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Summer Abroad

'Read Around the World' theme encourages student summer reading.

BY CHRISTIAN EUBANK
THE CONNECTION

The end of school does not mean the end of reading for students as local libraries prepare for summer.

On June 18, the 23 branches of Fairfax County Public Libraries joined together to sponsor a summer reading program for local students, Nancy Bronez, the children's librarian at the Oakton Community Library, said.

Students who participate in the "Read Around the World" program can read a certain number of books to earn a coupon book for local stores and sports teams. At their summer reading centers, libraries provide lists of suggested books for students, divided by age from preschool to high school. Fairfax County also offers online databases such as "What do I Read Next?" to aid readers of all ages.

John Mulvihill of Patrick Henry



Library in Vienna said that each library follows the theme but creates its own displays. At Patrick Henry, for example, students can place paper briefcases on maps to show countries or states of their heritage.

Bronez said that the Oakton Library sponsored geography programs over the past year includ-

ing map puzzles for younger students. She stressed that children should try to read as much as possible, adding that books on tape can also be very useful.

"Read Around the World" lasts until Sept. 5. Starting July 1, regional libraries will shorten their hours due to a 15 percent cut in their budgets.

VIEWPOINTS

What would you recommend for summer reading and why?

— CHRISTIAN EUBANK

John Mulvihill
(Patrick Henry Library)

"I would suggest 'The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian' by Sherman Alexie, because the author is an American Indian and has written a number of books. The value of the book is the interaction between those of Indian and non-Indian descent."



Tia Berg
(Patrick Henry Library – Thoreau Middle School)

"I would suggest 'Beowulf' because supposedly it is a very good book. My English teacher recommended it."



Nancy Bronez
(Oakton Community Library)

"If you have boys and you're on a trip, I'd recommend 'Blood Red Horse' (by K.M. Grant). It is particularly exciting for boys in historical fiction. Also, just read whatever you like."



Aliya Parvez
(Oakton Community Library)

"Since the theme is 'Read Around the World,' I would suggest that the kids read about other countries or other places in America because then they can learn about things they are unfamiliar with."



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Fireworks Top Vienna Celebration

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Vendors, amusement rides, family games and a to-our-troops banner bring the community together at Vienna's annual Independence Day celebration.

This year's Fourth of July Fireworks are at Yeonas Park.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

If it is the Fourth of July, it must be the Town of Vienna Independence Day celebration. After a one-season hiatus, following the fireworks accident in 2007, the popular fireworks display is back.

"While we all enjoyed the laser show, July 4th fireworks in Vienna is a tradition and I'm pleased we were able to find a better location," said Mayor M. Jane Seeman. "The Town Council and staff have taken great care to meet with neighbors and with the fire marshals to ensure a successful show."

New this year, the fireworks display take place at Yeonas Park, a longtime Vienna baseball park. The concession stand, manned by Little League volunteers, will be open. Check map at www.viennava.gov for road closures, starting at 7:30p.m., around the Cottage Street corridor.

"THE MOST IMPORTANT PART is to make sure people download the map with the dos and don'ts for the fireworks," said Cathy Salgado, director of Parks and Recreation. "On the field at Yeonas Park, no chairs are allowed ... blankets only. In all the areas, at Yeonas and Southside Park, there is no alcohol, no glass, no dogs and no sparklers permitted."

A banner, to be delivered to wounded troops in-treatment at Walter Reed Hospital, will be strung along the Cherry Street fence, waiting to be signed by the community.

Family games, nine amusement park rides for children, and craft, merchandise and favorite food vendors dot Waters Field.

July 4th Celebration

VIENNA COMMUNITY CENTER AND

WATERS FIELD

Saturday, July 4. Rain date for fireworks only is July 5.

Fireworks, 9:15 p.m., at Southside Park on Ross Drive

See Town of Vienna map for road closures off Cottage Street. Seating available at Yeonas Park. Little League concession stand open to public. Some seating available near the playground at Southside Park

www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/page7-9.pdf; www.viennava.gov for more information and map of road closures.

Sixty craft vendors will be inside the Community Center and on Waters Field. Out front is the Antique and Classic Car Show. American Legion Post 180 of Vienna hosts a beer and barbecue garden alongside the Main Stage on Cherry Street.

Fireworks will be set off at the softball field at Southside Park. Seating at Southside

MAIN EVENTS

11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - Vienna Community Band
12 p.m. - Presentation of Colors; Vienna Police Honor Guard
11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - Rides, arts and crafts, food, beer and barbecue garden
11 a.m.-4 p.m. - Antique and Classic Car Show

MAIN STAGE

12:15-4 p.m. - B2B The Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band
Children's Stage
1 p.m. - Magician Chuck Bollinger
2:30 p.m. - Magician Chuck Bollinger

is limited to the back area of the park near the playground. The entire area around the fireworks launch site will be fenced in with safety fencing.

"It's important that people know the routes around the fireworks show," said Salgado. "Access is limited to certain areas for safety reasons."



Crowds are thick in early afternoon at the Fourth of July festival on the grounds of the Community Center. A Jimmy Buffet tribute band, located near the class car show and the beer garden, plays throughout the day.

Davis In Obama Administration?

Fairfax County's former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) says he is happy at his current job as director of government services at Deloitte LLP. He does not anticipate leaving the private sector any time soon.

A handful of news outlets have reported that the Obama administration is considering Davis as a "leading candidate" for the newly created position of cybersecurity czar.

"I think it is unlikely at this point," said Davis.

The former congressman would not comment on whether he had been approached by the Obama administration about taking the cybersecurity czar position.



Former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11)

"I appreciate being mentioned," he said.

Davis, who served 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, hinted that he would consider working as a political appointee at some point.

"I am taking sabbatical right now. ... I won't rule it out in the future but I am giving my mind a rest. I like having my weekends free," he said.

Davis has a significant amount of experience when it comes to intersection of the high tech industry and government.

In congress, Davis oversaw a subcommittee on technology and procurement policy and sponsored technology-related legislation. He was also co-chair of the Information Technology Work Group, which promoted better understanding of computer and technology issues among members of Congress.

In his current job, Davis advises Deloitte's clients on trends and opportunities in the federal government that relate to technology innovation and transformation.

Davis has received praise from local Democrats worked with him on regional issues, including House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) and Northern Virginia U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). But the former congressman has also taken on very partisan roles for the Republican Party in the past.

Davis oversaw the National Republican Congressional Committee from 1998 to 2002 and extended his party's reach in the U.S. House of Representatives by helping Republicans across the country win elections.

Locally, Davis is considered one of the architects of the Virginia Republicans' political redistricting efforts following the 2000 census, which helped secure the party's control over both branches of the General Assembly for part of the past decade.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

WEEK IN VIENNA

Town Hall Closed On July 3

Vienna Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. No curbside recycling collection will take place that day.

Alleged Victim Charged

A 32-year-old Vienna woman has been charged with filing a false police report. Detectives determined that the events she reported to police on May 17, never occurred. She was released on a summons on Wednesday, June 24.

She originally reported she was assaulted on a wooded path between two parking lots at Burke Lake Park after she parked her car and was walking alone on Sunday, May 17 at around 4 p.m. The alleged victim said a man walked toward her and punched her in the face and she was unconscious for a short time. The suspect was gone when she awoke. She was not seriously injured. She described the suspect as white, about 5 feet 7 inches tall with vivid, blue eyes, wearing black shoes, black, pleated pants and a black shirt.

Anthony (Tony) Jiminez To Lead Area Red Cross

Anthony (Tony) Jiminez, President & CEO for MicroTech in Vienna was elected to serve as a member of the board for the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area, located in Fairfax. Jiminez was nominated and confirmed at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area, held on Thursday, May 21, at the American Red Cross Board of Governor's Hall.

The National Capital Area Chapter is responsible for a jurisdiction that includes the District of Columbia; Prince George's, Montgomery and Fairfax Counties; the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church; a field office on Fort Belvoir and a presence at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Andrews Air Force Base.

Jiminez is a highly decorated U.S. Army Veteran and seasoned Information Technology executive. He has nearly 30 years experience in IT development and deployment, strategic planning, enterprise transformation, acquisition management, and procurement.

Charity Tournament Raises \$24,476

The Business Bank's Seventh Annual Charity Golf Tournament proceeds were \$24,476, announced the Bank's Assistant Vice President Bannon Wysocki. The tournament was held at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna on May 11. The funds will benefit the Bank's Community Fund at the Northern Virginia Community Foundation. In the past, funds have supported local charities and organizations including the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Center for Multicultural Family Service, college scholarships for needy families and the arts in northern Virginia.

This year, The Business Bank honored one of its employees and long time Golf Tournament Chairperson, Lori L. Davis, by renaming the Bank's future golf tournaments The Lori L. Davis Golf Classic. Mrs. Davis, her husband Gale, and their 2 children, Tyler and Hope, were there to receive the honor and an award stating the name change and thanking her for all of her work on the tournament over the prior years.

The Business Bank, headquartered in Vienna, has been serving the needs of businesses and consumers of Northern Virginia for over a quarter of a century. The Business Bank office locations include: Tysons Corner, McLean, Vienna, Reston, Arlington, Sterling and newest location in Ashburn. Additional information about The Business Bank can be found at: www.businessbankva.com

Nonprofit Stroke Center Opens in Vienna

Stroke Comeback Center focuses on communication skills.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Every 45 seconds in the United States, some one, somewhere, suffers a stroke. Rehabilitation is long, arduous and lifelong, but when insurance runs out, typically, therapy does as well. The new Stroke Comeback Center [SCC], located in the heart of Vienna, ensures that no one goes without the therapy that elevates the lives of stroke survivors.

"I was working in acute care [at George Washington University Hospital] when I saw the advent of managed care come into play," said speech pathologist Darlene Williamson, founder and executive director of the Stroke Comeback Center, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. "There's nothing worse than having to say to a stroke survivor than, 'I'm sorry. I know we can do more for you but your insurance ran out.'"

"Most of us are just one degree of separation from a stroke," Williamson said. "Stroke happens to the whole family."

AFTER SHE LEFT the hospital setting, Williamson and stroke survivor John Phillips were determined to find a way to help stroke survivors continue their communication therapy. When Williamson created Stroke Comeback in 2000, it was mostly a resource and information service. No programs were in place in the Northern Virginia area focusing on continuing communication services for survivors when Williamson founded the therapy center in 2004 in Oakton. As the center grew in members and in services, the need for greater space brought them to Park Street, in the plaza located near the Washington & Old Dominion bike trail. On June 25, SCC opened its doors in a grand opening reception with tours of the center.

The therapy center exists outside insurance benefits, Williamson said. Funding for the center comes from the center's minimal fees, but "mostly from many, many individual donations," said Williamson. "A \$50 donation is very meaningful to us." On-staff at SCC are three speech pathologists and a development director. The Board of Directors and the advisory boards are made up of volunteers.

Members pay no fee for the initial one-hour evaluation. Presently, SCC serves approximately 70 members in 24 groups a week. Enrollment cost is \$200 per nine-week program. A sliding fee scale exists as needed and nobody is turned away for lack of ability to pay.

"We are a community-based solution to the challenges going on in our health care environment," said Williamson. "Government doesn't have to pay for this."

IN 1995, Phillips, then 57 years old, was in his McLean home with his family on a Sunday morning when he suffered a serious stroke. Being surrounded by family saved his life, said Phillips, SCC Board chair. A former higher education recruiter, Phillips awoke paralyzed on his right side, and he could neither remember nor say his name. After three weeks at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Phillips was released to the National



Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) with Stroke Comeback Center Executive Director Darlene Williamson and Chairman of the Board John Phillips.

Stroke Comeback Center

Located at 145 Park St., S.E., in Park Street Plaza, near Vienna Community Center. Phone 703-255-5221. See www.strokecomebackcenter.org for more information.

Common symptoms of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness in face, arm or leg; sudden confusion, trouble speaking; sudden vision impairment; dizziness or sudden severe headache. High blood pressure is the leading risk factor for stroke. Two-thirds of strokes are caused by clots in the carotid artery.

Rehabilitation Hospital for further treatment.

It was at George Washington University Hospital that Phillips met Williamson, and the two of them, speech pathologist and survivor, worked together in 2000 to create the foundation of Stroke Comeback. "Darlene restored my own capacity to dream by sharing her own dream of a community-based Stroke Comeback Center to serve hundreds of stroke survivors and their primary family caregivers who, otherwise, have no prospect of speech recovery, and, therefore, no full family life," Phillips said.

Like Phillips, Dr. Dennis Sponholtz's life was forever changed almost seven years ago when, he suffered a severe stroke. An active man, one who loved hiking, scuba diving and skating, Sponholtz credits his progress to his continuing nurture at SCC. He is now on the Center's Consumer Advisory Board and enjoys swimming and playing bridge four to five times a week. "It was frustrating, sometimes, but not much," said Sponholtz. "Now, I'm happy all the time."

THE PROGRAMS and environment at the SCC are member-driven, Williamson said. Even the term that describes participants — members — was decided upon by participants. "They didn't want 'patient' because it sounds too medical. They didn't want 'client' because it sounds too business-like. When we asked them what word they wanted us to use, it was 'member.'"

When the new facility on Park Street was designed, much of the space was devoted to open areas, where

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THE COUNTY LINE

Fairfax Out of Road Money

If it's not already under construction, it probably won't happen anytime soon.

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Virginia allocated such a small amount of funding for new secondary road construction projects in Fairfax County this year that the money would barely cover the cost of installing one single traffic signal in the locality, according to officials. The Virginia Department of Transportation awarded Fairfax about \$240,000 for all new secondary road construction, about 2.5 percent of the \$ 11 million the county received for the same purpose last year.

"A fairly minor signal? Yes, [\$240,000] might cover it. But some traffic signals cost between

\$250,000 and \$300,000 to put in," said Kathy Ichter, director of Fairfax County's Department of Transportation.

In most of the past decade, the commonwealth has given Fairfax between \$20 million and \$30 million annually for secondary road construction. At the time, elected officials and county staff said that amount of money was grossly inadequate to meet Fairfax's needs. But the shortfalls of years past pale in comparison to what the county could face in the future. Virginia officials have told Ichter to expect Fairfax's funding for new secondary road construction could remain at about \$240,000 per year or lower for the foreseeable future.

"Over the next two to three years, people may not notice it because we have projects underway that have been in the pipeline for awhile and are already funded. After that, the difference is going to be substantial," said Ichter.

IN FAIRFAX, secondary roads are hardly secondary. The term applies to everything from the local neigh-

borhood cul de sac to major thoroughfares like Braddock and Rolling roads.

For example, with the exception of Route 123, nearly every street and corridor in the Springfield District is a "secondary road," according to supervisor Patrick Herry (R-Springfield).

So the county's secondary road construction funding pool is expected to cover a wide range of projects. New speed bumps, crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops, no-parking signs, stop signs, interchanges and the widening of existing roads are just some of the types of transportation enhancements that are supposed to be funded out of this pot of money, now at \$240,000.

The shortage of funds has resulted in several transportation projects being dropped or permanently put on hold.

Officials halted plans to widen parts of Rolling Road, Telegraph Road, Richmond Highway and Route 7 outside the Capital Beltway over the next few years. There is also no money for inter-

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OPINION

No Money

Fairfax County to receive on \$250,000 for secondary road construction.

Between declining revenue because of the recession and the Virginia Supreme Court striking down the one significant transportation funding plan to come out of Richmond in the last decade, virtually all transportation projects in the state will now cease to exist.

There will be no money for intersection improvements, for widening roads, for bus lines, for filling potholes. No money for transit. Just no money.

If a project is currently under construction, or construction is about to be, it will continue. Otherwise there is no money in the pipeline.

This is a different kind of "no money" than the low-dollar budget that we have coped with in the past. A large jurisdiction like Fairfax County will see only about \$250,000 this year for secondary road construction, down to about a tenth of previous years.

In fact, Metrorail construction bringing rail through Tysons and out to Dulles Airport and the HOT-lanes construction underway on the Beltway are the only two major projects likely in the foreseeable future. Some federal money, some local money and increases on the Dulles toll road will pay for rail to Dulles construction. Federal money will also pay for improvements on the Fairfax County Parkway.

As for HOT-lanes, we suspect that many drivers stuck in traffic in the future will be surprised to discover that they can ride in newly added lanes for a steep toll of as much as \$1 a mile or more (\$14 or more for the trip from the American Legion Bridge to the Springfield

interchange), and that the private company in this public-private partnership will get to keep 100 percent of that toll money to finance the construction.

We are suffering from election fatigue too, and aren't ready to start in on the fact that every seat in the Virginia House of Delegates is on the ballot this November, along with statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, plus some special elections and ballot issues.

But these races matter, and every voter should stand ready to make candidates talk

Expertise for Annual Community Guides

What would someone new to your town need to know? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your neighbors and with people new to the area in our Newcomers and Community Guides, coming later this summer.

Connection staff members and interns are already working on the Connection's annual Newcomers and Community Guides, which will publish between the end of July and the beginning of August.

We invite citizens, businesses and organizations to send us suggestions. We invite calendar listings for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

about real solutions to real problems, including funding for real transportation spending, dedicated funding for Metro and congestion relief. Likely every candidate will talk about Virginia's ranking as the top state for business. But it's hard to argue that Virginia is open for business if it's economic engine, Northern Virginia, can't solve a single congestion chokepoint or add a busline to bring riders to new Metro stations.

— MARY KIMM

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When are the major festivals, celebrations and other events at your church or temple or mosque?

We also invite readers to contribute directly to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event.

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Keeping Idea of Democracy New

Reflections on July 4th — then and now.

BY MARGI VANDERHYE
STATE DELEGATES (D-34)



Ask your friends what they plan to do on the Fourth of July and many will likely respond by telling you what they "always" do: the concert on the Mall, a local fireworks display, the neighborhood parade with flag draped wagons or maybe an annual pilgrimage to the beach. America's birthday calls for traditional celebrations, so we create our own rituals that are both patriotic and familiar. And then they become a part of who we are.

These comforting traditions stand in stark contrast to the first Independence Day on July 4, 1776, when the assembled members of the Continental Congress voted to create something brand

new — a profoundly different model for the role of government among the civilized nations of the time. Their revolutionary declaration asserted the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and proclaimed that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

TODAY, we take that statement for granted. But in 1776 it was provocative and confrontational. Moreover, their Declaration was intended to insult King George III with accusations that his despotism was a form of treason to his own people, an affront that created an even bigger sensation at the time. Their challenge to tyr-

anny would resonate across the world and through the ages.

Each Fourth of July when I participate in the Great Falls parade, the Vienna festival or gather with friends for the Langley High School fireworks celebration, I am reminded that our community involvement is both created from and affirmed by our shared beliefs about government. As we celebrate the nation's birthday, we also hold up the civic groups and service and professional organizations that bind us together in common purpose, just as the members of the Continental Congress were bound 233 years ago, believing that they could achieve together what none of them could do alone.

My many years of public service and community involvement have reinforced my deeply held conviction about a basic principle of our

democracy: that government should be what we do with people, not to them. When we bring people along and offer them the chance to participate in, rather than just observe the decisions that affect us, we are all stronger as a community and a society.

IN THE MIDST of our familiar and traditional Independence Day preparations, we can recommit ourselves through our own communities to that "new" idea from 1776 — the bold concept about a covenant between a just government and the consent of the governed. Whether we are elected, appointed or we volunteer, we can accomplish so much together through our civic associations, public councils and service groups that we can not do alone. Our task as Americans is to keep the idea of our democracy new. Let's work together so that it remains a shining example for hopeful people everywhere.

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Activities reported by the Vienna police department through June 26.

ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

200 Block Maple Ave., S.W. June 20, 1:27 a.m. Two juveniles were observed having difficulty walking along Maple Avenue by MPO Seitz. His investigation revealed that the juveniles had consumed alcohol earlier in the evening. Both juveniles were transported to Vienna Police Headquarters. They were released to their respective parents and issued summonses for Illegal Possession of Alcohol.

300 Block East St., N.E. June 20, 5:19 a.m. MPO Evans was investigating a minor crash and found that one of the involved parties had consumed alcohol. Further investigation revealed that a 19 year old male of East St. in Vienna had illegally consumed alcohol at a friend's house in McLean. MPO Evans issued him a summons for underage possession of alcohol.

ARRESTS

900 Block Ware St., S.W. June 17, 3:20 p.m. PFC Simon responded to a home for an ongoing argument between a citizen and her grandson. After a brief investigation, PFC Simon learned that the grandson was in violation of his probation terms and arrested him. The arrested individual, an 18 year old male of Ware St. in Vienna was transported to Fairfax County Juvenile Intake for retrieval of the needed paperwork. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E. June 18, 10:12 p.m. PFC Monaco observed two apparently intoxicated individuals walking along and bouncing off walls and windows at the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. After interacting with both subjects, one of the individuals grabbed the officer and then swung at him. As the officer attempted to control the subject, he grabbed PFC Monaco's throat. PFC Monaco was able to control the individual and placed him under arrest for Assault and Battery on a Police Officer and Drunk in Public. The arrested, a 21 year old male of Lafora Court in Vienna, was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with both offenses. He is being held on a \$3000 bond. The second individual, a 35 year old male of Patrick St. in Vienna, was arrested for Drunk in Public and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Amphora Restaurant. June 19 1:36 a.m. After Officer Myers had been following a vehicle, a lookout was broadcasted by Vienna Police dispatch for subjects who had left the Amphora Restaurant without paying for their meals. The vehicle Officer Myers had been following matched the description. Officer Myers approached the already stopped vehicle in the 7-11 parking lot in the 400 Block of Maple Ave., East. Upon his approach he detected signs of possible impairment. The driver attempted to perform several field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. During the investigation Officer Myers discovered a passport which did not belong to the holder. It is believed that the passport was used as identification to purchase alcohol. The driver, a 19 year old male of Faust Drive in Vienna, was transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Use of

a Fictitious Identification to Purchase Alcohol. He is being held on a \$4000 unsecured bond. A passenger in the vehicle returned to the Amphora and paid the bill. The restaurant declined prosecution.

Creek Crossing Road and Woodnor Drive, N.E. June 19, 3:07 a.m. PFC Monaco observed a vehicle commit a traffic infraction and conducted a traffic stop. After interacting with the driver, PFC Monaco detected signs of possible impairment. The driver, a 24 year old male of Cockerill Road in Purcellville, attempted to perform several field sobriety tests. He was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath. After completing the analysis he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Creek Crossing Road at Woodnor Road, N.E. June 19, 3:30 a.m. PFC Monaco observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation and conducted a stop. After interacting with the driver, PFC Monaco detected signs of possible impairment. The driver, a 23 year old male of Cricklewood Court in Vienna attempted to perform several field sobriety tests. He was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged.

400 Block Orchard Street, N.W. June 19, 10:50 p.m. An individual was observed having difficulty standing and appeared intoxicated. The man attempted to hide when he observed the police. MPO Seitz and Officer Ruddy located the man after a brief search and arrested him for Drunk in Public. The arrested, a 67 year old male of Orchard St. in Vienna was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

500 Block Maple Ave., East. June 22, 5:38 p.m. Officer Lyons responded for a crash. A stopped vehicle had been rear-ended by another vehicle. After investigating the crash, he detected signs of possible impairment with one of the involved parties. The involved driver, a 57 year old male of Abbey Oak Drive in Vienna attempted to perform several field sobriety tests. He was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath. After providing a breath sample to determine his blood alcohol content, he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Pennywise Thrift Store, 144 Church St., N.E. June 23, 10:55 a.m. Officer Myers responded for an unwanted person shopping in the store. A woman that had been previously banned from the store had returned and was gathering items. Officer Myers arrested a 45 year old female of Westview Court in Vienna for Trespassing. She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

400 Block Courthouse Road, S.W. June 24, 8:26 p.m. A 30 year old male of Courthouse Road in Vienna responded to Vienna Police headquarters in reference to an outstanding capias warrant. He was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

300 Block Maple Ave., S.W. June 20, 2:40 p.m. After an argument, one individual intentionally backed her vehicle into another citizen's car. The identification of the striking driver is known. The warrant obtainment process was explained to the victim.

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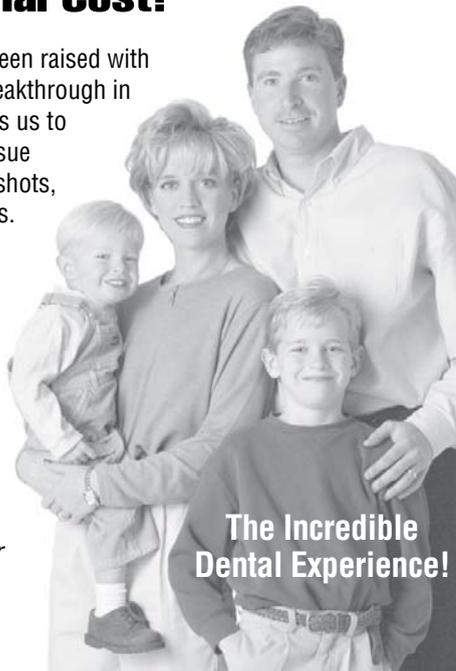
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And the Winners Are ... Area Students

Oakton, Herndon High students win film festival awards.

By Christian Eubank
The Connection

After extensive preparation and planning, aspiring directors and animators showcased their works and competed in the second annual Free 4 All Film and Animation Festival.

The festival, which took place May 22 at Fairfax High School, featured 30 pieces chosen from 45 entries from five counties, Roxanne Kaylor said.

Kaylor, an instructor in the Professional Graphics Studio at the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, explained that film festivals typically cater to college students and more seasoned artists. Free 4 All offers an opportunity for high school students to have their work critiqued by their peers and a panel of professionals.

"This is a chance for kids to get involved in a skill set they really like and show it in a public forum," Kaylor said.

Judges from R/GA of New York, Cox Communications, V! Studios, Interface Media and Mythic Entertainment presented a Best in Show Award. The audience, totaling around 150, voted on a People's Choice Award at the end of the screening.

In the category of film, Nathan Smith of Oakton High School won Best in Show for his film "beneViOLENCE" and Josh Davis of Herndon High School won the People's Choice Award for his film "Sleep on It". For animation, "BrainFreeze" by Ramez Hashlamon of Robinson Secondary School and "Jar" by Paolo Torrico of Chantilly High School won Best in Show and People's Choice, respectively.

SMITH, a junior, said that he had interest in making films for years, but credited much of his recent success to his summer at the New York Film Academy. The four-week program included courses in camerawork, editing, shooting and other fundamental skills.

"I always had ideas of what I wanted to make, but I never had



PHOTOS BY CHRISTIAN EUBANK/THE CONNECTION

Nathan Smith, left, of Oakton High School and Josh Davis of Herndon High School and the Fairfax Academy won Best in Show and the People's Choice Award, respectively, at the Free 4 All Film and Animation Festival.

the resources," Smith said. Since the program, Smith earned a Superior rating for Broadcast Feature at the JEA/NSPA National Journalism Convention and a first place at the VHSL State Journalism Convention.

Smith's film, "beneViOLENCE," focuses on two troubled teenagers who discuss their personal problems with each other before "they take things in their own hands and resort to violence." Smith explained that his film reflects on the process in which people fall into a state of poverty and desperation.

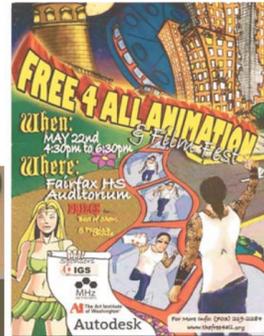
"I always had ideas of what I wanted to make, but I never had the resources."

— Nathan Smith

Smith, who plans to compete in Free 4 All next year, said he hopes to attend the NYU School of the Arts after graduation to pursue his dream of being a director.

DAVIS, a graduating senior who took multiple courses at Fairfax Academy, said he decided to craft his piece around the question: "If you have a rock and throw it back

in time, did you move it?" Davis'



Students from the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts designed a poster to advertise the Free 4 All Film and Animation Festival held on May 22.

Davis enrolled in multiple courses at the Fairfax Academy, including two years of graphic design. In addition to creating their own pieces, students in the program organized Free 4 All this year.

"I empower the kids to run this as a production," Kaylor said. "They have total ownership over this festival."

KAYLOR said that the academy emphasizes preparing students for professional fields in visual arts. For example, students in the Professional Graphics program have access to 2D animation software, 3D animation software, motion capture programs and green screen compositing. Hashlamon, the winner of Best in Show for Animation, also attended the Fairfax Academy and created his work through his graphics class.

"You have to have the resources to be competitive," Kaylor said, adding that a solid foundation in animation technology can lead to careers ranging from film to video game design.

Free 4 All, which originated in the fall of 2007, has doubled in size since its inaugural event. Next year, wider advertising will expand the competition to include students from D.C., Montgomery County and private schools, Kaylor said.

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SATURDAY/JULY 11

Free Circulation Day. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Unity of Fairfax (next door to Oakton Library): Sharing abundance with the world. Free give and take yard sale. Browse and take what calls to you. 2854 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton, Va.



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G'Ann Zieger prepares for glass fusion at Virginia Stained Glass Company.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JACK TOMLINSON

G'Ann Zieger showcases her wares at the PastryXpo Second Saturday Event on June 13.

Artist Finds Beauty In Unexplored Mediums

G'Ann Zieger's work is on display at PastryXpo in Merrifield.

By Christian Eubank
The Connection

An avid dabbler and self-proclaimed "indoor girl," local artist G'Ann Zieger finds beauty in household and often unexplored mediums.

"I've always been very interested in art," Zieger said. "By way of example, as a kid, instead of playing with Barbie, I made clothes for her."

Zieger's artist's name, "Indoor Girl," originated from a letter her brother wrote for her retirement roast that told of her often unsuccessful attempts at an outdoor lifestyle as a child.

Now retired, Zieger creates jewelry and scrapbooks, sews her own lunch bags and has written 11 books, including three published guides for knitting and crocheting. However, Zieger's primary artistic focus is glass fusion.

"I personally knit and crochet not necessarily for the product, but for the process. With glass, it's sort of a surprise that what comes out at the end doesn't al-

ways come out as you planned," Zieger said.

GLASS FUSION is the process of heating pieces of glass together and letting them cool until they fuse together. Zieger first took courses in the art at Star's Beads in Vienna and later studied with Diane Cairns at the Virginia Stained Glass Company.

"Sometimes, there is a conflict between things that I like and things people will buy. Hopefully, they merge."

— G'Ann Zieger

Zieger began her glass fusion work with strip cut bowls, which use overlaid glass strips to create the illusion of woven glass. Her current series "dots and bars," is a collection of bowls, pins, rings and other accessories created by fusing

round pieces of glass on square or rectangular strips. Zieger said she is experimenting with a new series that fuses glass frit, or pieces of crushed glass, to create a round, bumpy texture.

Since glasswork requires a kiln, aspiring artists must find a supportive teacher and network of artists, Zieger, who still does her work at Virginia Stained Glass, said. She added that aspiring artists need to find a way to expose their work to the public.

"Sometimes, there is a conflict between things that I like and things people will buy. Hopefully, they merge," Zieger said.

A FREQUENT PATRON at PastryXpo in Merrifield, Zieger said that she collaborated with owner Toni Srour to organize artist exhibitions and sales on the second Saturday of every month at the bakery. Srour sponsored an "Indoor Girl" exposition on June 13 to begin the series.

Zieger said that she hopes the artist's series would enable fellow local artists to bring attention to their wares.

"Having the support of others is critical," Zieger said. Her Web site is www.indoorgirl.com.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Literary Heroines Book Discussion. 11 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Explore the role of female characters in Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy. Adults. 703-242-4020.

English Conversation. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for non-native English speakers. Call for details. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Relay Games at Teen Center. Vienna area 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to compete in a variety of relay games beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Club Phoenix Teen Center, located in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Admission is free. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the three-legged race, egg roll, bean bag toss, and other yard games. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Nottoway Nights Concert with The Seldom Scene. 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs. For rain cancellation, call after 6 p.m. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

FRIDAY/JULY 3

See-I, The Pocket Band, BobbyT and the Magical Voyagers. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Shakespeare's R&J. 7:30 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Town of Vienna July 4th Celebration at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. includes arts and crafts vendors, food and drink for sale, games and rides. Vienna Community Band concert, 11 a.m.; Presentation of Colors by the Vienna Police, 12 noon; B2B, the "Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band", 12:15-4 p.m. Magician Chuck Bollinger, 1 and 2:30 p.m. Annual 17th District American Legion all-star baseball game, 10 a.m. at Waters Field. Car show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Vienna July 4th Fireworks Show at Southside Park, 1315 Ross Dr., S.W. begins promptly at 9:15 p.m. Seating available at adjacent Yeonas Park with limited seating at Southside Park. Spectator seating areas open at 5 p.m. Vienna Little League concession stand open. No dogs, alcohol or glass items. For a detailed map of the fireworks show site, visit www.viennava.gov.

Banshee Fest: 4th of July Party with Drunken Banshees, The Menzingers, Murphy's Kids, Caleb Lionheart, Half Hearted Hero, Permanent Ascent and more. 2:30 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

SUNDAY/JULY 5

School Boy Humor, Select Start, Sing Me Insomnia, Braves and Bullets, The Automatics and Baigis. 6 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Two Jobs She Loves

Lauren Bryan of Vienna is lucky enough to have two summer jobs she loves. Bryan graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School and is a rising senior at The University of South Carolina.

She is working part-time as an administrative assistant at the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, and is a swim coach at Vienna Woods, where she swam for 13 years. This is Bryan's second summer at the DODIG.

"I really wanted to be able to have both of my jobs, be able to work in the office at Department of Defense and learn more there," Bryan said. "But I also wanted to be able to work as a swim coach for Vienna Woods. I wanted to be able to give back to the team that gave me so much, and also give the kids there a great experience just like I was given."

Her father, who works for the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, pointed her in the direction of the application

process. She said the interview and security screening processes were simple, but time consuming.

"I am an assistant for the office where I aid the director," she said. "I help to make spreadsheets, organize files, complete information files and plan our annual event. I help whoever I can in the office and am there to do whatever I can."

Bryan said her experience at the DODIG has taught her a lot about the "professional realm," specifically how to work with other people and how to get the most out of each day on the job.

"Since I worked full-time last year at the Department of Defense, I am very lucky to be able to have the opportunity to work part time at both the office and the pool," Bryan said. "It is amazing and really fulfilling to be coaching those kids while furthering my resume and future professional relationships."



Lauren Bryan

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Hyland Accepts Position at the University of Minnesota

Mary Grace Hyland of Oakton earned a master's degree in education from James Madison University, with a concentration in Special Education. She also has undergraduate degrees from JMU in education and sociology. In June, Hyland accepted a position at the University of Minnesota as a disability specialist in the Office of Disability Services, which is within the University of Minnesota's Office of Equity and Diversity. At JMU, Hyland received five separate academic scholarships for her work with

students with disabilities, including those with autism-spectrum disorders and traumatic brain injury. She was president of the JMU Chapter of Council for Exceptional Children and had experience over a four-year period working each summer for Fairfax County in its ground-breaking program for young adults with autism-spectrum disorders and other disabilities. Hyland will begin at the University of Minnesota in fall 2009. She is a graduate of James Madison High School in Vienna.



Kathleen Curtis Laird

— ABBY ALBRIGHT



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Mary Grace Hyland celebrates graduation from James Madison University with her sister Megan, left, and her mother Christine Hyland, right.

Vienna Student Participates in National Student Congress

Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and former Kansas Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum, National Advisory Committee co-chairs of the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship, announced the convening of the second annual Student Congress that will debate a new generational point of view that has been missing from the national dialogue

on the country's future. Kathleen Curtis Laird of Vienna, a senior at the University of Virginia, is joining 50 college seniors, each representing a state or the District of Columbia, in Lexington, Ky., June 22 through June 26, to share their common concerns about the top five global threats facing the nation. Laird is majoring in politics and English and minoring in Spanish. The daughter of Burgess and Deborah Laird, she will be interning in the Office of Health Policy under U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), in Washington, D.C. this summer.

"To me, statesmanship is being aware of others and conscious of what is going on around you and in your community," said Laird.

The Student Congress, an undergraduate short course entitled "Global Statesmanship in a Changing World," is being hosted by the University of Kentucky and Transylvania University as well as Ashland, the Estate of Henry Clay. Students were either selected by their U.S. senator or recommended by their university to attend. The Henry Clay Foundation provided full scholarships to all student attendees.

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Amy Kyleen Lute of Vienna has graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and Islamic civilizations and societies. Lute was a member of the University's Presidential Scholars Program. For the summer, Lute will attend Georgetown University's Summer Arabic Language Institute in Washington, D.C. and then plans to pursue a career in economic development with special interest in the Middle East.

CALENDAR

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“Shakespeare’s R&J.” 2 and 6 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.
Great Falls Summer Concerts on the Green. The Beat Hotel – Featuring The Bell Hop Horns, a 9 piece band with a 3 piece horn section, playing the funky R&B dance music. 6-8 p.m. at the Great Falls Village Centre.

MONDAY/JULY 6

Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad. 7 p.m. At Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
Lighters and Matches Are Tools For Grownups Only. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. A puppet show presented by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The program will focus on this important part of fire safety. Age 3-7 with adult. 703-938-0405.

TUESDAY/JULY 7

Josh Hoge, Benjy Davis Project, Andy Davis, Tim Brantley and Mikey Wax. 7 p.m. At Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
Aspen Santa Fe Ballet. 8:30 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$10-\$38. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 8

Wilco, with Conor Oberst and The Mystic Valley Band. 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$32-\$38. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.
English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.
Luncheon Cruise Aboard the Dandy. A Potomac River cruise sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department. A charter bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., and return at 4:30 p.m. \$70 for Town of Vienna residents and \$87.50 for out-of-town participants, includes transportation, cruise and lunch. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.
The Song Imagineer. 2:30 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Song writer Ray

Owen leads an adventure through a world of music and stories. Age 6-12. 703-938-0405.
Financial Discussion Group. 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Informal discussion of books on the economy, finance and investing with an emphasis on current economic and financial situations. Adults. 703-242-4020.
Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts Junior Ranger Day. 12-3 p.m. Includes activity books, scavenger hunt and a variety of ranger programs with topics including costumes, musical instruments, recycling, puppets, and park history. Free; for ages 5-12. www.nps.gov/wotr/forkids or 703-255-1893.

THURSDAY/JULY 9

JP McDermott and Western Bop. 8-10 p.m. at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 7:30 beginner lessons. \$10. 703-414-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.
Rude Buddha, Ballyhoo, Prettier in Person and Groovestain. 7 p.m. At Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
NSO@Wolf Trap with LeAnn Rimes; Emil de Cou, Conductor. 8:15 p.m. Tickets range from \$25-\$48, at the Filene Center. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP
English Conversation. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for non-native English speakers of all levels. Adults.
Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

Nottoway Nights Concert with Hula Monstomers. 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs. For rain cancellation, call after 6 p.m. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

FRIDAY/JULY 10

WD Miller Band at 7 p.m. and Viking’s Bday Bash w/ PJtheViking, The Grenade, Young Enough, Static Brigade, TerrorDactel and CJ Milli at 10:30 p.m. At Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
“Shakespeare’s R&J.” 8 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.
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Live! Jack Wall, Conductor. 8:30 p.m. at the Filene Center. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets from \$20 to \$48.
Jazz on the Green. Richard Walton Group at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E., at 6:30 p.m. Free of charge, co-sponsored by Govan Builders and Dominion Power. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

SATURDAY/JULY 11

Billy Jonas, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.
“Shakespeare’s R&J.” 4 and 8 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.
NSO@Wolf Trap: Hamlisch Conducts Hamlisch. 8:15 p.m. at the Filene Center. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets from \$20 to \$48.
Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.
Author Jan Elvin, 11 a.m. at Books-A-Million, 1451 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Elvin will sign and read from *The Box From Braunau*, her father’s story of the Braunau slave labor camp in 1944. 703-356-3675.

SUNDAY/JULY 12

“Shakespeare’s R&J.” 2 and 6 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.
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Great Falls Summer Concerts on the Green. Tom Principato – King of Blues. 6-8 p.m. at the Great Falls Village Centre.
Rock on the Green. Redstone at 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E. Free of charge, sponsored by Air Treatment Company. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

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Stroke Survivors Support One Another

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members and staff could congregate socially and professionally. “We really want members to use this space informally, socially. ... It’s like a home to them.” The Park Street property, opened on April 6, is double the size of the previous space and was designed “exactly the way we want it and our members want it,” said Williamson. “They told us they don’t want a medical feeling to it, and they want to know who’s there and what’s going on.”

The center’s programs are refreshed every nine weeks and are

tailored to the needs of the member community. Since the center’s founding, SCC has served more than 125 members. “We’ve learned that group therapy is as beneficial as individual therapy,” said Williamson. “In groups, members have peer support, feedback and social opportunity.”

SCC remains as much a resource center as a therapy center today and offers caregiver groups, as well. The rooms are cheerful, centering on broad tables where members are engaged. Games and recordings encourage and stimulate verbal expression.

STROKE is the leading cause of disability in the U.S. Common symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness in face, arm or leg; sudden confusion or trouble speaking; sudden vision impairment; and dizziness or sudden severe headache. High blood pressure is the leading risk factor for stroke. Two-thirds of strokes are caused by clots in the carotid artery.

For more information on strokes or services provided by the Stroke Comeback Center, see www.strokecomebackcenter.org or call 703-255-5221. The Center is located at 145 Park St., S.E., in Park Street Plaza.

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“It’s always ideal if we can get (area) kids to play,” said Vienna Senators manager Chris Burr (right), who played four seasons for the Texas Rangers after a successful high school career at Madison.



Vienna’s Ryan Court swings at a pitch during last Sunday’s 11-2 win over the D.C. Grays.

Swim Results

Here’s a recap of contributed reports on what happened around the area during week two of the NVSL season. In Division 5 action, **Cardinal Hill** defeated Virginia Run, 212-190. In the 13-14 age group, the boys’ medley relay of Grayson Smith, Andrew Russiello, Scott Carpenter and Alex Pennington broke a team record with a time of 57.07 seconds. Double winners for Cardinal Run included Russiello, Carpenter, Pennington, Ali Queen, Matt Russiello, Ellie Westfall, and Claire Kehoe.

The **Vienna Aquatic Club** swam past Little Rocky Run in NVSL Division 1 action Saturday by a score of 233-169. Double winners for VAC were Robbie Parker, Ryan Levay, Morgan Rushforth, Jeanne Ernest, Maxine Daniels and Phillip Sullivan. VAC showed its depth in the meet, winning 10 out of 12 relays.

In Dominion Country Club Swim League action, **Westwood Country Club** pulled out a thrilling come from behind victory over previously undefeated Riverbend Country Club, 259-257. Riverbend took what appeared to be an insurmountable lead by winning the first five relays, but Westwood came roaring back, winning six of the last seven relays. It all came down to the final event when Westwood’s Stephanie Brendsel, 10; Monica Brendsel 12; Erin Callahan, 13; and Kayla O’Malley, 18, teamed to win the Mixed Age Girls Relay.

To have your team’s results published in print or online, contact sports editor Mark Giannotto at mgiannotto@connectionnewspapers.com.

Oakton Golfer Wins Title

Oakton golfer Lauren Greenlief won the 2009 Virginia Women’s Stroke Play Championship on June 18. Greenlief, a rising sophomore at University of Virginia, shot 72-68-70—210 to take the title by two strokes over her former high school teammate, Amanda Steinhagen of Oak Hill. The Virginia State Golf Association conducted the tournament, which is open to women in both Virginia and West Virginia, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Richmond.

Little League

Vienna Little League played its annual Yeonas Town Tournament on Tuesday, June 16. The Major Twins defeated the Major Giants (4-0) to win the tournament. The Twins finished the regular season (14-3), winning the VLL Majors National League.

Home Cooking Spurs Summer Baseball

Now in college, area baseball standouts renew rivalries, train through CGL baseball.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

It was merely an RBI single by Oakton graduate Kevin Wager in the top half of the first inning that drove in Langley graduate Foster Dunigan during Sunday’s Clark Griffith Baseball League (CGL) game between the Vienna Senators and D.C. Grays at Waters Field, but the hit resonated all the way up in Philadelphia.

That’s because after four years of fostering a healthy Fairfax County based high school baseball rivalry, Dunigan, an infielder who just finished his freshman season at Temple, and Wager, a third baseman from Villanova, ended up on rival teams once again when they joined the college baseball ranks this past spring.

Now the two have come full circle, teammates for this summer, playing wooden bat summer baseball back in the area where each grew up. It has given both a new perspective on what the rivalry and their opposition is all about.

“It’s a little weird,” said Wager of being on the same team as Dunigan. This past season, his Villanova squad defeated Dunigan’s Temple team two out of three times. “Yesterday, we were talking about whether his college coach makes a big deal of the Temple-Nova game as much as ours does and he said yes. It’s good to hear they put as much importance on it as we do.”

“It’s nice playing with him because at least I know him, I know how he plays, I know that we can hold up our end of the lineup,” said Dunigan, a Great Falls native and an all-region selection as a

high school senior in 2008.

WAGER AND DUNIGAN are just two of 36 players from Fairfax County who have returned to the area this summer to take part in the CGL, one of the nation’s top summer baseball leagues. In Sunday’s game between the Senators and Grays, which Vienna won 11-2, 16 players from the area took part, six of whom are McLean, Oakton, Vienna or Great Falls natives.

Having been around for more than 60 years now, the CGL has turned an annual rite of passage for the top Division-I players from the area to work on their games heading into the upcoming collegiate season, all while testing their mettle against some top notch competition.

Notable alumni include Mark Teixeira of the New York Yankees, Jonathon Papelbon of the Boston Red Sox and Joe Saunders of the Los Angeles Angels.

Still, though, the league’s roots remain locally grown. For instance, the Vienna Senators are managed by Chris Burr, a Madison graduate who played four seasons in the big leagues for the Texas Rangers.

“You come out here everyday and play with the guys you grew up with,” said Oakton grad Alfred Rodriguez, currently a shortstop at Maryland playing for the Vienna Senators this summer. “We played against all these kids in high school and so now it’s sort of fun.”

Rodriguez is splitting time on the field with his former Oakton teammate and current Virginia starter Keith Werman, who just finished up a 6-for-10 hitting perfor-

Vienna Senators Heating Up

It should come as no surprise that 20 games into the Clark Griffith Baseball League season, the Vienna Senators sit atop the standings. Since the team was founded in 1994, the Senators have won nine league championships and been in the league title game 13 of their 14 years in existence.

After sending more than 150 players to the professional ranks — including six that have made MLB appearances — the Senators might have one of their better teams in recent memory.

Following Sunday’s 11-2 win over the D.C. Grays, Vienna now has a 17-3 record, averaging close to seven runs per game.

After a slow start while players adjusted from the wooden bats mandated by the CGL (aluminum is the norm in the college ranks), the Senators have hit their stride in the batter’s box. In its last four games, Vienna has 44 runs.

“We knew we had a talented group of hitters, just based on their production in college this year,” said manager Chris Burr. “It was just a matter of time and now they’re starting to gel together.”

As a team, the Senators are hitting .288, with Robinson graduate Austin Booker (.396), Nick Kurockza (.366) and Tony Mitchell (.362) leading the way.

In Sunday’s 11-2 win over the Grays, Mitchell jacked two homeruns, including a three-run shot during Vienna’s seven-run fifth inning that broke open the game. Mitchell finished with four RBI, while starting pitcher gave up just five hits and two runs over six innings.

“You come out here everyday and play with the guys you grew up with.”

— Oakton grad Alfred Rodriguez

mance for the University of Virginia baseball team in the College World Series.

Though he was playing in front of packed stadiums on national television just a few weeks ago, “it’s still the same game” in the CGL, according to Werman, who like everyone else involved, is just trying to get a leg up on the competition heading into his sophomore year of college.

ANOTHER DRAW for area players is getting to sleep in their own bed. Many players in the CGL hail from colleges and towns across the country, and therefore spend the summers with host families. The locals, though, get to go home after a long day of base-

ball.

Players in the CGL typically have three to four games per week, and are on the diamond or in the weight room for workouts five or six times a week.

“Especially after being away for eight months, it’s nice that I don’t have to travel my first year out of college,” said Dunigan.

For Wager, coming back to the area for summer baseball has been more than he could have hoped for. He played on Waters Field as a youngster in Vienna Babe Ruth leagues, but his parents moved to Richmond following his senior year at Oakton. So playing for the Grays has given him the chance to have a homecoming of sorts with all his high school friends.

And it hasn’t stopped him from giving one of his new ones a hard time. When asked if he had gloated to Dunigan about Villanova’s season-series win over Temple, a wide grin came over his face.

“I probably should, I’ve never thought about that,” he said. “But we’ve got 40 or so games over two months, so there’s time for that.”

THE COUNTY LINE

Deadlock Over Transportation Crisis

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change construction at Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Neuman Street, Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Interstate 95 or Franconia Road and South Van Dorn Street, according to Ichter.

"There are roads that have been included in the secondary program since 1986 and now there is no hope of getting them built in the short term," she said.

LACK OF "secondary road" construction funding could also impact much of the plans to redevelop Tysons Corner and other parts

of northern Fairfax County around the new Metrorail extension. According to Ichter, there will be no state money to expand the number of bus routes or increase service on existing bus lines, even if passengers at the new Metro stations demand it.

There will also be no state money available to assist with developing a grid of streets or installing more pedestrian and bicycle paths in Tysons Corner, where the county hopes to create a more urban landscape, said Ichter.

"I think this will absolutely affect every resident ... In two or three years, when we have no new money coming in, it is going to be extremely difficult to get even basic new work done," she added.

Due to the budget shortfall, the Virginia transportation department is also unlikely to mow street medians and the public space along the side of many county roads, except in those areas the long grass poses a safety hazard for drivers.

IN SOME CASES, new transportation projects are moving forward because the federal or local government stepped in to fill the financial gap.

Federal stimulus money will allow construction of the final phase of the Fairfax County Parkway and a new interchange at the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway, Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive.

County government is using some of its own revenue for Telegraph Road improvements in anticipation of a change in traffic patterns when several new jobs move to the Fort Belvoir military base.

Under Virginia law, state transportation funding must be used for maintenance before capacity enhancements and new construction. So a general lack of transportation funding coupled with the rising cost of Virginia's road maintenance has resulted in fewer dollars for new transportation projects.

Several sources of revenues specifically dedicated to transportation, including the sales tax and fees associated with car purchases, have also declined in the recent recession.

Nearly all elected officials have said that more transportation funding is needed, particularly in heavily congested areas like Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. But state government officials, including the governor and Virginia General Assembly members, have been unable to reach a compromise on how to address the problem.

For the most part, Republicans in the General Assembly have been unwilling to raise taxes to assist with transportation needs. In general, Democrats have been unwilling to divert money from other state programs like education and public safety to solve transportation issues if taxes or fees are not increased to address the problem.

The closest the state government has come finding a transportation solution was in 2007, when a bill with new transportation funding mechanisms passed out of the Virginia General Assembly.

The bill passed the responsibility for raising revenue off to local governments, like the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and regional bodies, like the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

But the Virginia Supreme Court declared the 2007 transportation bill unconstitutional, stating that regional entities made up of appointed members, like the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, do not have the power to impose taxes on residents.

Since then, Republicans and Democrats in the state government have been in a deadlock, unable to find common ground over how to solve the transportation crisis. Without resolution, the revenue has dwindled.

In several ways, Fairfax County's hands are tied, even if the supervisors wanted to raise their own revenue for transportation.

The Virginia General Assembly has put several restrictions on types of taxes and revenues the Fairfax supervisors are able to implement. They are mostly limited to adjusting the local real estate tax rate.

Herrity has suggested Fairfax County use some of its bonding authority to find extra money for transportation projects. But using the county's bond capacity for transportation would mean there are fewer dollars for Fairfax's other priorities, including school building construction and renovation, said other supervisors.

"In two or three years, when we have no new money coming in, it is going to be extremely difficult to get even basic new work done."

— **Kathy Ichter,**
director of Fairfax County's
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"Opera News;" Who New?



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

As a currently-receiving-treatment cancer patient, I am often sitting in a medical-related office/facility somewhere either waiting for an appointment with a doctor, for some kind of scan/diagnostic procedure, lab work, prescription drug refill, etc. And as most people know — and likely have experienced — these waits can vary from minutes to hours.

Being prepared to fill this time is a prudent and practical step to take. Unfortunately, other than carrying my cell phone and my appointment book, I rarely do. As a consequence, if calls are not being made — or received — or notes not already written, I am left to fend for myself, you might say, in order to pass the time. And by fending, I really mean scrounging, as in looking around at the various tables, chairs, shelves, counters, etc., for something, anything, to read.

Most often, there is ample material to be found. Being able to actually read what's available though is another thing. The condition — and timeliness — of these magazines leaves a lot to be desired and may even leave a little to the imagination. Of the many magazines scattered about: Time, Newsweek, US Weekly, People, Sports Illustrated, as a few examples, most are out of date; in fact, One New Yorker Magazine had a Sept. '07 Issue date. In addition, the general condition of many of these magazines made them almost unreadable: front and/or back covers missing or torn; inside pages also missing and/or torn; many of the pages shredded, yellowed, stained, written on and some with corners bent and curled; less than ideal circumstances for someone who came ill-prepared to wait, needing something marginally stimulating to pass the time, time which needs to be filled two to three times per week on average.

Occasionally, I do find magazines that are not so difficult to read, shall I say. And during a recent visit, after encountering the normal appointment delay and magazine mayhem, I did notice one magazine that appeared by its cover's condition, to have been barely touched by human hands so I picked it up: "Opera News" was its title. And not that I know too much about the difference between "Opera News" and Oprah news (although now I know that they both have magazines), but I had never heard — or seen about the former, though I've certainly heard about — and seen — the latter.

Aside from the content (which was totally unfamiliar to me), it was the condition and publication date of the magazine that caught my eye. The condition was hot-off-the-press perfect and its publication date was the week of the month on which I found myself sitting and waiting. Of all the magazines strewn about whose content I might have had a passing-the-time interest in reading (most of which were fairly — or unfairly — unreadable as I've previously described), the one magazine that was the most physically readable and the most current was the magazine that I was least interested in reading, content-wise.

Under my present health circumstances, I can't exactly characterize this sort of irony as a cruel trick, but I can see its use a fodder for a column. Perhaps for my next appointment, I'll be better prepared to sit and wait because I expect little will change, other than me, that is.

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