night New Year's Eve Celebration and Vienna Idol competition.

In conjunction with the annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, each of the County's supervisors select one Lord and one Lady Fairfax from their district. The Lords and Ladies were presented to the Board of Supervisors at their June 3 meeting, kicking off the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival that ran Friday, June 6 to Sunday June 8 at the Fairfax Government Center.



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OPINION

More Affordable Housing Needed

Anticipated job growth to exacerbate problem.

In Northern Virginia, affordable housing means more than human services or helping those who are less fortunate. It means more than housing the chronically homeless, although that is not optional.

In Northern Virginia, having enough affordable housing is critical to economic health, based on housing the workers needed at a variety of income levels. It is also critical to traffic management. If workers on the lower end of the income scale can't afford to work near their jobs, those workers will have to drive longer distances, creating gridlock and air pollution.

Consider that in the Washington Metropolitan Region, the established median rent for a two-bedroom apartment, according to HUD, is \$1,589 monthly. To afford that rent, paying no more than 30 percent of gross income, requires an income of about \$60,000 annually. And it is obvious that rents in Northern Virginia are more expensive than the region.

Consider for example, that right now in Alexandria, there are more than 8,300 workers in the accommodations and food service industry who earn on average \$470 weekly, or less than \$25,000 a year. (Employment statistics from Virginia Employment Commission.)

In Arlington, there are more than 15,400

workers in accommodations and food service, with an average weekly wage of \$491, or \$25,500 annually.

In Fairfax County, in food service and accommodations, there are more than 48,400 workers with an average wage of \$426 weekly or an annual income of just over \$22,000.

These are people working full time in jobs that are important to our economy who cannot afford market rate rents, and rents are climbing.

The George Mason University School of Public Policy Center for Regional Analysis forecasts that, based on predicted job growth, over the next 20 years this region will need an additional 344,624 single-family units and 203,674 multi-family units.

From the report:

"The region's new housing must be priced so that it is affordable to these new workers. Based on the housing need forecasts, 44.1 percent of rental units will need to have rents of less than \$1,250 a month, while only 2.4 percent of the rental demand will be for units priced at \$2,250 a month or more. About 16.4 percent of the owner-occupied units forecasted need to be valued at less than \$200,000 and only 13.5 percent at over \$600,000."

For example, the report predicts adding more than 71,000 health services workers with a median income of \$39,500; more than 45,000 hospitality workers with a median income of \$18,300; and 17,700 retail workers with a median income of \$22,500.

The units to house the current and future workforce will not materialize on their own. It will require a variety of incentives and interventions to make sure those units are part of new development.

As the Silver Line opens, it's important to remember that the coming years will bring the last great boom in building in Fairfax County. No matter what the immediate impediments, the local economy cannot thrive unless developing affordable housing is built into all of those development plans, current and future.

—MARY KIMM

EDITORIALS

Call for Pet Connection

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 23, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 16.

Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans. Please tell us a little bit about your pet, identify everyone in the photo, give a brief description what is happening in the photo, and include address and phone number (we will not publish your address or phone number, just your town name). We welcome short stories about how you got your pet, a noteworthy talent or anecdote about your pet, explanations of the bonds between your family and your pet, plus drawings, paintings or other artwork of your pet by children or adults. Email to editor@connectionnewspapers.com.

Transitioning to Summer

BY AMANDA ANDERE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FACETS



Summer is a time of change — always welcomed by students. The break during the hottest months gives a chance for kids to de-stress and prepare for their next grade on their short path to adulthood.

After five summers at FACETS, I've had the opportunity to watch many children make this transition. What's fun for kids though, can be a huge struggle for their parents. Finding appropriate and affordable care, providing enough meals during the day, and incurring the extra costs of entertaining children can be an enormous challenge for families that FACETS serves.

Everyday FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors to people who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County and City, meets families who are vulnerable emergency shelter, food and medical needs, helps them gain safe, sustainable and permanent housing and works with them to end the

cycle of homelessness and poverty through educational, life skills and career counseling programs.

Through our Education and Community Development Program — which operates out of four affordable housing communities, we offer innovative programming at the community centers as a way to engage and strengthen families. To ensure that children in the communities are busy, learning, and eating, we provide an expanded program in the summer. We take field trips, have activities and workshops, host honor roll parties, and play games and music.

We also rely on older children to help with programming, giving them leadership roles. For instance, we send teen clients to the annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) Conference leadership program. They return from this excellent leadership program and produce a series of summer activities and workshops for the younger kids in the community. Having these older youth — most of whom have experienced pov-

erty — take leadership roles is transformative for them.

It's watching these transformations in our youngest clients that I have enjoyed most in my time at FACETS. As I too start a life transition to a new position with Wider Opportunities for Women, a national nonprofit that works on pathways to economic security and equality, I see the growth in these children and know that the FACETS' team and its corps of volunteers are changing the trajectory for these families. I also see a county that cares about its people and is diligently working to address poverty and end homelessness. Along with my colleagues, peers and partners, I know that we have made measurable progress in reducing the number of people who are waiting for shelter and services.

Best of all, I know that summers will be a time that brings fun and memories to more kids in Fairfax County. I leave FACETS in capable hands, understanding that more children will transition through summer to a successful new school year ... and ultimately a life with more and better choices.

LETTERS

Virginia Way Behind

To the Editor:

Congressman Gerry Connolly is to be commended for his Opinion piece ["Clearing the Air on New Carbon Standards," Connection, June 11-17, 2014]. He illuminates the dark side of the message being sent by others that would rather the energy status quo be maintained while harming our health by polluting our water and air. We have a long way to go to move our energy generation away from fossil fuels to clean energy. The Commonwealth of Virginia is way behind our neighboring states and the new EPA regulations could help move Virginia forward. Governor McAuliffe and Senator Warner need to stand up and support the new EPA rules and encourage their utility friends to get on with the change directed by the EPA carbon standards, which will improve our health and our environment.

Susan Stillman
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LETTERS

Still on the Town Council

To the Editor:

Regarding the article "Community Pays Tribute to Late Mayor" [Vienna and Oakton Connection, June 11-17, 2014]: To misquote Mark Twain, the reporting of my departure has been exaggerated. The article refers to me as "former Town Council member" when in fact I am still on the Council and will be until my current term ends on June 30. I am honored and grateful to say that the description of me as a "long-time friend" of Jane Seeman is correct.

Laurie Genevro Cole
Vienna Town Council Member

WEEK IN VIENNA

FROM PAGE 4

Echols Street Closure

From now until July 17, Echols Street in Vienna, from Branch Road to Delano Drive SE, will be closed to traffic for pavement rehabilitation. Drivers should follow the traffic-control signs for detours. Work hours are weekdays, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Vienna Town Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Vienna Town Council is set for Monday, July 7, at 8 p.m. It's at the Town Hall, 127 Center St. S.

Vienna Town Council Meeting

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Report Any Suspicious Activity

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The award for Comic Actress in a Musical went to Paige Cilluffo of Oakton for "The Music Man" at James Madison High School.

The award for Supporting Actress in a Play went to Lily Brock of Herndon for "The Children's Hour" at Langley High School.

Cappies Awarded for High School Theater

The 15th Annual Cappies Awards Gala for high school theater was held Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center. Nine Cappies went to West Potomac High School for "Spamalot," including the coveted Best Musical Award. The Best Play award went to Langley High School for "The Children's Hour." The Cappies' show season extended from October 2013 to May 2014, and Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45

student critics. This year's event included 58 public and private high schools from Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery and Prince William counties, the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria and Manassas, and Washington, D.C. The event was hosted by Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

— STEVE HIBBARD

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Heirloom-quality frames, such as these by Elias Artmetal, can make ideal graduation presents.

Gifts for New Grads

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

After the tassels have been turned and the diplomas received, it is usually time for a graduation celebration. Whether you're shopping for someone who is heading to college or venturing

out into the workforce, choosing a present for the graduate in your life can be perplexing, but local tastemakers are here to help, offering suggestions for graduation presents that range from the practical to the sentimental.

Frames for displaying graduation photos or family photos that remind graduates of home can make

great gifts. "We have gorgeous, heirloom-quality frames by Elias Artmetal that are made in the U.S.A. by an old established company," said John Brown, owner of J. Brown and Company in Old Town Alexandria.

Leather goods, such as a well-made key chain, journal or passport holder are also gifts that will not only be treasured, but will come in handy long after the pomp and circumstance of the big day are over.

Reminders of the college the graduate attended or will attend can make cheerful presents. "Collegiate products make great gifts," said Randy Fabian, manager of The Dandelion Patch in Reston Town Center and Vienna. "There are platters, wine glasses and koozies for not only Virginia colleges, but a lot of schools outside of Virginia. They could be a commemorative item for a college graduate or a gift

for someone who is heading off to college."

Another option is a scented candle or diffuser, which can add a touch of elegance to a first apartment or dorm room. "Nest Fragrances has line of scents that young people love ... especially beach and bamboo," said Brown.

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Old Town Alexandria.

Backpacks, overnight bags and totes make practical gifts for new graduates, perfect for a quick trip home or a first business trip. "Fun

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Personalized jewelry can serve as a reminder of a graduate's special day.



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Local tastemakers offer suggestions from the sentimental to the practical.

graphic totes are a great gift for grads," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Perfect for travel, the gym or toting things around campus, they are something every grad can use."

Fabian said that Scout bags (www.scoutbags.com), which come in an array of colors, sizes and styles, are easy to clean and appropriate for a wide variety of lifestyles.

Don't forget jewelry, which can last for a lifetime: "Personalized items like our initial pendant necklaces make a great gift and can serve as a remembrance of the graduate's special day," said Thomas.

For high school graduates, consider warm pajamas or cozy throws for chilly dorm rooms. Also, "Kate Spade makes nice desk sets that are a bit jazzier than your average desk, and would add a nice touch to a dorm room," said Fabian.

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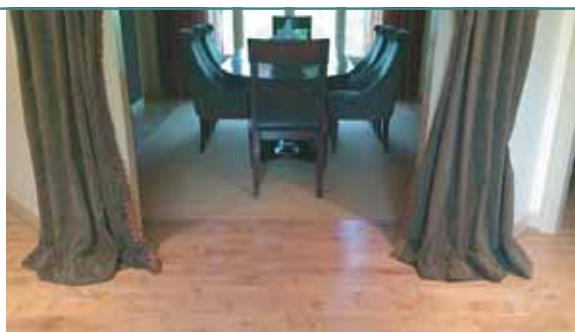
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THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Filene Center, 1551 Trap Rd., Vienna. Still making your dreams come true with unforgettable soul and rock anthems, these Rock and Roll Hall of Famers are the most successful pop duo of all time. \$35-\$60. 703-255-1900.

"Not Just for Teens" Book Club. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Are you an adult who loves YA? If so, join us for discussion, fun and dessert. Teens and adults. 703-938-0405.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Summer on the Green Concert. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Bring chairs and blankets to come hear the Nitehawks Swing Band. No alcoholic beverages allowed; recommended pets be left at home.

Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58. www.wolftrap.org/

Great Falls Library Drop-In Chess. 1-5 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play chess. All skill levels and ages welcome. 703-757-8560.

Look at the Stars! Observatory Open. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Turner Farm

Park, Springvale Road, Great Falls. Come to the observatory park for Friday Night viewings. www.analemma.org.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Learn and play! Ages 5-18.

Playdate Café. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Play area for toys for children. Coffee and conversation for grown-ups. Ages 0- Preschool with parent or caregiver.

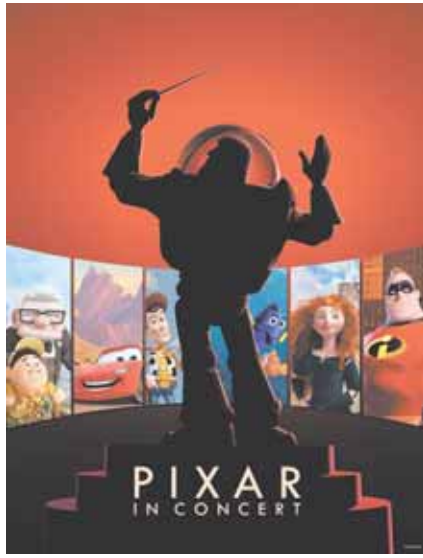
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SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Fairfax Saxophone Quartet Performs "Sort of Greek" Concert. 7 p.m. Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. The Fairfax Saxophone Quartet will showcase its crowd-pleasing versatility at a free performance for all.

Dance to Fight Alzheimer's. 10 a.m.-7:45 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Dance workshops and dance practice, various styles. Donations, silent auction, refreshments in support of The Longest Day (Alzheimer's Assoc). Attire is ballroom casual, everyone is welcome. 703-759-2685, stepandswingforelaine@gmail.com or www.colvinrun.org.

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate



Watch all your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra on June 20 as Wolf Trap presents Pixar in Concert.

summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38. www.wolftrap.org/

Sunrise Kayak Tour. 7-9 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Paddle with a naturalist and learn about the historical and natural beauty of the Potomac. Ages 14+. \$59-\$74. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/kayaktours.htm>.

Cars & Coffee. 7-9 a.m. Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Early on Saturday mornings you'll find a gathering of cool cars – antique, custom, hotrods, exotic, sports cars, they're all here. 703-759-2759.

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. www.smartmarkets.org/

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html.

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

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Tyson's Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. www.tysonspartnership.org

MONDAY/JUNE 23 – JULY 9

Teen Yoga. 5 – 6 p.m. Margaret Haddad Studio of Classical Ballet, 9911 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$60/session. No previous experience

required. Please bring a yoga. To register, email JidoFAH@aol.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 23

Treasured Threes to Fives. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Join us for stories and songs. Ages 3-5 with adult.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Summer on the Green Concert. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Bring chairs and blankets to come hear a children's show – the Beatle Kids. No alcoholic beverages allowed; recommended pets be left at home.

Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Front man of Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's The Sing-Off showcases his new piano concerto and orchestral arrangements of pop hits with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25-\$60. www.wolftrap.org/

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Currently reading Unsinkable, by Debbie Reynolds. Adults.

Jessie and James: Mutts Gone Nuts! 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. See Jessie and James and their mischievous pack of mutts present a thrilling and comic dog show with juggling, rope walking and crowd play. All ages. 703-242-4020.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

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The two-day used-book sale sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. pulls customers from throughout the region. Approximately 30,000 books, in every genre, are for sale.



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Annual HVI Book Sale Draws Buyers from Vienna, Region

Two-day sale raises money for Historic Vienna, Inc. programs and exhibits.

What has 30,000 used books selling for \$2 and less, two weekend days of book fair, and funds exhibits and historical programming throughout the year? The Historic Vienna, Inc. [HVI] annual book sale.

Over the weekend of June 7—8, HVI took over the gym at the Vienna Community Center, laying out thousands upon thousands of used books in every genre donated by the community.

“We still have expenses coming in, but we grossed over \$11,000,” said HVI president Anne Stuntz. “It’s so exciting to get that kind of support for history in Vienna. It helps us with our exhibits, our research, the oral history project that we’re doing again this year.”

On Friday evening, before the book sale opened to the public, HVI members were invited to a members-only preview and presale party. “It has turned into such

a fun occasion that, next year, we want to have live period-music, and/ or reenactors there,” Stuntz said.

It’s a good thing HVI members have a presale to themselves. When the doors opened at 9 a.m., a line was waiting. And, in that line, were not just local residents but book dealers and people from other areas of Northern Virginia.

Dana Sweeney, staying in Vienna for the summer, comes from Georgia. “I really love books,” said Sweeney. “There’s such a great selection here. It’s really dangerous for my wallet.”

There were hardcover and softcover fiction bestsellers in almost-new condition, vintage novels and mysteries, nonfiction covering a spectrum of interests, from cooking to politics, and hundreds and hundreds of children’s books in varying degrees of condition and age-focus.

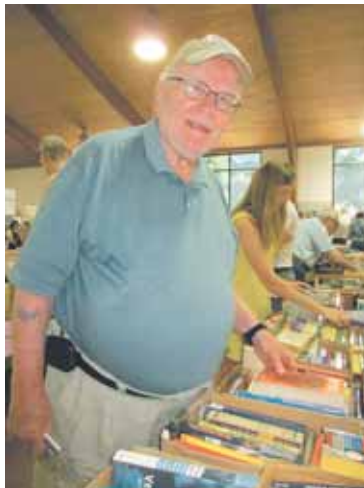
The kids’ section was a big draw, as it usually is. Children’s books were priced between 50 cents and \$1 and boxes were laid out at kid-level on tables and on the floor. Just as adults did, kids filled up bags.

“It is always such a treat for us HVI board members to spend 18 hours with Vienna’s booklovers over the weekend,” said Stuntz.

—DONNA MANZ



Katherine Sheridan [left] and her sister Charlotte, of Vienna, brought friend Dana Sweeney of Georgia to the HVI book sale. Even with one box full, Sweeney was not yet through shopping.



Gerald O’Shea, Vienna, said it is the quality of the books and the range of subjects available that draws him to the annual book sale.

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SPORTS

Oakton Girls' Lax Finishes State Runner-Up

Cougars lose to Westfield in 6A state final.

BY DAVID BALICK
THE CONNECTION

The Westfield girls' lacrosse team was playing the Oakton Cougars for the third time in the past three weeks. The first two games were for the Conference 5 and 6A North region championships, and the Cougars came out victorious.

But in the biggest game of the year, the Westfield Bulldogs came out firing and brought home the program's first state championship with a 13-11 victory on June 15 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Oakton came into the game with a 15-2 record. The Cougars were experienced winners with 11 seniors who had already experienced winning a state championship in 2012. But Westfield would not be intimidated.

Off the opening faceoff, senior Grace Horgan stormed down the field and scored the first goal of the game 13 seconds in.

Oakton responded a few minutes later with a goal, but then senior Meghan Heck



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION
Oakton's Danielle Palmucci shoots during the 6A girls' lacrosse state final against Westfield on June 15.

scored three of her five goals on the day in a 5-minute span. Combined with another goal from Horgan, Westfield now had a 5-1 lead.

"Without our seniors this year, we never could have made it this far," Westfield head

coach Katie Ruch said. "They were everything we needed tonight."

Following this spurt, Oakton head coach Jean Counts took a timeout in an effort to inspire her players, and they responded.

Oakton went on a 5-1 run of its own in

the final 10 minutes of the half to tie the game at 6 heading into halftime.

The question coming out of the half was who would come out with momentum to start? Heck answered this question with a goal immediately off the opening faceoff, giving Westfield the lead. This goal took only 8 seconds to materialize.

However, Oakton refused to take a back seat to the Bulldogs and continued to fight. The game was tied at 10 with 13 minutes left. But then senior captain Molly O'Sullivan gave Westfield the lead for good.

Down the stretch, freshman goalie Abby Smith came up with save after save to preserve the victory.

"We had lost to them twice in title games this season," Ruch said, "so we had nothing to lose tonight."

Westfield dominated possession throughout the game. Heck played well in the final game of her career, scoring five goals and rallying her team to victory. Grace Horgan and O'Sullivan also added three goals of their own for the Bulldogs.

Westfield finished the season with a 15-3 record. The Bulldogs came into the season with one goal in mind. They beat the defending champions from Madison in the semifinals and finished the season off with the taste of victory on Sunday night.

Langley Boys' Lax Falls to Robinson in State Final

Saxons make fifth state final appearance in six years.

BY DAVID BALICK
THE CONNECTION

From 1991-2007, the Robinson boys' lacrosse team won nine state championships. They were a powerhouse that dominated Virginia lacrosse for nearly two decades. Since 2007, however, this domination has fizzled and the state title has eluded them.

On Sunday night, the Rams were able to get it back by defeating Langley 9-7 in the 6A state championship game at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

"It is unbelievable," said sophomore Austin Henry, who led the team with three goals in the win. "We brought (the title) back to Robinson, home of the champions."

The Rams fell behind early, but scored two goals in the final two minutes of the opening quarter to lead 2-1 at the end of the first.

The key for Robinson was its force. The Rams dominated the Saxons physically and never allowed them to get comfortable on the field. Senior Joe Bynum set the tone early for the Rams with a couple crushing checks, and the rest of the team followed



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION
Brian Weingast, right, and the Langley boys' lacrosse team fell short against Robinson in the 6A state championship game on June 15.

suit.

Langley scored again early in the second, but Robinson then strung together three straight goals and went into halftime with a 5-2 lead.

In the third quarter, Robinson came out even stronger, outscoring Langley 4-1, with goals from four different players, giving the

Rams a 9-3 lead entering the fourth quarter. Robinson moved the ball well throughout, with everyone getting involved in the action.

Senior goalie Nick Kondracki came up with save after save in this quarter. He looked like a brick wall, and would follow his saves with sprints up the field, showing

agility to start the counter attack for Robinson.

Head Coach Matt Curran said of Kondracki: "Quite frankly, we probably wouldn't get here without how he played in goal all season long for us."

At the start of the fourth, the lead seemed insurmountable for the Saxons, but they showed why they made it to state title game with four goals of their own, aided by a couple of Robinson penalties, cutting the lead to 9-7 with 3 minutes left in the game.

But once again, the Robinson defense and Kondracki shut the door when they needed it most. Langley was only able to fire off two shots in the closing minutes, even though the Saxons possessed the ball for most of it. Langley simply could not find any openings in the defense and seemed to know a long distance shot was a waste of possession against Kondracki.

As the horn went off to signal the end of the game, the Robinson team threw their equipment up in the sky and rushed Kondracki to celebrate a season well done.

"It feels incredible," Curran said. "We have worked so hard and we got what we have been after. We had a great group of seniors who really helped lead the way tonight."

The seniors finished their high school lacrosse careers on the highest of all notes with a memory that will undoubtedly last them a lifetime.

FAITH

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

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

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

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

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as

Traffic Mitigation on Maple Avenue?

FROM PAGE 3

them?" But Rathbone assured her that the actual, traffic-light cycle wouldn't be changed.

At Lawyers Road and Maple Avenue, said Stevens, "We changed a through-and-right-[turn] shared lane into a through and right-[turn] exclusive lane. This would improve the flow out of Courthouse Road and increase the delay for Lawyers Road [directly across the street]."

"This is to reduce the overall delay for that intersection and improve the flow on Maple Avenue – which has more traffic – by increasing the amount of green-signal time for Maple," added Rathbone.

HOWEVER, SAID MAYOR Laurie DiRocco, "Taking private property [for right-of-way] for minimal improvement doesn't seem to me to be in the best interest of the

Town." But Rathbone said there'd be "significantly less traffic congestion at those intersections in 2030" if Vienna did this mitigation.

At Old Courthouse Road and Westbriar, said Stevens, "We recommend a traffic signal. It gives Westbriar traffic a chance to make a right turn. Putting in a traffic signal [here] gives drivers more opportunity to merge onto Old Courthouse Road."

Vice-Mayor Carey Sienicki asked, "Is there any way Maple's center lane could be made more efficient by directional arrows or speed-limit changes?" But Rathbone replied that reversible lanes for peak-traffic times actually cause more accidents.

However, he said, "Reducing the traffic limit decreases the distance between vehicles for a smoother traffic flow." He also wondered how up-to-date Vienna's traffic-signals' sensors' timing and software are because "that could also make a difference."

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

(Not a cancer column, by the way.)
Growing up in the 60s, if you loved sports, as I did/still do, you spent hours listening to games on a transistor radio. There certainly wasn't "Cable" television back then; heck, there wasn't even color television, let alone "HD," "interactive," or whatever else television technology has evolved into. And of course, there were no "big screen" television sets either. We had a 19" Zenith black and white television and we received three channels: 4, 5 and 7 (in Boston), and as much as sports was/is important in Boston/New England, viewing options, given the limited VHF/UHF band frequencies, meant listening to games on radio – AM radio. Games were regularly televised on weekends, more so if the home team was playing on the road.

As the decades have passed, so too have transistor radios, black and white televisions and limited viewing on only three channels. Between "Cable," computers, and more recently, the introduction of hand-held devices, access to and familiarity with sports has grown exponentially. Add in the explosion of sports-talk radio and the abundance of sports-themed content on television (regardless of whether the games are at home or on the road) and one could be in his "man cave" for hours on end "channeling" his – or her – passion, for any team, in any city, at almost any time.

I don't have a "man cave," but I do have a passion. Annually, I buy the MLB Baseball package so I can watch my beloved Boston Red Sox whenever and wherever they play. It is not the bane of my existence, it is quite the opposite; it is my *raison d'être*, if truth be told. And instinctively, whenever I'm in the car driving somewhere, if the Orioles or Nationals are playing, I am listening to them on radio, as a long-time habit. It conjures images, memories and dreams of a lifetime (adolescence, really) stretching back over 50 years: Curt Gowdy, Ned Martin and Ken Coleman on radio for the Red Sox, the legendary Johnny Most for the Celtics and Fred Cusick and Bob Wilson for the Bruins. I hung on their every word nightly during the week, and afternoons on weekends; typically when their games were played. What I heard affected my life – to this day. As a result (partially), I am a "sports" guy. Not a "tool" guy. Not a "car" guy. Not a "do-it-yourself/fixer-upper" guy. Nor am I any other category of "guy" you know of or can think of. "I yam what I yam." Though I've never been a sailor man, either.

And as a "sports" guy, my dream was to play in the Major Leagues for the Boston Red Sox. As much as I practiced, it didn't happen (although I did play for the Little League Red Sox from 1964–67, ages 9–12). But through the staying power of radio – and the frequency of baseball games (162-game schedule) – I have realized my dream of playing in the Major Leagues, or at least hearing my last name called during Major League games.

There is a player for the Toronto Blue Jays named Brett Lawrie, an infielder, third baseman, mostly. When the announcers call his last name, it sounds nearly identical to mine, Lourie. And when I hear his name called on radio by Oriole's radio voices, Joe Angel and Jim Hunter (the Blue Jays were in town this past weekend for a four-game series), it almost brings a tear to my eyes. Obviously it's not me they're "calling," but it sure sounds like it. And for that moment, my dream seems like a reality.

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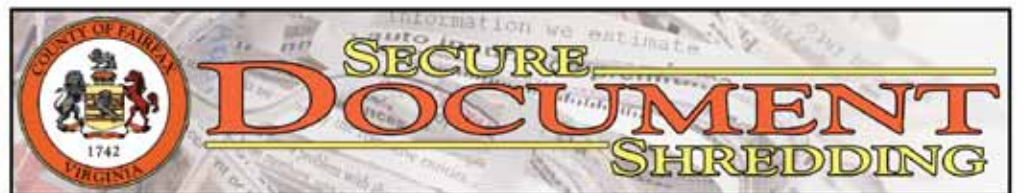
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