ViVa! Vienna! Takes Over Town

The younger children loved the amusement rides at ViVa! Vienna!, from the gentle carrousel to the dragon coaster.
Explore Enrichment Opportunities
Do you have an aspiring musician, painter, or sculptor in the family? If you're looking for opportunities to help your student pursue a special interest, the Institute for the Arts (IFTA) likely has a class to help him or her focus on skills, concepts, and the artistic process.

IFTA is a visual and performing arts program for students entering grades 7-12 in the 2012-13 school year. Dozens of enrichment classes, taught by professionals, help students grow and expand their knowledge of dance, music, theatre, cartooning, computer graphics, photography, and more.

The Elementary Institute for Arts (E-IFTA) offers enrichment classes for students entering grades 4-6 in the 2012-13 school year. Students experience total immersion in the arts as they rotate through exciting and stimulating classes in dance, drama, music, and visual art.

“Students develop skills and talents while exploring subjects and fields that interest them when they take enrichment courses,” said Folly. “For example, Tech Adventure Camp gives students a chance to rotate through a series of eight classes including automotive technology, culinary arts, CAD/3D design, gaming, graphic arts, robotics, video and webpage design. It is great exposure to many forms of technology for students who have an interest in that area.”

Young people interested in pursuing a career as models, fashion designers, makeup artists, or hair stylists will explore all that and more at Fashion Camp, July 9-13, at Fairfax High School. The camp is open to all students entering first grade through ninth grade. Campers will participate in activities designed for separate age groups. Campers will learn about fashion trends and create their own personally styled outfits, jewelry, and accessories in preparation for a fashion show at the end of the week.

Dive into a Good Book
Summer is a great time for children to explore books and discover reading for enjoyment. Students who read during the summer are more likely to improve their word recognition and reading comprehension skills. So encourage your child to pick up a book, discover a new subject or author, and have fun too! Many schools provide summer reading lists for students and the Fairfax County Public Library offers a summer reading program.

Summer Learning Fun
Splashing around in the pool, bicycle riding in the neighborhood, playing video games—just a few ways children spend their summer days. Do you want to add some exciting, fun, and even educational activities to your child’s summer?

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers many programs to keep students learning throughout the summer including enrichment classes, art classes, drivers’ education classes, foreign language camps, and more.

“Learning doesn’t just occur between September and June,” said Levi Folly, manager of FCPS summer programs. “Summer academic and enrichment courses expose students to subjects and areas they might not access during the school year and they provide opportunities for students to focus on areas of interest with like-minded students.”

“Completing an academic course during the summer gives students more flexibility in their fall schedule. In fact, most students who take an academic summer course do so to get ahead,” he said.

Academic programs are available for students who want to accelerate their course of study during the summer, need to recover a credit, or pass a Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) end-of-course test.

The Summer Online Campus is open to FCPS students and non-FCPS students and includes mathematics, science, English, history, physical education, and Spanish courses. New online courses include creative writing, Algebra 2 head start, college essay writing, and rich writing.

FCPS also offers two summer sessions for students seeking SOL credit. An SOL writing test remediation session will be held July 9-20 and a non-writing test session will be held July 9-24 for the following courses: Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, World History-Geography 1, World History-Geography 2, and Virginia History.

Current FCPS high school seniors who need to earn one standard credit in Algebra 2, Geometry, English 12, or Virginia U.S. government in order to graduate can enroll in the Term Graduate Academy to receive credit and graduate by August 31. The classes will be taught at Lake Braddock Secondary School July 9-27.

Left: The go-cart was constructed in the Automotive Technology class “Start Your Engines” at Tech Adventure Camp last summer. The campers assembled and drove the go-carts.

Learn Languages and More Through ACE

FCPS Adult and Community Education (ACE) offers a variety of classes for everyone in the community.

Exploring world languages through games, art, songs, crafts, and activities help students in grades K-6 learn other languages. The Foreign Language Experience (FLEXI) Summer Camps provide instruction in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish.

High school students who need classroom and behind-the-wheel training to meet state driver education requirements can fulfill the requirement by completing their classes through ACE.

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**ViVa! Vienna! Takes Over Town**

Marketplace, food, live entertainment draw thousands.

It takes a lot more than blistering, pounding heat to keep Vienna-area families and neighbors away from ViVa! Vienna!, the Vienna Rotary Club’s three-day Memorial Day weekend festival.

Visitor demographics spread out from newborns to seniors, families and groups of teens. Live entertainment, to appeal to young and older, was offered on the Main Stage on the Town Green and at the Children’s Stage behind Freeman House, in the shade. Shade, in fact, was in high demand, as people sought respite from the heat under the old shade trees behind Freeman House.

The bungee jump, the most expensive amusement ride at the festival, had no dearth of takers, although the dragon coaster and swing were pretty popular among the little ones. The lines for the rides moved fast.

The food court offered everything from traditional carnival food to ethnic cuisine, fruit drinks, and fried candy and pastry, keeping adults happy. Twenty amusement rides and kid-focused entertainment kept the youngsters happy. The successful weekend made the Rotary Club happy, too. Net proceeds from ViVa! Vienna! are donated back to community nonprofits.

Former Virginia governor Tim Kaine, with Del. Mark Keam (D-35), shook hands and spoke to festival visitors and vendors on Sunday. Kaine and Keam spent a while listening to the competitors of Vienna Idol, the fundraiser founded by Caffe Amouri owner Michael Amouri to benefit the Khristin Kyllo Memorial Fund.

The Vienna Idol competition, sponsored by Caffe Amouri, Whole Foods and The Business Bank, held court in the Caffe Amouri parking lot fronting Church Street on Sunday, May 27. Caffe Amouri split the semi-finals into two rounds, one at 11 a.m., the second at 2 p.m. During the break, the Vienna Dance Academy students wowed the crowd with their routines.

Vienna soprano Danielle Talamantes stopped foot traffic along Church Street with her pitch-perfect, ethereal rendition of the Star Spangled Banner to kick off the second round.

Some visitors remember coming to ViVa! Vienna! themselves as children; now grown-up, they are back with their own children. Others, such as Mike Linegang, started coming to the festival five years ago. His oldest child is four now. “It’s just a great community event,” said Linegang, carrying son Aidan, 4, on his shoulders, and daughter Emily, 2, harnessed to his back. “It’s a chance to shop, look around. The kids love the rides and games and the performances on the Town Green. “We’ll be back for Rocknoceros tomorrow.”

— Donna Manz

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**Vienna Women’s Club Hands Out Scholarships**

Three recipients receive $1,000 each to help with college expenses.

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Greeting New ‘Fellow Americans’

Fairfax County hosts fourth annual naturalization ceremony.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

“M y fellow Americans,” U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11) said with gravitas, pausing to let the meaning sink in.

And when it did, 75 immigrants - from Afghani stan to Uzbekistan - who had just raised their right hand and taken the Oath of Allegiance to become American citizens, erupted with applause and tears, waving American flags and hugging family members. They were gathered at the Fairfax County Government Center Friday, May 25, for the county’s fourth annual naturalization ceremony.

“You now join us...Every new wave of immigrants refreshes us, makes us stronger,” Connolly said, leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“I am happy for today,” said Shahnaz Hassan, a recent immigrant from Egypt who lives in Fairfax.

“Everything gets easier here,” she said in halting English. She said she was looking forward to voting in the presidential elections this fall.

Yusuf Beshir, originally from Ethiopia, works as a government contractor in Springfield and brought his daughter, Kedja, 4, who was born in Virginia, to the ceremony. Beshir said he pursued American citizenship for many reasons.

“I am proud of being an American,” Beshir said. “The main thing is democracy. Here, you can vote. You can be what you want in America. You can be president...If you want to be a doctor, you can be a doctor,” he said, smiling at his daughter. “I tell her the possibilities are endless.”

MODERATED by Corazon Sandoval Foley, the naturalization ceremony for 75 candidates from around the globe was part of the county’s Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations. The event began with the Presentation of Colors by the Fairfax County Public Safety Honor Guard and the National Anthem sung by Captain Francis Mensah of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD).

Samuel DeVera, a captain with the county’s Fire and Rescue Department and a member of the Fairfax County Asian American Firefighters’ Association, gave the keynote address, telling the audience his personal story of coming to America from the Philippines when he was 14 years old in 1983. After becoming a paramedic in 1994, he received a Valor award and, in 2010, scored first on the test to become a captain with the Fire and Rescue Department.

“Look at me. The one thing I can say is work hard to make you and your families better,” DeVera said. “If you’re vice president of the company, aim to be president. I’m not here to encourage you; I want to challenge you.”

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) presented the Certificates of Naturalization to the new Americans.

“Some of you have endured hardships to arrive at this time and place,” Bulova said in her remarks. “All of you have invested your time, money and efforts to become citizens. Many of you came here to escape war or endless poverty.”

She said she was “proud” to see the growing number of small businesses being opened by immigrants.

“Fairfax County has a very strong sense of community. Our residents and corporate neighbors are highly engaged, with a seat at the table when decisions are made. You who are here today now officially have a seat at that table.”

Andrew Eade from England received a loud applause and cheers from his family and friends when Bulova presented him with his certificate. A resident of Herndon for 16 years, Eade said he wanted to become a citizen so he could “fully participate in the system and vote.”

“You want to feel like you are getting your voice heard,” he said.
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Surviving through Summer

It is that time again, the time from proms to graduation, and all the celebrations that come with it. It’s lovely to think, from a distance, that this is a happy and uncomplicated time for teens as the school year winds down, many look forward to college in uncomplicated time for teens as the school year winds down, many look forward to college in

Few adults with clear memories of high school would likely be willing to turn back the clock and relive that time, especially with the addition of mobile phone videos and photos to accompany those awkward moments or more serious bullying or harassment.

We do know that many, if not most, teenagers will be celebrating, or possibly self-medicating, with alcohol, and that many will engage in binge drinking. While drinking and driving, or getting into a car with a driver who has been drinking, can kill, there are many other problems that come along with binge drinking. Parents owe it to themselves to talk to their teens about it, even as the teen turns away, rolls eyes, and otherwise indicates he or she is ignoring everything you say, some information will go in. They do hear you, and sometimes even make use of the information later.

Keep talking. Tell them you love them. Tell them it’s been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking. Tell them you’ll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home, without grounding them for the summer.

Father’s Day Photos

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 17, 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 grand children.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your own name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 8.

You can submit your photos online at connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday or email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

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Agree E-Zpass should have two LED or LCD displays that illuminate at five to seven seconds after passing by a toll station displaying toll rate and cost incurred. Present E-Zpass transponder along with VDOT charging for monthly statements guarantees that the fares with always rise without taxpayer input or awareness of the increases.

However I have a larger issue that no one addresses — HOV and E-Zpass express lanes are a huge waste of money.

For HOV and E-Zpass lanes, take total construction costs (exclude annual operations and maintenance costs) divide by maximum traffic capacity. The result is the lowest cost of providing the road per vehicle.

This is equivalent to an oil company, natural gas company, or water utility calculating the maximum flow rate through a pipeline. Obviously, the company wants as much product as possible flowing through the pipeline at all times to minimize cost and maximize profit. Also, the company favors a continuous flow of product rather than the product flowing in distinct packets — which is what automobiles are: distinct packets carrying one person.

Now perform the same HOV and E-Zpass express lanes calculation based on actual traffic capacity. The difference between the first and the second calculations represents funds lost (wasted), as well as the magnitude of error as to the estimated benefit the lanes provide in alleviating commute time and commuter anguish.

Since all taxpayers pay for the construction, operation, and maintenance of HOV and E-Zpass express lanes, the lanes need to be integrated into the regular traffic lanes, so that all taxpayers can benefit from the expanded traffic handling capacity and to minimize losses.

Virginia is setting a dangerous precedent where one small group of individuals receive special rights that no other taxpayer receives. But providing these special rights is not based on race, color, gender, or orientation, but solely on ability to pay. Such a “solution” further stratifies the commonwealth’s population into the “haves” and the “have-nots.” And the current high cost of being elected and re-elected guarantees which constituency will receive the greatest amount of attention and services from politicians.

More cars, more traffic lanes, and more gasoline is not the answer — and everyone knows it is not the answer. The answer is a robust, vibrant mass transit system. Not a Metrorail system that runs alongside the beltway (how is that any better or different than what already exists). But rather a system that extends into edge cities (like Manassas or Woodbridge) and transports citizens to the central city or to other major edge cities.

Instead of an objective, analytical, empirical, data-based report evaluating the HOV or E-Zpass express lanes after they are placed into production, VDOT will issue a statement claiming that the HOV and E-Zpass express lanes are sound, unqualified successes justifying the huge expenditure. Which also means VDOT expresses HOV lanes and E-Zpass express lanes everywhere. Meanwhile, taxpayers will be left to wonder why with all the “solutions” the problem only gets worse.

Don Alberstadt
Arlington

Bike to Work Day Celebrated

Megaprojects communications specialist Lauren Frazier, on right, greets cyclists at a Merrifield pit stop along the W&OD trail on Bike To Work Day, Friday, May 18. The pit stop was manned by Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence), Transurban officials, Megaprojects staff, Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), INOVA Fairfax Hospital and area volunteers.
Oakton Dentist Indicted

Hamada Makarita, 50, of Oakton, has been charged in a 15-count indictment of using his position as a dentist to illegally distribute prescription pills to patients, employees and women he dated. He was also charged with allegedly using the identity of another dentist to fraudulently bill an insurance company of more than $160,000 in claims.

Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and James W. Mckenzie, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI’s Washington Field Office, made the announcement.

Makarita was charged with conspiracy, health care fraud, aggravated identity theft, and 12 counts of dispensing controlled substances. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison on the health care fraud charge, 20 years in prison for conspiracy and each dispensing controlled substances charge, and a consecutive two-year sentence for the aggravated identity theft charge.

According to the indictment, Makarita owns and operates a dental practice in Oakton, and advertised online at www.fixasmile.com. The indictment alleges that from about 2007 to 2012, Makarita distributed and dispensed thousands of dosages of prescription medicine to patients, employees and girlfriends, all without a legitimate dental purpose and beyond the bounds of a dental practice. Makarita allegedly asked those who received the prescriptions he issued to return to him some or all of the prescribed medicine.

In addition, the indictment alleges that Makarita provided more than $160,000 in services to his family members and billed them to an insurance provider in violation of the provider’s contract. He allegedly billed the services under the name of another dentist who did not practice in Makarita’s office at that time. Makarita received more than $91,000 in reimbursement from the provider for these fraudulent claims.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI’s Washington Field Office. Special Assistant United States Attorney Mazen Basrawi is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

This case is part of an Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (“OCDTF”) investigation (Operation “Cotton Candy”), which has been focusing on the illegal distribution by numerous doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and patients of pain medication.

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Teacher Honored for ‘Inspiration’

Former Wolftrap Elementary student builds a new lab in honor of his teacher Candace Leyton.

Candace Leyton was not just one to educate; she was one to inspire. Chris Shumway, her former student who was a UVA undergrad and Harvard Grad student, wanted to honor a teacher who made him “feel empowered.”

On Monday, May 21, Wolftrap Elementary School held a groundbreaking ceremony for a Candace Leyton Innovation Learning Lab.

Shumway kicked off the ceremony after a brief introduction by Anita Blain, the principal of Wolftrap Elementary School.

By pooling $800,000, Shumway is able to fund this project, and furnish the lab with state-of-the-art technology.

“Leyton was the epitome of somebody who wanted to make a difference,” Shumway explained.

SEVERAL STUDENTS approached Teresa Khukli, assistant principal at Wolftrap, to tell similar stories about inspiring teachers, a message Shumway had hoped would resonate.

“All County Chorus sings “Today is the Day” near the end of the groundbreaking ceremony at Wolftrap Elementary School. The chorus members include: Christina Bosco, Anna Carlson, Erin Crowley, Claire DeViney, Johna Ezzard, Gracie Fechtler, Michelle Fuhrer, Sophie Gibson, Sydney Jones, Kelsi Listman, Talsi Mehta, Kiley Moriarty, Laila Ostapovicz, Neha Reddy, Alexandra Schmitz, Anna Sotelo and Erin Williams.

“The story that Chris Shumway told about Candace Leyton never allowing him to give up and always challenging him to do more was inspiring,” said Khukli, who also helped organize the logistics of the ceremony. “It was wonderful to hear our students speak about Wolftrap teachers today the way that Mr. Shumway fondly remembers Mrs. Leyton.”

According to Peter Leyton, the husband of Candace Leyton who took the stage next, she was a “tough cookie” and had a “biting sense of humor.”

“Hopefully, the ceremony will show that teachers can make a difference,” said Diane Long, one of the Wolftrap Elementary School’s administrative assistants.

Michele Ferreira, currently an active member in the PTA, remembers when she

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Inspiring Teacher Remembered

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was one of Leyton’s students. With Leyton’s passion for math, she had inspired Ferreira to pursue engineering.

“One thing I liked was how we got to work with older kids, while still mentoring the younger ones,” Ferreira said.

A 30-year employee of Fairfax County Public Schools, Leyton established an innovative approach to education. She fueled inspiration for her students as thinkers, and developed unconventional modes of experiential learning.

Rather than the teaching solely taking place in the classroom, Leyton reached far beyond those bounds. From her established family math nights, to her emphasis on traveling as a means of learning, Leyton took a twist on conventional teaching.

Leyton also took an interest in the music curriculum. After traveling to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, Leyton integrated opera into students’ classes.

Leyton was a source of inspiration for Ferreira after introducing this musical genre. Ferreira found herself as a member of the Washington Opera for five years.

The Shumway Foundation is also honoring Leyton, and “other great teachers who bring creativity and a love of learning to the classroom.”

“Just as Mrs. Leyton challenged Chris Shumway to learn, we hope this technology lab will inspire both students and faculty to develop skills as critical thinkers and innovators,” said the foundation.

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Langley Lacrosse Wins Northern Region

Saxons defeat Oakton in semifinals and Chantilly in finals.

The Langley Saxons defeated the Oakton Cougars in a Northern Region boys’ lacrosse semifinals playoff game last Thursday, May 24. As a result, the Saxons booked their passage to the Northern Region boys’ finals the following day (Friday, May 25 versus Chantilly) and also earned an automatic berth to the Northern Region boys’ finals. As a result, the Saxons booked their passage to the Northern Region boys’ finals.

Langley, in Thursday's region semifinals, bested the talented and host team Cougars by a score of 16-12. The Saxons then went on to defeat the Chantilly Chargers, 7-6, for the region crown on Friday night at Lan-}

Madison Girls Advance To Regional Semifinals

Warhawks set to meet W.T. Woodson in round of four soccer matchup.

Last Thursday, May 24, under ominous skies at Lee High School in Springfield, the Madison Warhawks and Lee Lancers girls’ soccer teams squared off in a hard-fought Northern Regional quarterfinals playoff match that saw four overtime periods before eventually being decided on penalty kicks. Both teams played valiantly for over 100 minutes as Madison ultimately prevailed by a score of 3-3, 3-1 on penalty kicks.

Midway through the first half, senior Shaydah Naraghi opened the scoring for Madison on a hard strike from the left side that gave the Warhawks a 1-0 lead that they would hold for most of the first half. But, with a few minutes remaining in the half, Lee found the Madison goal to tie the score at 1-1.

As the second half began, the skies opened up and a steady rain fell for the reminder of the game. Madison struck quickly, on a free kick by Rachel Madison, to break the score open on the right side, took a nice pass from her teammate, dribbled towards the goal, and beat the keeper to the far post.

After a short break at the conclusion of regulation play, the exhausted teams played four, five-minute overtime sessions, with neither team managing to score. With the score tied at 3-3, both teams prepared for the penalty kick shootout to decide which team would move on to the regional semifinals.

THE SHOOT-OUT FORMAT provides five rounds of penalty shots (five by each team) in an alternating format. Madison went first and Moore put the Warhawks ahead, 1-0, with a low, hard shot to the right corner. Lexi Graham, Madison’s keeper who has had a strong and steady season, was ready for the challenge and turned away the first Lee shot to preserve Madison’s 1-0 lead.

Kaitlyn Dorka buried her shot low right to give Madison a 2-0 lead which they held when Graham made another point-blank stop of a Lee shot. Rebecca Henry gave Madison a 3-0 lead with a low rocket to the left corner. However, Cox scored for Lee to make the score 3-1 after three rounds of penalty kicks.

Madison missed its fourth kick when the Lee keeper anticipated the shot and made a nice stop. However, Graham ended the drama and a long night of soccer when she made one last fabulous stop on a Lee shot to give the Warhawks the win.

The referee signaled game over and the Warhawk players rushed to congratulate their goalkeeper and celebrate the win.

With the win, Madison advances to the regional semifinals where they will play the Woodson Cavaliers this week on Wednesday, May 30.

By Nick Dorka Special to the Connection

Davis Carries Oakton Softball to Region Semifinals

By Jon Roetman

Members of the Oakton softball team endearingly refer to standomophomore pitcher Allison Davis as “The Chosen One.” Facing a win-or-go-home scenario on May 28, Davis gave the Hayfield Hawks a glimpse of the talents that earned her the same moniker as NBA star LeBron James.

Davis threw a two-hit shutout and delivered a two-run double as Oakton defeated Hayfield, 6-0, in a Northern Region quarterfinals matchup at Falls Church High School. Davis walked one, hit one batter and struck out 11 while allowing only one runner to reach third base. At the plate, her two-run double was part of a four-run fourth inning for the Cougars.

“She works so hard,” Oakton head coach Ray Gordon said. “Allison works at the game 12 months of the year. She’s really good.”

While Davis’ work ethic continues to improve her on-field talents, No. 21 said she has also gotten better at handling pressure.

“I think I took a lot of the weight last year just being the pitcher and I let it get to me a little bit,” the sophomore said. “This year, I’ve just kind of calmed down and relaxed and I’ve learned to trust my team because they’re really good on defense.”

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Checks should be made to OHSABC and sent to Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna, Va. 22181. The Oakton Cougar Baseball Camp is intended to reach players solid fundamentals in baseball skills. The primary goal is to provide each player with the instruction, knowledge, and evaluation necessary to raise their level of play. Instruction will emphasize the core values of Oakton Cougar Baseball: Excellence, Teamwork, and Integrity.
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The Pure Pasty Co. makes celebration cake.

It took a four-month period, two pounds each of butter, flour and sugar, eight pounds of mixed dried fruit, home-made marzipan and fondant, branded and artistic finesse to create the spectacular Queen Elizabeth II’s Diamond Jubilee cake at The Pure Pasty Co. on Church Street. The fruitcake, made in the traditional British manner, weights in at approximately 30 pounds, 15 of which are cake, six pounds marzipan, six fondant, and two pounds worth of solid-fondant coronation crown coated with sugar paste.

If you think that's hard to describe, you ought to try making it.

That's just what Pure Pasty chef Nicola Willis-Jones and shop colleagues did. The ingredients alone cost $100 for the 100-serving cake.

THE TWO-TIERED fruitcake, laden with dried fruit and soaked in brandy for four months, was designed and made in honor of Queen Elizabeth II’s Diamond Jubilee, the 60th anniversary of her ascension to the throne. There are layers of marzipan and fondant to gild the lily.

“We’re bringing the Jubilee celebration to the U.S.,” said The Pure Pasty Co. owner Mike Burgess, whose shop made a wedding cake in honor of the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Willis-Jones estimates the cake took her and two fellow chefs about 16 hours to make from start to finish. Willis-Jones concentrated on the fruitcake and its design, and the sugar 60 was made by Jen Starchak and the fondant by Jessica Parsons, all of whom have cake decorating experience.

The official UK bank holiday weekend celebrating the ascension of Elizabeth to the throne in 1952 is celebrated from June 2 through June 5 throughout the United Kingdom. Queen Elizabeth II’s coronation was in the following year.

June 2, in London, 1,000 barges will float down the Thames River, with Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family heading the procession. On that same date, a six-inch fruitcake will be raffled off at The Pure Pasty Co.

Fruitcake, explained Willis-Jones and Burgess, is the traditional cake to serve at festive events, from weddings, birthdays and anniversaries to christenings. The Pure Pasty Co. Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee cake is on display until June 2 when the cake will be cut into serving pieces and sold to celebrate the momentous occasion.

“If they come here to look at the cake, they’ll learn something they didn’t know,” said Willis-Jones. “What they don’t know is that the flags on the cake represent the 16 realms of which Queen Elizabeth II is the monarch.”

Willis-Jones trained as a chef as a member of the Royal Air Force. “I can honestly say I cooked for the Queen and other members of the royal family,” Willis-Jones said. “Along with other chefs, of course.” She spent time in Australia learning pastry-making techniques before moving here 6-1/2 years ago. She joined fellow Brit Burgess when the shop opened. A year ago, she moved up the chef ranks, teaming with Burgess and chef Jessica Parsons to create the rich, authentic Cornish pasties of The Pure Pasty Co.

Besides the commemorative fruitcake, The Pure Pasty Co. is making “coronation chicken” to mark the Diamond Jubilee. The cold curried chicken salad, in vol au vent pastry shells, was concocted in 1953 to serve at the Queen’s coronation.

The Pure Pasty Co., a go-to shop for British expatriates and Anglophiles, boasts of buying organic ingredients. When asked if preservatives, artificial flavoring or coloring, any kind of “junk,” was used in the fruitcake, Willis-Jones appeared to be appalled by the suggestion. “We don’t cook with junk in here,” she said. They do use sugar, though.

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Breakfast
* One Egg, Home Fries and Toast
  Choice of Sausage, Scrapple, Bacon or Ham
* Two Eggs, Home Fries and Toast
  Choice of Sausage, Scrapple, Bacon or Ham
* Three Eggs, Home Fries and Toast
  Choice of Sausage, Scrapple, Bacon or Ham
* Egg Beaters Home Fries and Toast
* Country Ham and Two Eggs, Home Fries and Toast
  Choice of Sausage, Scrapple, Bacon or Ham
Cream Chipped Beef on Toast or Home Fries
* Salmiaki and two Eggs Scrambled, Home Fries and Toast
  Fat French Toast
Hotcakes (made the old-fashioned way)
Chocolate Chip Hotcakes
  (Sorry, No poached eggs)

Sandwiches
* Egg on Toast with Cheese
  Choice of Sausage, Scrapple, Bacon or Ham.
* Steak & Egg Sandwich with Provolone
  (Sorry, No special orders)

Omelettes
Our omelettes are made with two large eggs and are with home fries and toast:
Cheese Omelette
  Choice of American, Cheddar jack, Swiss or Pepper Jack.
Ham and Cheese Omelette
Tex Mex Omelette
  With cheddar cheese and salsa.
Western Omelette
  With eggs, onions, and ham. Add cheese (optional)
Veggie Omelette
  With onions, peppers, and cheese.

Side Orders
* One Egg
* Two Egg
* Ham
* Bacon
* Sausage or Scrapple
* Country Ham Grilled

Beverages
Apple, Cranberry, Grapefruit, Orange Juice
Hot Tea, Hot Chocolate, Cappuccino
All menu prices available for Carry-Out

Appetizers
Buffalo Chicken Wings
  With ranch, celery, and blue cheese dressing.
Broccoli Wings
Breakfast Served
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Sun: 9am - Noon

Entrée
* Omelet Mimosas
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Salads
Grilled Chicken Salad
  With mixed greens, bacon, cheddar, and a Choice of dressing.
Caesar Salad
  With romaine lettuce, Parmesan cheese, croutons, and a Choice of dressing.
Taco Salad
  With corn tortilla chips, shredded chicken, Cheddar cheese, and a Choice of dressing.

Specialty Sandwiches
* Chicken Paella
  Shredded chicken, peppers, and onions wrapped in a flour tortilla shell with salsa and cheese.
* Blackened Tuna Sandwich
  With a fresh filet on 3-grain bread.

Baskets
Chicken Tender Basket
  With fried chicken tenders, coleslaw, and garlic mashed potatoes.
Fried Hush Puppy Chicken Basket
  With fried chicken tenders, coleslaw, and fried hush puppies.

Sandwiches
Grilled Cheese with Ham
  Choice of white or wheat.
North Carolina BBQ
  With brisket, pulled pork, or chicken.

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