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Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Del. Mark Keam (D-35), Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D- Hunter Mill), Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-11), and State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) unveiled the new National Register of Historic Places marker at the Freeman Store.

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# Prom Package Contest Makes The Big Night Brighter

Karin's Florist partners with local businesses to provide prom prize valued at over \$1,000.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

For 56 years, Karin's Florist has been part of the Vienna community, serving it at births, anniversaries, proms, weddings, and other special events marking a passage in life.

Karin's partners with charitable organizations, from medical causes to civic clubs, schools and the business community to raise support for them. The "Prom Package Contest" reaches out to Northern Virginia high school students with loads of gifts valued at over \$1,000.

"We love supporting the community," said Karin's Florist president, Maris Angolia. "Today's high school students are our customers of tomorrow. We appreciate the business the community brings us."

**THE PROM PACKAGE CONTEST**, now in its sixth year, features a grand prize of limousine service from Reston Limousine, up to six passengers for six hours; dinner for six at The Capital Grille Tysons, a \$350 value; boutonnieres and corsages from Karin's Florist for three couples; hair styling for three young ladies and haircuts for three prom-going gentlemen from The Falls Salon in Great Falls.

The grand prizewinner will be randomly drawn. The student with most nominations—or "votes"—will win an outing for eight, compliments of Fun Company Events at Dulles Golf Center.

About six years ago, Angolia and her goddaughter were brainstorming marketing ideas that engaged the community, doing something to recognize high school students, which her goddaughter was at that time. The teen thought up the idea of a prom contest and Angolia expanded the project to include all Northern Virginia high schools. Other local businesses were quick to partner with Karin's Florist.

Nowadays, corsages start at about \$30 and go up



PHOTO COURTESY OF KARIN'S FLORIST

**Maris Angolia, president of Karin's Florist in Vienna, offers area high school students the opportunity to win a "prom package" valued over \$1,000.**

depending on "extras," said Angolia. Bling is big now.

**NEW THIS YEAR** to Karin's service is a "Build-Your-Own Corsage" buffet. Young women going to proms can choose from a display menu: wristlet, flowers, and extras to accent corsage.

When the contest was initially developed, participants could only enter by going into Karin's to do so. A few years later, the contest turned to the Internet, as well, and now, students can enter electronically.

Only one entry per person but same recipient name can be designated by multiple people.

Angolia suggested getting family and friends to enter on a student's behalf. The more times you are entered or "voted" for, the better your chances are to win," said Angolia. Winner must claim prize within one week of drawing or another raffle ticket will be drawn.

Recipient of grand prize must be a high school student in the Washington, D.C., metro area, and the prize must be used towards a prom event. The winner cannot be an employee or family member of Karin's Florist or other sponsors.

Winner will be announced on Monday, April 22. If the grand prizewinner's prom has passed, the prize package over \$1000 will be awarded.

All prizes were donated by businesses supplying them to the contest. "When we approached them, they all signed on," said Angolia. "They really are great partners. We all want to do something for local students."

Enter online at [www.karinsflorist.com](http://www.karinsflorist.com) or stop by Karin's Florist at 527 Maple Ave. E., Vienna by April 19. No purchase is necessary and you do not need to be present to win. The winner will be notified by phone and email if not present. The form, hard copy or electronic, must be filled out in its entirety and any entrant may only win one prize. Karin's Florist is located at 527 Maple Ave. E., Vienna.

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**Members of the American Legion 17th District Honor Guard opened the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance.**



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THE CONNECTION

## Revisiting History at Freeman Store

**Vienna celebrates as National Register of Historic Places marker is unveiled.**

BY LORI BAKER  
THE CONNECTION

**L**ate last year Vienna's Freeman Store building was honored with inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Last Saturday, Vienna residents, local dignitaries, town council members and passers-by gathered at the historic site to watch the unveiling of the new plaque.

The celebration included performances by the James Madison High School Madrigals, and the euphonious Vienna Community Band. Four members of American Legion 17th District presented the colors.

"No place has a sense of itself if it doesn't have a sense of history," U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), said at the ceremony. "Vienna certainly does have a sense of history."

He reminded visitors of the important role that The Freeman Store played in history. Many know that the building changed hands several times during the Civil War. It served as a military hospital, and as a military station for both the Union and the Confederacy. But many may not know that even after Appomattox, the building was used by the military, explained Connolly. The man who killed Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, was stationed at the Freeman Store. Boston Corbett was sent out with a company of men to hunt Booth down. He eventually found him, shot him, and Booth died a few hours later. Corbett then returned to his station at the Freeman Store.

The store was also the site of one of the secessionist votes. State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) explained that when the new state that became West Virginia broke away from Virginia, both Fairfax and Loudon counties were on the original map to be included with the new state. But in the end, the new state legislature decided not to include them.

Vienna resident Bonnie Salzberg brought her daughter Abigail to the festivities. Abigail is a fifth grader who "loves the store," said Salzberg. "We're



**The National Register of Historic Places Dedication drew a large crowd last Saturday, April 6, to Freeman Store.**



**John Vrana played the part of Abram Lydecker, original landowner and merchant of the property, which was then called Lydecker Store. "The land was cheap, it had good soils and climate, and a wonderful market of government people in the city of Washington. In the 1850s this was a booming area," he said.**

here all the time," she said. "You just feel like you're a part of the community."

The Freeman Store, which is an exact replica of how the building looked 154 years ago, was open all day for tours on Saturday. There was also a traveling Civil War History Mobile on site for those who wished to learn more about Virginia's Civil War sesquicentennial.

"This is a wonderful community event bringing our history alive for all of the young people here," said Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34).



PHOTO BY JODI BEATTY

**Last week, more than 300 Oakton Elementary students worked with artist Kevin Reese, a sculptor-in-residence, to design and build this high-flying, swirling mobile unveiled during a dedication ceremony at the school on Friday, April 5.**

## Artists at Work At Oakton Elementary

**Public art project caps two-year renovation of school.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he kinetic sculpture—16-foot-tall, with bright blue and green swirling arrows—looks like a classic Alexander Calder mobile on exhibit at the National Gallery of Art.

But this visually striking mobile is planted in front of Oakton Elementary School, the new capstone of the school's \$18 million two-year renovation project.

The towering artwork, designed in collaboration with OES students and sculptor-in-residence Kevin Reese, was dedicated during a school ceremony Friday, April 5.

"It is a type of sculpture known as a 'swirling stabile,' meaning that the highest portion freely rotates in the breeze," said Martha Allen Godin, the school's cultural arts coordinator and longtime PTA member, who spearheaded the art project. "The design incorporates a Panther Paw representing the school's Panther mascot. It also includes arrows symbolizing the many possibilities opened up through education, student figures and a star."

**DURING A FIVE-DAY PERIOD** last week, the PTA hosted Reese, who worked with

more than 300 students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades to help create the permanent kinetic sculpture for the school. Students helped design, measure, cut, sand, paint and assemble the sculpture, giving them a hands-on experience of the creative process.

"Students get a tremendous sense of ownership in the result," Reese said. Since 2001, Reese, a sculptor and actor, has worked nationwide with thousands of children to build more than 90 moving pieces of public art, including sculptures at Saratoga Elementary School in Springfield and Hunter Woods Elementary in Fairfax.

"My goal is to allow them to see something they've had a hand in from beginning to end. It's a powerful feeling for them."

Godin said the blue and green colors reflect the school colors and mirror the decorative tiling in the new portion of the building.

"While Kevin Reese has completed many school sculptures since 2001, he says that this is the first one he has ever done that is positioned in a raised bed nearly 5 feet off the ground. When combined with the height of the art piece itself, this means the sculpture will reach nearly to the school's new roof," Godin said.

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**Dr. Tehreem Butt, who started Family Dentistry of Fairfax in 2008, received the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson Award for his "compassion and willingness to provide free dental services to children in need." He attended the gala with his wife and children. (From left) Anna Tehreem, a student at George Mason University, Dr. Tehreem Butt, wife Naima Tehreem, Labibah Tehreem, a sophomore at Centreville High School, and Zukhruf, 14, a freshman at CHS.**

# Children 'Dress Up With Grown-ups'

**Medical Care for Children Partnerships funds medical, dental care for children of uninsured working families in Fairfax County.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**M**en donned tuxedos; women wore glittering formal dresses, and children dressed in their co-tillion finest.

But stuffiness was not invited to this black-tie gala.

As MC Andrew laid down hip-hop, old school and swinging Sinatra tunes, dozens of children and their parents danced and partied at the annual "Dress Up with Grown-ups Gala," hosted by the Medical Care for Children Partnerships (MCCP) at the Mason Inn Saturday night, April 6.

Former Redskin player Charles Mann, the master of ceremonies, and Dr. Angel Cabrera, president of George Mason University, welcomed 250 guests to the annual fundraiser, which included many Northern Virginia business leaders and local legislators.

"Children's health is our mission, and children are a special part of our celebration tonight," said Alan Harbitter, president of the MCCP Foundation Board of Directors.

"We really want everyone to have a fun and memorable time."

Judging from the laughter and smiles on the dance floor, they did.

Although the gala was a child-centered celebration—featuring a magician, caricaturist and fire truck—the MCCP Foundation has a serious mission.

**THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP** funds healthcare for the children of uninsured working families in Fairfax County. MCCP-eligible children, many of whom are immigrants, have working parents who don't have access to health insurance and whose incomes are too high for Medicaid but too low for adequate, regular healthcare. For a family of four in Fairfax County, the annual income level cut-off is about \$55,000, said MCCP Executive Director Margery Leveen Sher.

"We want these children to have the care that any other child has," Sher said. "It's a great cost savings for the community, because without MCCP, they would go to the emergency room, and probably be a lot sicker and need more care. We are often the last safety net."

Sher said the nonprofit foundation currently provides medical and dental care to approximately 2,500 uninsured children in low-income families in Fairfax County, and last year spent \$172,000 on children's dental care alone. She said approximately \$600 covers the dental care needs for one child, and estimates about 9,000 children need the help of MCCP.

The MCCP Foundation also marked a milestone at the gala: providing \$1 million in healthcare costs to Fairfax County's children of low income, uninsured families.

"I like the combination of corporations, healthcare providers and public entities coming together to provide a leveraged model for taking care of the healthcare needs of Fairfax County's working poor. ... It's an enriching, rewarding, innovative organization," MCCP Foundation board member Harry Klaff said.

Partners of MCCP include Fairfax County government, corporations and individual financial supporters. Kaiser Permanente and 300 doctors and dentists provide low or no-cost care to MCCP children. Sher said Fairfax County provides case management for families, and support that includes transportation, language assistance and help accessing specialty care.

"MCCP is a unique partnership between healthcare service provid

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# Giving Children a Healthy Smile

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ers, like Kaiser Permanente, the county and the foundation that fills a critical need in our county—health and dental care for children that would not otherwise have access to it,” said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), who attended the event with his wife Nancy.

Herrity said MCCP “has a special place in my heart” because of his father’s involvement in its formation more than 25 years ago. “It is a great example of personal and corporate responsibility and giving.”

**ONE OF THE EVENING’S HIGHLIGHTS** was the presentation of the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson memorial award. Arnoldson, a pediatrician who passed away in 2009, was one of the original doctors of the MCCP program in 1988. The award is given to a person who embodies Dr. Arnoldson’s credo that “giving is a matter of conscience.”

Dr. Tehreem Butt, of Fairfax Family Dentistry, received the award.

“Dr. Butt has provided a welcoming dental home to our children for many years, and he is always willing to provide care in an emergency,” Harbitter said. “He always treats our children just like other patients in his practice, with kindness and compassion.”

“I like to see children smile,” Butt said as he accepted his award. “I want to help them stay out of pain. When they come to my office, sometimes they are kicking and screaming, but they leave happy. That’s the best part of my profession.”

Born and raised in Lahore, Pakistan, Butt attended dentistry school at the Nishtar Medical College in Multan. In 1986, he emigrated to the United States and completed a two-year dental program at New York University. In 2007, he and his family moved to Centreville, and he opened his Fairfax practice in 2008.

“Since then I have had the pleasure of treating children referred by MCCP. This experience has given a totally new meaning to my dental profession,” Butt



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

**Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Penny Bladich of Vienna, the vice president and treasurer of the MCCP board, hold a doctor Build-A-Bear. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation donated 40 bears, all dressed in medical attire, for the gala’s silent auction. Other silent auction items included a golf game at Robert Trent Jones with Charles Mann; five Redskins tickets on the 50 yard line; and a bowling party for 40 of your best friends.**

said. “To me, children are the most beautiful creatures of God and there is nothing comparable to being able to give them a healthy and happy smile.”

Event sponsors included: Kaiser Permanente, Jones Lang LaSalle, Quest Diagnostics, INOVA, ICF International, Reston Hospital Center, and CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.

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# OPINION

## Voting Again

Every year is election year in Virginia, and it's a bit much.

The most hotly contested race for statewide office in Virginia, the Republican contest for lieutenant governor, will be decided at a statewide convention on May 18. That's about a month from now.

A statewide Democratic primary will take place June 11.

On Nov. 5, all eyes will turn to Virginia to follow the conclusion of a fascinating race for governor. Democrat Terry McAuliffe will face Republican Ken Cuccinelli in a contest that will appeal to more conservative Republicans and more liberal Democrats.

The race will feature massive efforts to turn out the vote. Mailboxes will fill up with glossy mailers. Airwaves will no doubt reflect the election.

Wait, didn't we just do this?

Yes, but in 2013, Virginia will choose governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and all 100 members of the House of Delegates. Arlington voters will also elect one member to the county board and one member to the school board. City of Alexandria voters will also elect a commonwealth's attorney and sheriff.

And it won't be simple.

Right now it appears that there are seven Republican candidates, two Democratic candidates and an Independent Green candidate running for lieutenant governor.

Republicans will choose from their seven candidates at a statewide convention on May

18. Here are the names of the seven: Jeannemarie Devolites Davis (R), former state senator and wife of former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis; E.W. Jackson Sr. (R); L. Scott Lingamfelter (R), state delegate; Steve Martin (R), state senator; Jeff McWaters (R), state senator; Pete Snyder (R); Corey Stewart (R), Prince William County Board chair, and Susan Stimpson (R), Stafford County Board chair.

Democrats will choose a candidate for lieutenant governor in the statewide primary on June 11; candidates are Aneesh Chopra (D) and state Sen. Ralph Northam (D).

Two Republicans and two Democrats appear to be running for attorney general: Democrats Justin Fairfax and state Sen. Mark Herring would face off in the June 11 primary. Republicans would choose between candidates Del. Rob Bell (R) and state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R) at the state-wide convention May 18.

Town of Vienna voters will elect three members of its town council on May 7.

Virginia has a General Election every year on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November; that's Nov. 5, this year. Federal offices are elected in even-numbered years. State and local offices are elected in odd-numbered years. If primaries are called by the political parties, they are held on the second Tuesday in June; that's June 11, this year.

This is a formula for election fatigue, alternating record voter turnout with tepid voter

turnout. Realigning Virginia's election calendar so that the critical statewide races took place in presidential election years would increase voter participation, although this change is not simple and not likely.

The Virginia General Assembly voted this year to impose much more stringent voter identification requirements starting in July 2014, an unnecessary step that suppresses the votes of poor, elderly and minority voters. Instead, they should fund an annual mailing to all registered voters that summarizes what and who will be on the ballot. This would increase the integrity of elections, giving all voters a chance to arrive at the polls informed and engaged.

Here are some good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>.

Virginia Public Access Project, <http://www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state>.

Fairfax County Board of Elections, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm>.

Alexandria Board of Elections, <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections>.

Arlington Board of Elections, <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Alarmed by School Names

To the Editor:

Am I the only one alarmed by the presence of high schools named after confederate leaders? After our nation's long and divisive war, symbols of bigotry abound; this, however, is only amplified as a problem when the symbol is a high school.

To be clear, the "War of Northern Aggression" (as it is ridiculously called in some areas), and Virginia's part in it, are things to be ashamed of, not to glorify. Forcibly legitimizing treasonous villains, and allowing our children to be the recipient of our preposter-

ous revisionism is wrong.

For example: The following high schools should be changing their names immediately:

Robert E Lee High School  
JEB Stuart High School  
Fairfax High School (Rebels)  
Stonewall Jackson High School

To erroneously fight your country is wrong. To erroneously fight your country for your right to enslave is worse. To glorify those who have erroneously fought their country for their right to enslave is the worst thing we could be doing.

**Kiran Hampton**  
Great Falls

## A Photo ID: Victory for Voters

To the Editor:

The voters of Virginia won a great victory when Governor McDonnell signed SB 1256, which changes Virginia's law to require a recent photo ID as the only acceptable identification for voting. Thus, a positive identification can now be made with a visual check to verify that the person coming to vote is actually who he claims to be. The existing law allows a number of passive identifiers such as a voter registration card or even a utility bill which proves nothing other than that the person has in his possession a piece of paper with a name and address on it. The person's identity is not verified.

Voters across the commonwealth now can be assured that their individual vote will not be nullified by a fraudulent vote. Opponents of this bill will argue that there is no evidence of fraudulent voting and thus SB 1256 attempts to solve a problem that does not exist. However, when non-verifiable identification is al-

lowed, it is virtually impossible to identify and convict fraudulent voters except in the most flagrant of cases where multiple votes are proven to be cast by a single voter or where the person attempting to vote is clearly known not to be the voter listed in the registration book.

Photo identification has become a necessary requirement for many of our routine daily activities. Yet, somehow opponents of this bill believe that proving our identity to exercise our constitutional right to vote is less important than proving our identity before boarding an airplane or cashing a check at a bank or donating blood. Since the new law provides for free photo IDs to be issued to those few without one, it is meaningless to claim that requiring a photo ID for voting will disenfranchise various groups such as the poor, the elderly and minority groups. In fact, studies from other states have shown just the opposite result. Voter registration and turnout have actually increased within these groups after enactment of a photo ID law.

**Anne Damon**  
Fairfax

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# HomeLifeStyle

## Virginia Historic Garden Week Celebrates 80th Anniversary

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Virginia will be in bloom later this month when more than 250 of the state's picturesque gardens, homes and historic landmarks open to the public for Historic Garden Week. The statewide event, which is in its 80th year and runs April 20-27, includes sites in Alexandria and Fairfax Counties.

"Virginia is especially beautiful during Historic Garden Week," said Lynn McCashin, executive director of the Garden Club of Virginia, which sponsors the statewide house and garden tour. "Every year is different, and this one is extra special because of the anniversary."

Karen Cauthen Miller, Historic Garden Week state director, says the event will feature approximately 32 separate tours throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The event raises money to restore and preserve Virginia's historic landmarks.



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**Historic Garden Week is scheduled for April 20-27 and will include sites in Alexandria and Fairfax Counties.**

"Historic Garden Week has transformed the landscape of Virginia over its 80-year history. It's really an incredible accomplishment," said Miller. "One-hundred percent of proceeds go to the restoration and preservation of the state's most important public properties. The list is a

who's who of any place your kids would visit on a school fieldtrip. We restored the Bowling Green at Mount Vernon with funding from the Historic Garden Week, for example."

Miller added that Historic Garden Week is the largest ongoing volunteer effort in



Virginia and is put on by 3,400 volunteers who work year-round.

"The restorations are of such a scale that they require the combined efforts of all 47 clubs that make up the Garden Club of Virginia. In Northern Virginia alone, the projects that have benefited from Historic Garden Week include Mount Vernon and Green Springs, the state's only Beatrix Farrand garden," said Anne Geddy Cross, chairwoman of Historic Garden Week.

There are 78 special events throughout the commonwealth of Virginia planned during the weeklong celebration. In Alexandria, for example, those who

purchase tickets to the Old Town Alexandria tour will also have admission fees to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens waived on April 20.

Ticket prices for Historic Garden Week vary. For a tour schedule and ticket information, visit [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org).

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**12** 3228 Navy Drive, Herndon — \$920,000

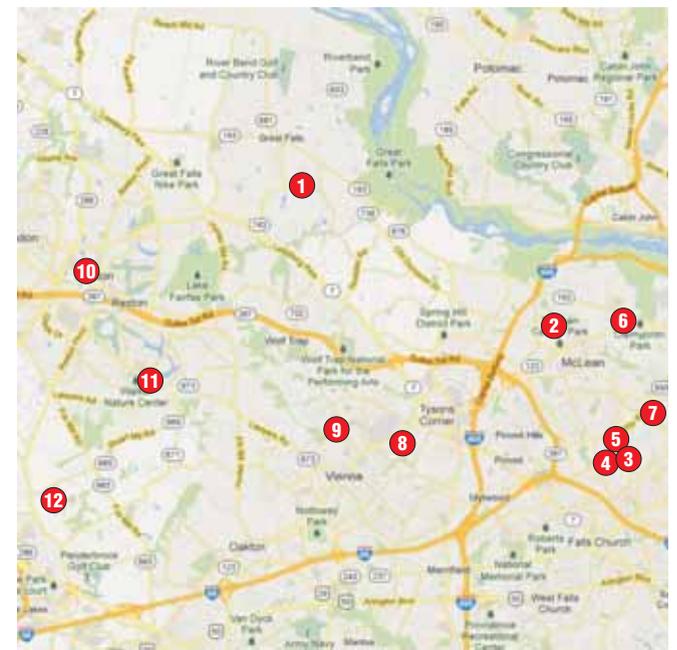


**8** 1006 Polly Street SE, Vienna — \$1,400,000



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## McLean Kitchen And Garden Tour Planned for May 1

On Wednesday, May 1 (rain date: May 2), the Woman's Club of McLean will mount the community's first Kitchen and Garden Tour. The hours of the tour will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Set in Countryside Estates in west McLean (the same area that was featured in the club's 2010 Holiday Homes Tour), the event will focus on the kitchens and gardens of six large homes situated on one-acre lots.

Each lot has enough space, often in front as well as in back, for extensive gardens, along with decorative arbors, borders and winding paths; small and large pools; patios; and decks. In many cases, professional landscapers have helped to design the layout and content of the gardens. The tour booklet will list in detail the varieties of plants, shrubs and trees present, as well as other landscape features. The Countryside area is known as one of the most beautiful neighborhoods of McLean when the gardens are in bloom.

The tour houses are located on Holyrood Drive and Countryside Court, near Balls Hill Road and Georgetown Pike. Woman's Club organizers hope that the closeness of the area to the Beltway (Exit 44) will make it easily accessible. Parking will be available on the street.

Tickets for the Kitchen and Garden Tour will be \$25 if purchased before the day of the tour and \$30 if purchased on the tour day. Tickets are for sale at three local businesses: Flowers and Plants, Etc. (1378 Chain Bridge Road, McLean), Karin's Florist of Vienna (527 Maple Ave., E., Vienna) and Great Dogs of Great Falls (9859 Georgetown Pike), in addition to Vinson Hall Retirement Community (6521 Old Dominion Drive, McLean). On the day of the tour, tickets will also be available at the tour houses.

All proceeds of the tour will go to the Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing Project at McLean's Vinson Hall Retirement Community. For more information, contact a McLean Woman's Club member at 703-556-0197 or sheridan2@cox.net.

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### THURSDAY/ APRIL 11

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**MoveMENT: Christopher K. Morgan and Artists.** 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. As part of the Artist-in-Residence at the Alden program, choreographers and dancers bring athletic, contemporary dance; a collaboration between male choreographer and composer/cellist Ignacio Alcover perform with special guests. \$25; \$18, MCC residents. [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).

**"Never the Sinner."** 8 p.m., at 1st Stage in Tysons, 524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner, McLean. Playwright John Logan's riveting first play about the 1924 "crime of the century." General: \$25; students: \$15. or 703-854-1856 or [www.1ststageTysons.org](http://www.1ststageTysons.org).

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**Spring Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Thousands of used books from hardback fiction to non-fiction and everything in between at bottom dollar. 703-938-0405 or [FPHL101@gmail.com](mailto:FPHL101@gmail.com).

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### SUNDAY/APRIL 14

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### TUESDAY/APRIL 16

**Tropical Paradise (in a Non-Tropical Climate).** 9:45 a.m., at Vienna Presbyterian Church on the lower level, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Five Hills Garden Club hosts Joe Seamon, aka Boca Joe, an exotic landscape designer, freelance writer, public personality and co-founder of the VA Palm Society. 703-988-9324.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 18

**Sprays, Dusts, and Aerosols: A Chemical R/Evolution.** 7-9 p.m., at McLean Project for the Arts, 1234

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**Art Opening Receptions.** 7-9 p.m., at McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Drawings and portraits in Ousia: Drawings by Rula Jones on paper, executed with a surrealist edge are in the Atrium Gallery; Jessica van Brakle exhibits her delicate drawings of cranes and mechanical objects in landscape settings juxtaposing the natural and manmade in the Ramp Gallery. The exhibitions run through June 1. 703-790-1953 or [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

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**An Evening With Melissa Manchester.** 8 p.m., at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The pop icon sings romantic ballads with a powerful voice, featuring international hits like "Midnight Blue" and "Don't Cry Out Loud." \$35. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### FRIDAY/APRIL 19

**Paula Cole.** 8 p.m., at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer/songwriter Paula Cole plays songs from her recently released album Raven, featuring poetic lyrics and a strong voice. \$25. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

# NEWS

**Mosaic Harmony gave an energetic and inspiring performance on Saturday evening, April 6, as the Celebration of Dreams and Expressions of Peace was brought to an end.**



PHOTOS BY  
JENNIFER BENITZ/  
THE CONNECTION

## Celebrating Nonviolence

### Celebration of Dreams and Expressions of Peace at Unity of Fairfax.

BY JENNIFER BENITZ

**J**ubilant, energetic and uplifting are just a few ways to describe the atmosphere at Unity of Fairfax on Saturday evening, April 6, during the Celebration of Dreams and Expressions of Peace closing ceremony of the 64-day Season of Nonviolence. Now in its 16th year, the Season of Nonviolence honors the visions of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for a peacefully empowered world. This year, the Season of Nonviolence commemorated the 30th and 50th memorial anniversaries, respectively, of King and Gandhi.

The closing ceremony attracted over 100 people of various ages, backgrounds and faiths to come together to inspire, honor and express their celebration for peace through music, dance, prayer and readings. Senior Minister Reverend Russell Heiland welcomed the crowd before passing the attention to New Day—a Unity of Fairfax band that was one of two live music performances presented on Saturday.

“The truth is we are jubilant everyday about peace in every day we are creating it,” Reverend Heiland said. “We create it with the thoughts we think, the words we use, the actions we take and the way in which we simply choose to be peacemakers in the world.”

The two-hour event also included excerpts from World Heal



**Sandra Bell of Vienna took the stage on Saturday and provided a strong performance, singing “The Impossible Dream.”**



**Season of Nonviolence Team Leader Donna N. Lee and Senior Minister Reverend Russell Heiland take a moment to pose for a picture in front of a banner displaying “Peace” as the Ceremony of Dreams and Expressions of Peace event began to wrap up on Saturday evening, April 6.**

“My little girl reminded me why I miss Worship.”



She asked, “Did God go away?” And for the first time, I realized how busy we have become here in Northern Virginia. Our kids rely on us for the most important things in life. Faith helps us stay strong and choose wisely. So we’re going to church on Sunday.



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# SPORTS

## Madison Baseball Wins Battle of Vienna

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The Oakton baseball team started strong on a sunny Saturday afternoon, April 6, scoring three runs in the first inning. But while the Cougars came out with a bang, it was a blast by Madison senior Ben Socher that put the finishing touch on a lopsided Warhawks victory.

Socher launched a two-run homer in the top of the seventh inning, putting an exclamation point on an 11-3 Madison victory during the battle of Vienna at Oakton High School. The Cougars came into the contest undefeated and ranked No. 4 in the Northern Region, but failed to hold a 3-0 lead as the No. 1 Warhawks came storming back.

"We knew Oakton was hot coming into this game being undefeated," Socher said, "but we knew if we just kept at it, kept with our hitting approach at the plate, kept playing defense, we'd be fine."

Madison improved to 9-1, earning its ninth straight win after dropping its season opener to Fairfax on March 20. The Warhawks took the lead for good with four runs in the third inning, including a two-run single by third baseman Dan Powers.

"We know they're a good team, but this is always a fun game to play," Powers said.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERNUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**Madison right fielder Ben Socher had a double and a two-run homer against Oakton on Saturday, April 6.**

"Everyone's grown up in Vienna and we know all the guys on that team. It's just a fun game to play."

Madison added three runs in the fourth, including a two-run single by designated hitter Michael Nielsen, who finished with two hits. Socher, Powers, shortstop Andy McGuire and first baseman Patrick Eason

also had two hits.

Oakton suffered its first loss after a 7-0 start.

"[Madison] answered back, they did what they needed to do and then we just couldn't get it going again," Oakton head coach Justin Janis said. "... We need to take the right lessons from it. We need to learn how to

## Warhawks overcome three-run deficit to beat Oakton.

respond when things aren't going our way."

Third baseman Dale Good had two hits and an RBI for Oakton. Shortstop Mitchell Carroll had a two-run double.

"We have 10 [Concorde District] games coming up," Good said, "and we have to realize this game doesn't mean anything for that part of our season."

Sophomore Brian Eckert started on the mound for Madison and pitched three innings, allowing three earned runs. Junior Nick Brady pitched three-and-a-half perfect innings of relief before sophomore John DeFazio got the final two outs.

"This one's for pride," Madison head coach Mark Gjormand said. "... It's good for the school, good for the community, good for the region."

Madison remained No. 1 in this week's edition of the Northern Region coaches poll. The Warhawks hosted Langley on Tuesday, April 9, after The Connection's deadline. Madison will host McLean at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12.

Oakton moved up to No. 3 in the poll. The Cougars hosted Herndon on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Oakton will host Chantilly at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12.

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**The Patriots Black players are (kneeling, left to right) Sofia Devin, Sophie Morley, Christina LaRow, Natalie Farrell, Tracey Mills, Katie Skoff (center with trophy), Catherine Howard, Margaret Covey, Simmi Cilluffo, Rachel Jackson, and (standing left to right) Abbey Hoisington, Corinne Polk-Trauman, Grace Fisher, Abby Fusca, Megan Nayak, Rachel McFaul, and Rachel Kim. Absent from the photo is Anna Davis.**

## VYS Patriots Black Win Platinum at Jefferson Cup

The Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) Patriots Black, an under-13 girls travel soccer team, competed in the 2013 Jefferson Cup tournament Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17, in Richmond. They were crowned Champions of the Platinum Division after four hard-fought games against teams from Vir-

ginia, New Jersey and New York. After a 1-0 win and a stinging loss on Saturday, they rallied and battled to two 1-0 victories over their opponents despite cold temperatures, rain and muddy fields Sunday. The VYS Patriots Black compete in the Region 1 Premier League and are coached by Hank Leung.

# Students Help Design Outdoor Sculpture

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“Our students loved working with Kevin and were so proud of their creation,” said OES Principal Christine Gray. “This is an experience they will never forget, and the art is something they can come back and see year after year.”

The school’s top-to-bottom renovation project, which began in 2010, was designed to improve the building’s aesthetics and comfort, as well as enhance the learning environment for students and teachers. The renovation added more than 20,000 square feet to the building, increasing the space from 70,000 square feet to approximately 91,000 square feet, in part to accommodate the projected increase in student population from 700 to more than 750 students in 2014.

In addition to high-speed Internet access, the refurbished classrooms now have brighter lighting and an audio enhancement system which allows the voice of the teacher and sound from the computer to be equally distributed throughout the room.



**Last week, sculptor-in-residence Kevin Reese shows Oakton Elementary students the details of building a 16-foot swirling mobile. The public art was unveiled during a dedication ceremony at the school on Friday, April 5.**

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**THE RENOVATION** also included major improvements to the building’s infrastructure: the school’s fire suppression and security systems were updated, and new state-of-the-art HVAC systems and high-efficiency boilers were installed.

A high-tech media center with student/teacher workstations replaced the school’s retro and cramped library space. The media center is located in a new wing of

the school that includes a centrally located main office and new classroom space.

Originally built in 1913 as a high school—when Woodrow Wilson became president and most residents rode bikes and electric trolleys—the school was rebuilt as an elementary school after burning down in 1945.

For more information on the art project, visit Kevin Reese’s website at [Schoolsculptures.com](http://Schoolsculptures.com).

# Oakton Elementary Promotes Family Fitness

On Sunday, April 21, local families will hit the pavement in the heart of Vienna in an effort to raise money to support educational and enrichment programs at Oakton Elementary School (OES).

The inaugural Family 5K and Fun Run organized by the OES PTA will feature a one-mile “Fun Run” beginning at 8:30 a.m. in addition to the 5K that kicks off at 9 a.m. at 131 Church St. in Centennial Park. An awards ceremony will be held at the conclusion of the race (approximately 9:45 a.m.). Awards will be distributed to the top finishers in a variety of age categories. In addition, there will be a post-race celebration featuring a DJ, face painting, a magician, a free ice cream truck and refreshments.

Several local businesses, including title sponsors Mathnasium and LM&O Advertising, have partnered with the OES PTA in support of this event. In addition to raising funds for the enhancement of educational programs at OES, the Family Fun Run and 5K intends to promote health and wellness throughout the community and encourage families to

have fun exercising together. “I am thrilled that Oakton Elementary School is sponsoring the Family 5K and Fun Run,” said Christine Gray, OES principal. “It is a great opportunity for parents and children to run together and experience the joy of crossing that finish line, while raising money for a great cause.”

Gray said she just recently began training for a half marathon as a member of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s (LLS) Team in Training.

“Running has provided me the opportunity to challenge myself and push beyond where I ever thought I could go. This is a great metaphor for our students,” she said. “Every day, we challenge them to push the limits of learning and accomplish goals that they set for themselves.”

For more information, go to [family5Kfunrun.com](http://family5Kfunrun.com). Registration will be available online until 2 p.m. on April 18. Limited registration will also be available the day of the event. Strollers are permitted in the race, however pets are not allowed on the course.

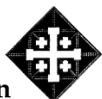
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ing Meditation, a video of King's "I Have a Dream" speech, readings of World Peace Prayers, and music from the diverse choir Mosaic Harmony—a powerfully energetic way to mark the end of the joyous occasion.

As the last act of the night, Mosaic Harmony took the stage to end the ceremony with three inspiring songs. The choir, which

is comprised of 21 different faiths itself, sang with enthusiasm that got the audience on its feet.

"Peace is a power; it has to be more than a philosophy," said Mosaic Harmony Director David North. "We not only just sing about it, but try to encourage one another to live it. The diversity of the evening was really beautiful. It showed people of different backgrounds singing the same song about how we need peace. That's neat—to

join together as a community, and to proclaim and affirm that together."

The Season of Nonviolence, which ran from Jan. 30 to April 4 this year, was started by the Association of Global New Thought. While it was the first time in a few years that Unity of Fairfax took part in the campaign, Season of Nonviolence Team Leader Donna N. Lee was happy with the turnout—and she wasn't the only one.

"I went to the opening ceremony and was

really moved so I wanted to come tonight," said Fairfax resident Charlene Brown. "[The Season of Nonviolence means] bringing awareness that people can live together in harmony and it starts with us—right here, right now."

"Tonight was a way of saying we can do this," said Reverend Heiland. "Regardless of any obstacle that has come before us, there is always an idea, always a way, to bridge that [obstacle] and move through it."



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