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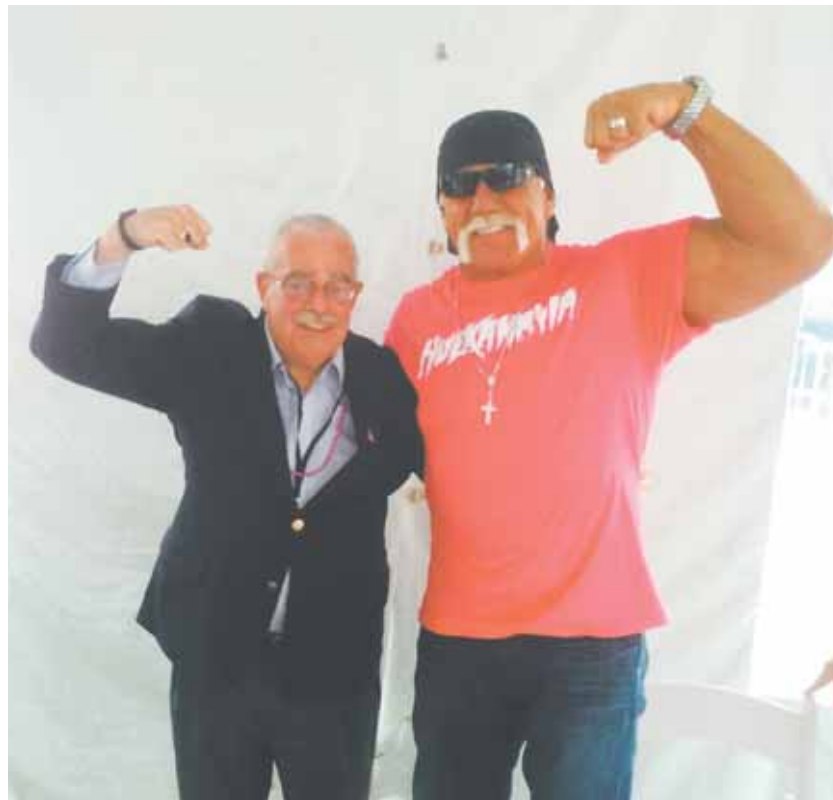
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The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna presents the Helping Hands awards to area elementary school sixth-graders.



Vienna Girl Scout Voted onto Board of Directors

Alison (Aly) Lockett, of Vienna, a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, was voted onto the Girl Scout Council Board of Directors as a Board Member-at-Large. Her one-year term as the Teen Board Representative will begin on Oct. 1, 2015. Alison is a life-long Girl Scout who is currently at the Ambassador level. She has earned her G.S. Bronze, Silver, Silver Trefoil, and Gold Awards. Alison is also a robotics state referee and mentor; social media coordinator and team leader of her school's yearbook; and co-captain of her school's varsity and competition cheerleading squads.



Flexing for the Cure

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) flexes with wrestler Hulk Hogan at ceremonies before this past weekend's Komen Race for the cure on the National Mall.

WEEK IN VIENNA

Town of Vienna Unofficial Election Results

Three Councilmembers were chosen in Town election. Incumbents, Carey J. Sienicki and Howard J. Springsteen have been re-elected. Sienicki has served on the Vienna Town Council since 2011 and Springsteen has served since 2009. Newly elected member Tara Voigt will take her

seat on the Town Council as an official member July 1, 2015.

Unofficial Vote Totals — Councilmembers: Sienicki - 389; Springsteen - 383; Voigt - 386.

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Rotary Club of Vienna Supports Community Initiatives, Causes

Rotary Club of Vienna continues its support for numerous community initiatives and organizations. Here are some of the recent check presentations:

- ❖ Woody Bentley presented a check to Mayor Laurie DiRocco recognizing the Department of Defense Vietnam War Remembrance Committee which has partnered with the Town of Vienna to ensure that veterans from the Vietnam War would be honored and recognized. The past two years have had Committee members at the Rotary Memorial Day Ceremony. A framed commemoration and flag were presented to the Mayor for display at Town Hall.

- ❖ Bob Easton presented a check to Peter Clark, President of the Northern Virginia Mental Health Association which provides grants to clients of public mental health boards. These grants are then used to find housing, light boards (for treating depression), etc.

- ❖ Michele Wright presented a check to Stacy Kafka, from the Kilmer Center. Pickleberry Pie is a national service organiza-

tion that funds professional performers such as musicians and storytellers to go to schools or hospitals to perform for sick children. Pickleberry Pie adopted the Kilmer Center in 2013 to be their partner in providing services to sick children. Kafka shared some videos of drumming exercises that were created through the Rotary donation.

- ❖ Scott Butler presented a check to Joe Nichols from Boy Scout Pack 78. The money is being used for materials for the Raingutter Regatta and Pinewood Derby. During these events, the Scouts design and construct their own boats and cars, respectively, to race with other Scouts. The monies will also be used to purchase patches for the boys and fund trips such as an overnight trip to Baltimore's Inner Harbor and camping trips in the region. All of these events help to instill the ideals of scouting that include values and a love for the outdoors.

- ❖ Paul Berger presented a check to Darlene Williamson from the Stroke Comeback Center. She founded the Stroke Comeback Center 10 years ago to help people who have had strokes. Two years ago, an exercise program was



Lisa Arlt Escoto provided a check on behalf of the Rotary Club to Sharon Claridge of the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics which is directly funding research to cure the genetic disorder.



Woody Bentley presented checks on behalf of the Vienna Rotary Club to the Rotary Foundation (\$12,000) and Polio Plus (\$6,000). All of these funds were raised through proceeds from the Viva Vienna Festival.



Scott Butler presented a check to Joe Nichols from Boy Scout Pack 78.



Paul Berger presented a check to Darlene Williamson from the Stroke Comeback Center.

added to the overall program. Wounded Warriors who have had Traumatic Brain Injuries are also being helped by the Center. From

350-500 people are helped each year on a \$300,000 budget. There are only six organizations nationwide that do the same thing that

the Center does. Rotary's donation goes straight into scholarships to allow people to obtain services.

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The Importance of Including Everyone

Hundreds turn out as School Board votes to add “gender identity” to nondiscrimination policy.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Discrimination is bad, and every one should have a safe environment in which to learn. These sentiments were common to the Fairfax County School Board members and the hundreds of parents who packed the auditorium and front lobby of Luther Jackson Middle School for the board’s May 7 meeting.

But as the board convened to take action on adding the words “gender identity” to its nondiscrimination policy, there was significant, emotional discord in the audience and among several board members as to how the board had arrived at making this decision and what implementation of the policy update would ultimately look like.

Though signs and banners are typically allowed inside the school’s auditorium during School Board business meetings, additional security at the May 7 meeting prohibited those with signs from entering. Dozens of citizens therefore crowded around the open doors to the auditorium and periodically vocalized their opinions.

In November, the School Board voted to add sexual orientation to the list of categories for which a Fairfax County student, employee or applicant for employment should not be discriminated against. That list also includes age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status or disability.

At-large member Ryan McElveen introduced the gender identity update to the policy at a forum in March of this year. Then it came up as new business at the board’s April 23 regular meeting and was scheduled for a vote on May 7.

McElveen gave several reasons justifying the motion, beginning with a March opinion by Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring that local school boards do have authority under Virginia law to make such decisions.

Regarding the protection of transgender students and employees, he said, “The truth is we already do, but that protection has never been clearly outlined in our policies.”

Several public speakers at the beginning of the meeting voiced concerns that this policy change would make bathrooms and locker rooms unsafe by allowing members of one biological gender to use the opposite facility.

“Fears about this policy change are unfounded and need to be better understood,” McElveen said. “After we pass this policy tonight, nothing will change in how we handle cases of transgender and gender nonconforming students and employees.”

McElveen added that students and employees will continue to go through a thorough vetting process with regards to any gender-nonconformity, and that the board



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Citizens were actively engaged in the discussion leading up to the Fairfax County School Board’s 10-1 vote in favor of adding gender identity to the district’s nondiscrimination policy.

has “never received a concern regarding a bathroom incident of this nature.”

Another justification raised by McElveen was the board is being compelled by the U.S. Department of Education office of civil rights to amend its policy as part of a national gender identity protection rollout. “In this light, amending is non-negotiable,” he said, “unless we want the government to come after our federal funding.”

The School Board’s counsel John E. Foster confirmed McElveen’s statements, saying “the federal government has been very clear they expect local school divisions to amend their policies to include gender identity.”

NOT ALL BOARD members agreed with that interpretation, however.

“That the government could compel individual local school boards around the country or risk losing federal education money like Title IX funds is unconscionable,” said Elizabeth Schultz, representing the Springfield District.

“Is my federal government really threatening me, as a duly elected local official who has sworn an oath to the constitution of Virginia to run this school system, to do their bidding by inserting ‘gender identity’ or face taking our children’s lunch money?” Schultz also voiced concerns that the board had not taken sufficient time to fully examine how it would implement the policy update and what the effects would be, both for staff workload and cost to the school system.

She motioned to postpone action on the policy until October, “so that the board can be provided the commensurate draft regulation and handbook language, and determine the overall impact of the proposed revision to Policy 1450.”

Patty Reed, representing Providence District, agreed with Schultz.

“This is about whether our board is being responsible or foolhardy,” she said. “Frankly the process we’ve used to get to

this point is troubling and embarrassing — so many fundamental questions that remain unanswered.

The board members, Reed continued, “clearly have caught the public by surprise and not done justice to our established public engagement process.”

Ultimately, Schultz and Reed were outvoted and the action moved forward, amid spontaneous outbursts from an increasingly boisterous audience.

The board finally voted 10-1 in favor of updating the policy to include “gender identity.” Schultz was the only dissenting vote, with Reed abstaining.

IN CHAIRMAN Tammy Derenak Kaufax’s statement regarding the decision, she said, “No decisions have yet been made regarding accommodations that will be provided under the revised policy. Our next step will be to hire a consultant to assist in developing appropriate regulations that protect the rights of all students and comply with state and federal law.”

Following the vote, citizens began filing out of the auditorium and lingered in the lobby and covered area leading into the school.

Josh Israel of Fairfax was one of the public speakers before the School Board, in support of the update. “This policy sends an important signal to all our teachers, staff and students — particularly those who are transgender — that they need not be afraid,” he said in his remarks.

After the vote, Israel said, “They demonstrated they understand the importance of including everyone.”

In response to Schultz’s comments during the meeting that Fairfax County policy should instead simply read “Don’t discriminate,” Israel said, “It still has to mean something; until these are enumerated, there isn’t any enforcement. It’s encouraging that 10 School Board members recognized that tonight.”

Devon Flynn of Centreville is a junior at George Mason University. He came out

The New Policy

“No student, employee, or applicant for employment in the Fairfax County Public Schools shall, on the basis of age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, marital status, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity, as required by law. It is the express intent of the School Board that every policy, practice, and procedure shall conform to all applicable requirements of federal and state law.”

What Happens Next:

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SOURCE: WWW.FCPS.EDU/NEWS/POLICY1450.SHTML

against the proposition. “I was hoping with the majority here opposing it, the board would see and respond to our opinions,” he said.

One big issue for Flynn is the “federal one size fits all” aspect of the policy update. “They have no place to tell a county, a school district,” what to do, he said. Another concern for him is bathrooms and locker rooms: Flynn said he would move his future children to another county if students are allowed to use facilities designated for the opposite sex.

“I think it’s a shame,” he said.

Dalia Palchik, an Annandale resident and teacher at Sheridan School in Washington, D.C. supports the policy update. “As a teacher, I’ve seen kids struggle,” she said afterwards. “It’s time we do everything we can to help everyone, including the most vulnerable.” Palchik is also running to represent Providence District on the School Board.

John Thom of Fairfax came to the meeting to get a sense of what was happening and how the public was feeling. “I didn’t see a need to change the policy, and why this inexplicable rush to pass it without analysis?”

“Proper deliberation is what I hear people asking for — did they collect all the information and have a substantial debate?”

THESE QUESTIONS were answered by School Board vice chairman Ted Velkoff: “The reason we that haven’t had a full-blown community engagement about this policy is because, frankly, nothing is changing,” he said during the meeting.

“The notion that outside agitators promote, that this policy change will cause a sudden massive upheaval, is not true,” Velkoff continued. “The proof is that we have been dealing with transgender persons in FCPS and none of these catastrophic consequences has ever materialized.”

Student representative to the School Board Harris LaTeef refrained from weighing in on the motion, other than to say the majority of students he talked to supported changing the policy. The Langley High School senior did, however, implore the audience for something else:

“Come budget time next year I want to see this passion, this vigor, this community involvement when it comes to funding our schools,” he said. “That is a true threat to our children, our community, the underfunding of our schools.”

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Public Information Officer Gary Lose chats with one of the children participating in the bike rodeo sponsored by the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation department. Approximately 100 children participated in the four-hour event.



Bike Rodeo Tests Skills, Offers Fun and Safety Tips

The annual Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation rodeo is different from most community events. The police department worked with the children participating as they navigated the obstacle course. Vienna's bike shops, Bikes@Vienna and Spokes donated their time and expertise to the event, giving free bike and helmet checks to local children. Representatives from "iCan Shine," a national non-profit that encourages recreational activities for people with disabilities, provided information on its learning-to-ride-a-bike programs. There were even free bounce houses for young children. To encourage safe bicycling, Inova Hospital's head trauma unit gave away children's bicycle helmets, in small to young-teen sizes. By event's close, no helmets remained.

About 100 children participated in the four-hour event held on Saturday, May 9, on the grounds of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department and in the community center's parking lot.

— DONNA MANZ

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Vienna's bicycle shops, Bikes@Vienna and Spokes, offered free bike and helmet checks to the bike rodeo participants.

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Patrol Officer J.M. Digan guides 6-year-old Alison Gurganus through the obstacle course. Alison was on her third-loop; she said the ramp was her "favorite." With Alison is dad, Scott.



Alexandra Polymeropoulos and Reese Noyes hand out free helmets to children at the bike rodeo. The helmets were donated by Inova Hospital's head trauma department.

Transit Means Business

High Level forum discusses regional transit options and obstacles.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Local, state and federal elected and appointed officials, business leaders, researchers and directors and staff from transportation and economic development agencies gathered on Friday morning, May 8, at the Greensboro Conference Center in the heart of Tysons. David Snyder, vice mayor of the City of Falls Church and chair of event sponsor Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), acknowledged the “firepower in the room” during his opening remarks. U.S. Deputy Transportation Secretary Victor Mendez, Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne, Jr., U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va), U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), and U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) were among the speakers. Informed with data, statistics and research, those assembled agreed that the economic health of the region, and the state, relies heavily on what the NVTC calls the new “location, location, location,” where businesses have efficient and reliable access to employees, customers, investors, amenities, goods and services.

The relationship between transit and business was the priority topic of the day, but any strategic assessment of the situation requires a detailed look at the overall package — including the people who form the ridership and fuel the business tank with their talent and efforts. “We’re here to talk about a transit system that is not just for today,” said Snyder, “but a system that will serve future generations.”

Serving today’s “boomers” and “millennials” as well as the generations coming up behind both brought about much discussion of transit-oriented development, or TOD. Commonly defined as compact, mixed-use, generally high-density development preferably within a quarter mile of transit facilities, key characteristics of TOD include multi-modal travel options and the interconnectivity of vehicle, pedestrian and cycling surfaces leading to those transit hubs and stations. Studies show that the inclusion of diverse public and private “play” space — playgrounds, gardens, parks and cultural venues — are also a growing expectation of the TOD approach. Accord-

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The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Forum Speakers Panel: From left are moderator Robert Puentes, senior fellow and director, Metropolitan Infrastructure Initiative, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program; Maggie Parker, director of communications and community outreach, Comstock Partners, LLC; Mark Carrier, senior officer of B.F. Saul Company Hospitality Group; Buddy Rizer, director for economic development in Loudoun County; Shyman Kannan, managing director of planning, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; Terry Clower, NoVa chair and professor of public policy at George Mason University, deputy director GMU Center for Regional Analysis; Brian Smith, assistant to the president and CEO for organizational advancement at Hampton Roads Transit.

Learning to Navigate
The INOVA Hospital System—
From ER, to Admission, to Discharge

Thursday, May 21, 2015 - 6:30pm to 8 pm
Joy Galberth & Jamie Ayoub, Directors of Case Management, INOVA Hospital Fairfax and Loudoun and Erin Hodson, VP INOVA Children's Hospital will give an update on admissions, hospital procedures and changes. They will share how INOVA Hospital works with the community through outreach and its various programs and services. Light refreshments will be served! This event is FREE and open to the public!

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Public Comment at Police Commission

Come out to testify before the commission on Monday, May 18.

John Geer was shot dead by Fairfax County Police Officer Adam Torres on Aug. 29, 2013, and the outrage over the quality and timing of the release of information about the shooting led to the formation of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, which will hold a public forum next Monday, May 18.

Geer was standing unarmed with his hands up inside the doorway to his home in Springfield when he was killed. Police had been called to the scene because of a domestic argument, and while Geer was a legal gun owner, as are one-third of all Virginia residents, no crime had been committed. Aside from the officer who shot Geer, four other officers on the scene told investigators that same day that they were shocked by the shot that killed Geer and thought the shooting was unnecessary. (One officer described his first reaction: "WTF.") Geer made great effort to be predictable in his actions, asking permission to scratch his nose, otherwise keeping his hands up on the doorframe.

Still it took a year and a half and a court order before police officials released the name of the officer who fired the shot and about 11,000 pages of documents related to the in-

vestigation. Reading the details of the investigation, it was easy to feel that the meager police statements in the meantime had been deliberately misleading.

In January 2015, just before the statements of the other officers were released because of the court order, Police Chief Edwin Roessler released this update with the name of the officer: "Geer was reported as having multiple firearms inside the home, displaying a firearm that he threatened to use against the police, and refused the officers' requests that he remain outside and speak to them. Officers, including a trained negotiator, attempted to peaceably resolve the situation. They spoke with Geer for more than 30 minutes as he stood in the doorway of his home. When Geer began lowering his hands at one point during the negotiations, PFC Adam Torres fired a single shot that struck Geer."

It was public concern about the huge delay in any information released, and the inconsistencies between police releases and the investigative record that resulted in the Board of Supervisors forming the police review commission. The commission has undertaken a broad review of police policies and practices but will not report on the Geer shooting itself.

The Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission is holding a public forum on Monday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fairfax County Government Center Board Auditorium. Members of the public may sign up to speak by filling out the online form, or by calling the Clerk

to the Board's office at 703-324-3151. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm

— MARY KIMM

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Mary Kimm is a member of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

Call for Father's Day Photos

In the last two weeks, we printed Mother's Day photos submitted by readers, and now we call for photos for Father's Day.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

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

Send in photos as soon as possible, with the following information: the town where you live, the names of everyone in the picture, the approximate date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and a sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to tell us your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 15. You can submit your photos online at www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday. You can also email photos to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Rebuttal on School Funding

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On April 28 the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2016 Budget. Our board approved a total transfer to the schools of \$2.01 billion, an increase of \$66.7 million (an increase of 3.43 percent) over FY2015 and nearly two-thirds of all new revenue associated with increased property values. The total school budget, which is comprised of the county transfer, plus state and some federal funding, totals \$2.6 billion.

Education is our board's highest priority; it is not, however our only priority. The school transfer amounts to almost 53 percent of our General Fund Budget. Public safety, human services, parks and libraries all receive a fraction of what FCPS does and these services are also critical to making Fairfax County one of the best places in the country to live, work, raise a family and grow older comfortably. It is also important that real estate taxes are affordable to our

residents, many of whom are still struggling to get back on their feet following the recent recession.

Fairfax County's Direct General Fund Budget, services and programs, excluding the School Transfer is \$1.81 billion. This year the General County disbursements increased by only 2.06 percent, less than the increase in the School Transfer.

Fairfax County worked hard this year to advocate for a larger share of state funding for our schools, getting \$9.9 million more than anticipated through the state budget. With these funds, FCPS is within \$4.1 million of their total \$2.6 billion Advertised Budget proposal; a gap of just 0.16 percent (sixteen hundredths of a percent).

The superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools Karen Garza increased her request for a transfer after the state budget increase was announced and shortly before our budget adoption.

In her April 28 release, the superintendent indicated this figure is now \$7.6 million or 0.297 percent of FCPS Proposed Operating Budget. Enrollment estimates, and

the associated costs, can and do change as the school year approaches and FCPS staff refines their estimates. The gap, therefore, is somewhat of a moving target.

Our Board of Supervisors continues to be supportive of the school system and our partners on the School Board. When the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2016 Budget, we also gave county staff Budget Guidance for FY2017 which provides a planning target for an additional increase of 3 percent next year.

As we look ahead at the fiscal outlook for next year, we know that we will continue to be affected by a sluggish economy and the effects of federal cutbacks and sequestration. Like the schools, the General County side of the ledger is projecting a budget shortfall for the next (2017) Fiscal Year. This will have to be resolved, as Fairfax

Schools have been county's top priority, receiving \$2 billion.



Sharon Bulova

County is required to adopt and maintain a balanced budget.

This spring, the Board of Supervisors will lead the community in a Lines of Business review. This process will be a comprehensive review of all the programs and services the county provides. It will help the board to identify redundancies, establish further efficiencies, consider strategic changes to reach intended outcomes and make sure that the investments we make conform to the community's expectations. In our Budget Guidance, we invited our counterparts on the School Board to participate and we hope they will undertake a similar process for FCPS.

I also hope that the School Board is able to fill the vacant Auditor to the School Board position they created in October of 2014. The Board of Supervisors has had an Auditor to the Board since the 1990s. This independent, critical perspective on the budget and county programs can help elected leaders identify efficiencies and cost avoidance opportunities and has saved taxpayers millions of dollars.



WEEK IN VIENNA

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Out of— 10,483 registered voters, 471 voted, a 4.5 percent voter turnout.

Election results become official upon certification by the Fairfax County Electoral Board, which administers elections for the Town of Vienna. For more information, visit the Town's website at www.viennava.gov. Results are available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/returns.htm>.

Secession Vote Will Be Reenacted in Vienna

In May 1861, Vienna residents assembled in front of the Lydecker Store (today the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church St., SE), to vote on the referendum for Virginia to secede from the Union. The vote was 76 against the ordinance of secession, 44 for it. Earnest Birdsong, the first to cast a vote said, "We are now a separate nation, my vote is for secession from the Union." However, another, United States federal sailor Nathaniel Bosworth, said that while his allegiance was with Virginia, he believed, "The South will lose the war, and I vote to reject the ordinance."

On May 16, 2015, at 1 p.m., a reenactment of the 1861 vote will take place at the exact same location, the steps of the Freeman Store and Museum. Civilians from the 19th century will cast their vote, for or against seceding from the Commonwealth of Virginia, an event that was repeated in 1861 at more than a dozen other locations in Fairfax County, as well as across Virginia. While the majority of Fairfax County and Virginia, as a whole, voted to leave the Union, Vienna voted against secession and in favor of remaining in the Union. The public is invited to attend and participate in the reenactment.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to north@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication.

SATURDAY/MAY 16

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. Annual spring yard sale. To purchase a table for \$40, visit www.oaktonumc.org for a registration form.

SUNDAY/MAY 17

What is a Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (POST) and Should I Have One? 2-4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Building, Rooms 3-4, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Learn about a new, important initiative being implemented in Virginia and across America, to help healthcare professionals know and honor the treatment wishes of their patients.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 20

Morning Book Group for Adults. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 10:30 a.m. Call branch for title.

ONGOING

Vienna Toastmasters. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers. Open to the public.



Vote on McLean Day

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Governing Board Election**
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NEWS

Recognizing Helping Hands

Vienna Optimists honor sixth-grade students with Helping Hands Awards.

By DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

It is not often that elementary school students are recognized for outstanding contributions to school and community at an evening banquet in their honor. But, on May 6, the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna did just that, presenting plaques to honorees at the 19th Annual Helping Hands Awards ceremony. Sixth-graders from the area's 11 elementary schools were selected by their respective schools' educators and singled out for volunteerism within their school and community outreach, from playing Santa to raise money for charity to collecting blankets for international delivery. Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid spoke on the value of volunteering and handed out the plaques to each student. The schools were each presented with a check for \$200, as well.

Pat Hackerson, Helping Hands Coordinator, called the award recipients students who do "extraordinary things in their community and their schools."

Adison Verena of Wolftrap Elementary volunteers at area animal shelters and helps clean up parks, along with her ease at helping classmates.

Michaela Wacht, Westbriar, was described as an "example for her peers." She spends her lunchtime playing with her fourth-grade "buddy" and is active on the school's weather team.

Nicholas Yancy, Waples Mill, took on Christmastime charity, collecting clothing, books, and toys, and helping to distribute the gifts to deserving children. Nich is now collecting soccer equipment for

soccer players in need.

Hunter Moss, Vienna Elementary School, is a role model for his peers. He extends a helping hand to classmates and volunteers in the classroom.

Abby Williams, Stenwood, participate in her school's student government, safety patrol, and Girl Scouts. She collects clothing and toys for children in local shelters, and sells lemonade to raise money for the animal shelter. She has planted flowers in her church garden, and has donated blankets and toys that were sent to needy families in South America.

Cantara Harris, Oakton, volunteers with her church, feeds the homeless, and helps with special needs children. She has extended support and friendship to autistic students at her school.

Susan Weinhardt, Marshall Road, is a member of the school's peer mediation team and of the school's student government. She participates in school fundraisers, including one for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Ethan Uffelman, Louise Archer, went beyond the school's initiative of adopting a family for the Christmas holiday, and, took it upon himself to dress as Santa in his neighborhood, offering hot chocolate for donations.

Sonia Naik, Freedom Hill, volunteers at school events and functions, helps in a second grade classroom, and, outside of school, passes out food at homeless shelters and helps preschoolers at the YMCA.

Tyler Bechtle, Flint Hill, commits himself to community service and to his school. He is the sole custodian of the chickens living in the school courtyard. In the community, he makes sandwiches for the homeless, and, teaches preschool children at Sunday school. He is on the school's environmental committee.

Kevin Molina Benitez, Cunningham Park, is in the school's band, the Bridges program, and the chorus. He is described by his nominators as hard-work-

ing and resilient, and an outstanding student and friend.

KINCAID BROUGHT "loot bags," emblazoned with the sheriff's department logo, for the award recipients and their siblings. Parents, siblings, and representative educators attended in support of their students.

In 1997, the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna was moved to honor sixth grade students whose actions on behalf of their class, school, or community, embody the tenet of Optimist International — "giving of one's self in service of others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life, and the world." Since then, this award has been picked up by Optimist clubs throughout the country. The idea was con-

ceived by the selfless actions of a sixth-grader.

The Optimists are an international service organization dedicated to serving the needs of children around the world. The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna supports Growing Hope, support and resources for the families of children undergoing cancer treatment, the local Bland Music Competition, the all-night graduation parties for the three high schools in the Vienna-Oakton area, sponsors competitions for local students, and maintains the red caboose along the W & O D path off Church Street, as well as operating the Vienna Farmers' Market. The club's primary fundraiser is Christmas tree sales in Vienna, located on Maple Avenue in the Giant Food parking lot. To learn more about the Vienna Optimists or to join, go to www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/



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Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid presents a plaque and "loot bag" to Sonia Naik of Freedom Hill Elementary School, one of 11 students from Vienna-area elementary schools awarded Helping Hands recognition by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.

Wolftrap Elementary Hosts 5K and Fun Run

The Wolftrap Elementary School PTA in Vienna hosted its 9th annual 5k and Fun Run on Sunday, April 12. This annual event raises funds essential for programs at Wolftrap Elementary School, which has offered children a safe, nurturing and challenging learning environment for over 40 years.

The event featured a timed 5K race as well as an untimed one mile fun run/walk. More than 500 racers and supporters gathered at the school - more than 200 of those were Wolftrap students - and enjoyed music provided by DJ Darin Pusker of Belt It Out Productions, entered for raffle baskets, prizes, giveaways, and a "Cake Walk." More than 20 raffle baskets included items ranging from tickets to D.C. professional sporting events to merchant gift certificates, spa and sports items. A special appearance was also made by ABC 7's Meteorologist, Jaqui Jeras, who ran the race and then helped announce the winners.

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Wolftrap Elementary School PTA is a nonprofit organization supporting the education and enrichment of the Wolftrap Elementary School community. Parent volunteers support the school's academic focus in a variety of ways, ranging from helping in the classrooms, coordinating school wide events and sponsoring programs such as the Candace Leyton Innovation Learning Lab, GRACE Art and the Strategies Lab. Past projects funded by the PTA include replacing cafeteria furnishings, new playground equipment, advanced academics textbooks, cultural arts assemblies, and spirit events.



Riley Lynch and Mary Boniface on the course. More than 200 Wolftrap Elementary students participated in the event.

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Sonya Rooney with her prize basket from the raffles.

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Adding On

“Bump-out” plus first floor reconfiguration meets family’s evolving space needs.

BY JOHN BYRD

At what point does a house become “old”, which is to say — no longer a good fit for its usually adaptive occupants?

Michael and Kim Napolitano of Reston pondered this question recently, deciding to investigate options for adding living space to their 33-year-old, 2,000-square-foot colonial.

“When we moved in 12 years ago,” Michael Napolitano said, “the kids were in grade school, Kim was working in an outside office, and our home’s first floor plan supported all our daily requirements. Also, we’ve always loved the beautiful setting — which is about an acre with many mature trees.”

About five years ago, though, Kim started working from home and quickly set up an office in the basement. An L-shaped workstation under a transom window, the arrangement was intended to be “a step” towards a more suitable accommodation.

Meanwhile, the three children entered high school. As they grew, so did the number and size of their friends — and the duration of their visits.

Gradually, the Napolitanos began to notice that their once ideal home was no longer meeting their changing needs. The front-to-back family room on the west side of the house, for instance, seemed “disconnected” from the rest of the house since one had to pass through the dining room or the foyer to get to the kitchen. The dining room seemed smaller; ditto the upstairs master bedroom with its limited closet space and tiny master bath.

In fact, the entire first level plan — about 1,200 square feet in all — seemed positively crowded when the family was entertaining.

WHAT TO DO? “When we reviewed the Napolitano’s preferred improvements “wish list,” it was clear that the existing first floor footprint was really only about 400 feet short of a plan that would satisfy all the current requirements — including relocat-



PHOTO BY DIMITRI GANAS

The new space plan to the Napolitano home called for a family entertainment zone in a newly formed great room that incorporates the kitchen, an informal dining area and a computer work station.

ing Kim’s office to the first floor,” designer Suzanne Glatz said. Glatz, of Foster Remodeling Solutions, was hired last year by the Napolitanos to develop and supervise a budget-sensitive makeover. Trained as both a space planner and an interior designer, Glatz has been finding creative ways to add square footage to space-restricted older homes.

“Basically, Suzanne invited us to think about the floor plan differently,” Michael Napolitano said.

The first consideration: repurposing the 12-foot-by-35-foot family room and adding 160-square-feet of newly enclosed space as

an open family entertainment zone within a 500-square-foot L-shaped “great room” that would incorporate the kitchen, breakfast room and a new computer work station. The new enclosure’s remaining square footage would extend the former family room, which would now be converted into a first-level master bedroom suite.

“The great room is a perfect solution for us now,” Michael Napolitano said, “We can be together in the same place working on different projects — cooking, homework, television — without disrupting each other. It offers a nice balance of family time and independence.”



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SPORTS



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McLean senior Erin Calpin launches a walk-off home run against Madison on May 8. The Highlanders won 1-0 on senior night.



Madison pitcher Katie Vannicola held McLean scoreless for six innings before surrendering a seventh-inning home run to McLean's Erin Calpin during a 1-0 loss on May 8.

McLean Senior Calpin Launches Memorable Home Run

Highlander frosh Longo edges Madison's Vannicola in pitcher's duel.

BY JON ROETMAN
 THE CONNECTION

Erin Calpin stood with a softball in her hand and described her moment of glory as "absolutely amazing."

But before she clutched that ball during a joyful postgame interview Friday night, McLean's senior third baseman crushed it.

Calpin's solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning gave the McLean softball team a 1-0 victory over Madison on May 8 during senior night at McLean High School.

Facing an 0-2 count, Calpin ripped her walk-off homer over the center-field fence, ending a pitcher's duel between Madison junior Katie Vannicola and McLean fresh-



McLean freshman Julia Longo threw a two-hit shutout against Madison on May 8, striking out 11.

man Julia Longo while creating an ever-lasting memory.

After the game, Calpin held her home run ball and said she planned to frame it.

"I've been dreaming of this since my freshman year," Calpin said. "One of our seniors when I was a freshman, she hit a grand slam on senior night and I've just admired that so much and to have it actually happen for me is absolutely amazing."

Calpin said she momentarily considered trying to lay down a bunt, which could have helped set the stage for one of her teammates to drive in the winning run if Calpin had reached base. Instead, No. 6 ended the game with one swing of her bat.

"That was such a perfect way to end the game for her," Longo said, "especially being her senior night."

McLean head coach Maurice Tawil said he was surprised by the location of the pitch Calpin saw after falling behind in the count.

"I'm surprised that the pitch was where it was," Tawil said. "It might have been a mistake. I don't think anybody on the Madison side wanted the pitch quite there, not the pitcher, as well. [Vannicola] did a really good job all night long. She made one mistake and unfortunately it cost them the game."

Vannicola allowed the one run on five hits over 6 1/3 innings. She walked one and

struck out five.

While Vannicola performed well in the pitcher's circle, McLean's Longo was even better. The freshman tossed a two-hit shutout and did not allow a runner to reach second base. Longo walked one and struck out 11.

"Julia killed it," Calpin said. "... I'm beyond proud of her."

McLean second baseman Olivia Bravo had two hits. Shortstop Zoe Dobson and catcher Bella Norton each had one.

Madison catcher Cat Arase and right fielder Kristy Williams each had a hit.

The victory improved McLean's record to 18-1. The Highlanders finished the regular season with a road game against Fairfax on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

"I feel we're playing as well as we have all year long," Tawil said. "We're ready to charge into the conference championship."

Madison bounced back with a 7-1 victory over Fairfax on Monday, improving its record to 16-3. The Warhawks closed the regular season with a home game against Langley on Tuesday.

The Conference 6 tournament is scheduled to begin Friday, May 15.

The Oakton girls' tennis team produced the top three singles finishers at the Conference 5 tournament on May 11. Annie Clark won the singles championship, Lindsey Le finished second and Victoria Thai placed third. Clark defeated Le 6-1, 6-4 for the title.



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Cougars Win Conference 5



The Oakton doubles teams of Annie Clark and Lindsey Le, and Victoria Thai and Alekhya Nanduri finished first and second, respectively, at the Conference 5 tennis tournament on Monday. Clark and Le won 6-1, 6-0 in the final.

Transportation Forum Discusses Options and Obstacles

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ing to Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), a speaker and a commissioner with the NVTC, all of those components combined paint a realistic picture of “development where people want to be. And that’s good for them and good for the corridor.” Hudgins is particularly hopeful that the Silver Line Metro and continuing TOD activity in her district will support Dulles International Airport, which continues to struggle versus the booming Reagan.

THE MILLENNIALS are in large part the driving force behind transit-oriented development. Layne cited studies that numbered 30 percent of that generation as not holding driver’s licenses: 70 percent of the millennial population use multi-modal transportation — and want even more choices to reach additional destinations without automobiles. U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Mendez informed the attendees that millennials would eventually become the largest population segment in all of U.S. history. Without attractive alternatives to downtown living, Mendez anticipates that the future strain on urban centers would reach critical mass. “The time to address these needs is now,” he said.

After the opening speakers’ remarks, the next portion of the program took the format of a panel presentation and discussion that continued to stress the need for transit-oriented development, but touched on a number of other issues and observations related to the agenda.

Terry Clower from George Mason University stressed the need for Northern Virginia business to shift away from its dependence on the federal government. “We need to be more competitive, with a stronger transit network to become more ‘business2business’ versus ‘business2government.’” The need for more affordable housing — a Hudgins’ hot button — also came to the fore, with panelist Mark Carrier of B.F. Saul Hospitality Group warning that a large section of service workers and others in lower and even middle salary ranges were being pushed out of the newer developments by the increasingly upward scale of rents and purchase prices in those areas. Maggie Parker with Comstock Partners, LLC, agreed with Carrier, but noted that the development and investment company is already on board. Of the 450 units under construction at their Reston Station project at Wiehle Avenue and the Dulles Toll Road, 90 of them are targeted for lower income pricing. Parker also praised Fairfax County officials for re-defining bus routes to include more limited-stop buses that more effectively serve the metro and bus hubs, and routes that reach deeper into neighborhoods to connect people with transportation sources, key ingredients of successful transit-oriented developments.

Following the panel segment, Kaine spoke to the attendees. “In the 20th century,” he



In addition to delivering a summation at the closing of the event, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) participated in a roundtable workgroup, tackling questions concerning transit and economic competitiveness in business and the community.

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Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Aubrey Layne, Jr. was one of the guest speakers at the forum. “We must continue to invest, and our plans must include multi-modal transit options,” said Layne. The Secretary also spoke about the I-66 plans in the works, saying that the “corridor could unlock economic activity” for the region.

said, “talent served capitalism. In the 21st century, capitalism will serve talent. Access to talent and a significant workforce pool is the top factor for business location, relocation and expansion.” The audience and speakers were then re-grouped into roundtable teams and put to work. With each team facilitated by an NVTC commissioner, the participants were tasked to discuss two questions: 1) What does transit mean to your business or for the economic competitiveness of your community? 2) What are the next steps for making an effective case for what transit means to business? Staff from the NVTC collected the notes from each group and will be disseminating the information and acting on suggestions and recommendations after further study and discussion.

THERE IS a common worry that is pro-

ducing a “chilling effect on what can be done or what will even be attempted” to improve and grow the transit network according to Connolly, who offered a summation of the event prior to closing remarks by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. “Financing has always been the impediment,” said Connolly. Referring to the construction of Phase I of the Silver Line system as the example, Connolly likened the experience to the silent movie serial “Perils of Pauline” in which the heroine of the title is constantly placed in a series of certain-death situations, only to be rescued at the last minute. “That was the Silver Line, always on the edge of near death. And we can’t replicate what we did with the original project today,” he added. Phase I of the Silver Line enterprise saw an average of 80 percent in federal funds. Connolly noted that before securing

Panel

Maggie Parker, director of communications and community outreach, Comstock Partners, LLC; Mark Carrier, senior officer of B.F. Saul Company Hospitality Group; Buddy Rizer, director for economic development in Loudoun County; Shyman Kannan, Managing Director of Planning, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; Terry Clower, NoVa chair and professor of public policy at George Mason University, deputy director GMU Center for Regional Analysis; Brian Smith, assistant to the president and CEO for organizational advancement at Hampton Roads Transit. Moderator: Robert Fuentes, senior fellow with the Brookings Institute’s Metropolitan Policy Program.



U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Victor Mendez addresses the attendees of the Northern Virginia Transportation forum.



Paul Goddin, senior Urban Planner with Mobility Lab.



U.S. Rep. Don Beyer’s (D-8) “Top Ten” list comparing transportation in Switzerland to the U.S. elicited some chuckles from the audience.

additional loans, there was only 16 percent in federal monies on offer for the next phase of the project. “We could (continue) because we have the critical mass in our corridor,” said Connolly, “but not all jurisdictions can, and frankly that almost precludes our ability to extend rail where we know it needs to go.”

Federal funding for transportation is due — once again — to expire at the end of the month. As Mendez described the situation, “It’s difficult to run a program 10 months at a time. That’s not how you run your business, I’m sure.” Connolly, Layne and others made similar comments, pointing out that the implementation of vital transportation projects is not only more difficult, but also less efficient and more expensive in the long run when constrained by budget uncertainties. While Layne says there is a plan in place to keep projects moving for at least several months if no extension is passed, he also warns that as many as 200 transportation projects around the state could eventually come to a stop if Congress fails to act.

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LEGAL NOTICE
SeaWatch Plantation Owners Association, Inc. v. Estate of Patricia A. Stewart, et al.

Civil Action No. 2015-CP-26-2266
Court of Common Pleas, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Horry County, South Carolina
TO: RICHARD ELAM

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above referenced Civil Action within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Summons and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint on the Plaintiff's attorney at the following address:

Butler Law, LLC
Attn: Dan V. Butler, Esq.
1293 Professional Drive, Ste 224
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For your information, the Complaint was filed March 25, 2015 with the Clerk of Court for Horry County, South Carolina. You can obtain a copy of the Complaint from the Office of the Horry County Clerk of Court located at 1301 2nd Ave, Conway, South Carolina.

If you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Answer must be in writing and signed by you or your attorney and must state your address, or the address of your attorney if signed by your attorney.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert F. Cotton and Sharon S. Cotton, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded April 25, 2005, in Deed Book 17211 at page 476 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax <#0.1_county> County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 62A, Section 2, Vale Park West Subdivision, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5647 at page 294, among the Land Records of Fairfax <#0.1_county> County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 3207 Latigo Court <#0.1_propstradd>, Oakton <#0.1_propcity>, Virginia 22124.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.125 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price. Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any. In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.


The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

Sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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OBITUARY



Elizabeth W. Mara

Elizabeth W. Mara, 95, of Willow Street, PA, died in Lakeside at Willow Valley on Friday, May 1, 2015. Born on March 27, 1920 in Orange, NJ, and nicknamed Pat, she was the daughter of the late George B. and Elizabeth D. Wakeley. She Elizabeth was the loving wife of the late Paul V. Mara who died in August 2012.

She was a graduate of East Orange High School and Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY, earning the latter with a degree in psychology. After graduation, she was employed in as a personnel professional activities at Prudential Insurance Co. in Newark, NJ, American Chickie Co. on in Long Island City, NY, and Prentiss Hall Publishing Co. in New York City. She was personnel director at the latter company when she resigned to be married and raise four children. Later, she returned to personnel work at the Pepperidge Farm headquarters in Norwalk, CT.

PatShe was a great admirer of horses from her participation in a mounted troop in New Jersey and spending her her summers on a small family farm in Levanna, NY on the shores of Cayuga Lake. One of these summers was spent training a previously unmanageable horse to the saddle. She enjoyed cooking, tennis and bridge as well as traveling, having visited some twenty countries in Europe and the Middle East. During her marriage she lived in Fishkill, NY, Northbrook, IL, Westport, CT and Great Falls, VA from which she and her husband entered the Willow Valley Retirement Communities in Willow Street, PA.

She was an active supporter of Skidmore College, having served as annual fund agent, reunion chairperson and president of her class at various times. While in Virginia, she was a member of the Home & Community Club, Great Falls Historical Society, charter member of the Great Falls Women's Club, member of the McLean Postcomers Club, the McLean Regency Racquet Club and the River Bend Golf & Country Club in Great Falls.

In Virginia, she was a volunteer in the telecommunications for the deaf program and in Meals-on-Wheels. In Pennsylvania, she mentored in a remedial modeled reading program at a Lancaster elementary school.

Surviving are three daughters, children: Ms. Virginia W. Mara of Arlington, MA; Mrs. Judith M. Anderson, wife of Mr. Keaven Anderson of Downingtown, PA; and Jean M. McCrystal, wife of William McCrystal of Pompton Plains, N.J., son-in-law Thomas Hunter IV, and six grandchildren, Susan M. Hunter (deceased), wife of Mr. Thomas Hunter IV, and Mrs. Jean M. McCrystal, wife of Mr. William McCrystal; grandchildren: Kaitlyn McCrystal, Meghan McCrystal, Emily; Anderson, Eric Anderson, Susan Anderson and Irina Mara. Pat was predeceased by her husband Paul, daughter Susan M. Hunter, and brother George W. Wakeley.

A mMemorial cCelebration will be held at a later date. Interment will be at Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Union Springs, NY. Memorial cContributions may be made to S.O.M.E. So Others Might ay Eat, 71 "O" Street, NW, Washington DC 20001 or to Skidmore College, 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

ABC LICENSE
Cafe Paramount, LLC trading as Belvedere Market, 1600 North Oak St., 1425 S. Eads St. Arlington, VA 22209. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. David Hussain, owner

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CALENDAR

Send announcements to north@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.



McLean Day 2015 will take place on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. There will be a petting zoo, rides, games, food trucks and more. <http://mcleancenter.org/>

THROUGH/FRIDAY MAY 17

Old Wicked Songs. Fridays 8 p.m. Saturdays 2 & 8 p.m. Sundays 2 & 7 p.m. Set in Austria in the mid-1980s, *Old Wicked Songs* explores passion, music, forgiveness, and renewal through the eyes of generationally divided Professor Mashkan and his new American student, Stephen Hoffman. General admission tickets are \$28. Senior (65+) tickets are \$23. Student and military tickets are \$15. Group discounts are available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.1ststage.com or by calling the 1st Stage box office at 703-854-1856.

THROUGH SATURDAY/JUNE 13

4 Artists Spring Show. The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. 703-281-2350. www.theframefactory1.com

WEDNESDAY/MAY 13

MPA Spring Benefit 2015. 7-9 p.m. At the home of Selwa Masri Rutchik and David Rutchik, 1324 Ballantrae Farm Drive, McLean. The ever-popular annual MPA Spring Benefit, the centerpiece of MPA's 2015 growth. Tickets: <http://www.mpaart.org/spring-benefit-2014/>

FRIDAY/MAY 15

Playdate Café. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.

10 a.m. Toys and playspace for children. Coffee and conversation for grownups!

Preschool Storytime. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5 with adult enjoy stories, songs and activities.

Drop-in Chess and Board Games. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 3:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to drop-in and play chess and assorted board games.

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 1-Nov. 20. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm

McLean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m. - noon. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Ms. Davis, a member of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists explains her artwork as a riot of color

and a way of conveying meaning and a new perspective to mundane objects like industrial towers. She will be demonstrating techniques using alcohol inks. Guests are welcome.

SATURDAY/MAY 16

McLean Day 2015. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Petting zoo, rides, games, food trucks and more. <http://mcleancenter.org/>

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

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 16-17

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit

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SUNDAY/MAY 17

2015 Joe Cassella 5K Walk/Run Charity Event. 8:30 a.m. Great Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Participants from all ages and skill levels will gather together for a great cause and enjoy a day of fitness and fun. The Kids Fun Run will kick off this event followed by the competitive, ChronoTrack-timed 5K Run/Walk. The Joe Cassella Foundation will host a post-race celebration to include food, music, entertainment for kids, cash prizes, awards and giveaways. Registration fees to participant will be \$30/adult (\$35 after May 14th), and \$10/child 12 & under (\$15 after May 14) Pre-registration and late registration will be available at www.JoeCassellaFoundation.org.

Amadeus Orchestra with Jessica Stecklein. 4 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Soprano Jessica Stecklein returns to perform with the Amadeus Orchestra. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at the door or online at <http://www.amadeusconcerts.com>. Students 17 and under are admitted free of charge.

Spring into Summer. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tysons West, 1500 Cornerside Boulevard, Tysons. Spring into Summer at Tysons West with playful activities and entertainment for all ages. Make your own jump rope, play hopscotch, climb the rock wall, get

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MONDAY/MAY 18

Kids Book Club. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 5:30 p.m. Ages 8-12. Call branch for title.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 20

Morning Book Group for Adults. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 10:30 a.m. Call branch for title.

THURSDAY/MAY 21

James Madison High School Spring Concert. 7:30 p.m. the Madison High School Auditorium, 2500 James Madison Dr., Vienna. These bands were recently awarded superior ratings at the state assessment for the 10th straight year. Come out and hear joyful, spirit-lifting music.

SATURDAY/MAY 23

Colvin's Dance for Everyone. 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall. Dances hosted by Ed Cottrell on the FOURTH Saturday of every month. DJ music mix of contemporary and classic dance music including west coast swing, east coast swing, hustle, latin, country western 2-step, waltz and more. \$12 per person includes optional lesson, dance, soda and snacks. Contact Ed Cottrell at 703-435-5620 or EdCottrell@MACP.org for more information.

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