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Pausing to Remember America’s Fallen

Memorial Day ceremony at Oakton’s Flint Hill Cemetery.

Residents and dignitaries alike paid their respects to America’s fallen heroes during American Legion Post 180’s annual Memorial Day ceremony. It was held Monday, May 26, at Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton.

Attendees included U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11th), Del. Mark Keam (D-35th), Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34th), Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco, Vice-Mayor Carey Sienicki and City Manager Mercury Payton.

The Vienna Community Band performed and Legion Auxiliary members placed flags on veterans’ graves.

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“In my job, I sent young folks to Vietnam,” he said. “My choice was to think of them as faceless numbers or as individuals with a history and, hopefully, a future. I chose the latter. And on Memorial Day, we come together to recognize the sacrifices of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.”

Acknowledging Flint Hill Cemetery’s history, Basnight said it’s one of Fairfax County’s oldest community cemeteries. Dating back to 1852, it was originally called the Flint Hill Burial Ground when Oakton was known as Flint Hill. Buried there are prominent civilian and military figures, including at least 26 Civil War veterans — four of them members of Confederate Col. John S. Mosby’s Rangers.

“In this special spot on this special day, we pause to remember all those who’ve served this nation in uniform, in every place, in every branch of the service,” said Basnight. “We say thank you, and we also remember and thank all those who are serving our country today.”

Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco

Cunningham, Squadron 180, speaks while (from left) Gerry Connolly, Laurie DiRocco, Chap Petersen and Mark Keam applaud.

Adam Hilkert leads the Vienna Community Band.

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11th)

Keynote speaker Walter I. Basnight Jr.

Photos by Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection
When members of a community join together for a common purpose, there’s virtually no limit to what they can accomplish. And when residents from throughout Vienna and Oakton gathered to package meals for the world’s hungriest people, they definitely made an impact.

“Our goal is to package 250,000 meals,” said Sue Hamblen, director of missions with Vienna Presbyterian Church. “They’ll go wherever they’re needed most, mainly to schools and orphanages.” And in this case, the food was sent to Nicaragua.

That’s why, on a recent Saturday, Madison High’s cafeteria was filled with people of all ages working in a production-line arrangement to package meals for the international, hunger-relief organization, Stop Hunger Now. Some 1,507 people registered to help, but a couple dozen walk-ins also joined the effort.

They worked in four shifts of 350 volunteers each and, said Hamblen, “This is a coalition of 10 sponsoring Vienna-Oakton churches, plus representatives from 20 total Vienna-Oakton churches participating. And it’s Vienna Presbyterian’s and Emmanuel Lutheran Church’s fourth year of doing it.”

THE EVENT was advertised through the churches, but also helping out were local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and members of the Vienna Rotary Club and Vienna Business Assn. Participating, as well, were students from Madison High’s Honor Society, Oakton High’s tennis team and 250 students and teachers from Waples Mill Elementary.

“To purchase the meals, the community raised $62,500 over a couple months,” said Hamblen. “A lot came from the churches, and even individuals contributed on their own. Some checks were as high as $1,500; people donated whatever they could.”

Each food package contained six meals and each meal costs 29 cents. Overseeing the packaging event at Madison were Kate Millman, Stop Hunger Now’s National Capital program manager, and Dominic Alexander, Stop Hunger Now’s regional program manager.

“Each meal contains rice, soy protein, dehydrated vegetables – tomato, onion, bell pepper and celery, and a vitamin sachet with 21 different vitamins and minerals,” said Millman. “The vitamin sachets are provided by Heinz, which helped design them specifically for malnourished children. These meals have the most nourishing combination of foods because they’re vegetarian and packed full of protein – and many mothers and children are protein-deficient.”

Packaging Food for Stop Hunger Now

Churches, community unite to feed hungry children.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Vienna’s Brenda Burns and granddaughter Bethany Kraft, 4, measure rice together.

Volunteers measure soy protein for packaging.
Helping to Stop Hunger

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Regarding this local, packaging event, she said, “I think it’s awesome because it brings together lots of groups from the Vienna-Oakton community. And it’s so cool to see students, teachers, community and church members and Scouts working alongside each other.”

In the cafeteria, the volunteers received instructions and then people at each, long table either measured the food going into each meal package and filled the bags, weighed each meal, sealed the bags or packed them into boxes. “Everyone seems happy; they’re smiling and having a good time,” said Millman. “Each person has one, simple job to do; and when everyone does it, it makes such a big impact.”

Hamblen said people were also enjoying the fellowship of working with many, different faith denominations within the community. “Collectively, the faith community is taking a stand against global hunger,” she said. “We’ve also gotten to know each other, and I think it’ll be a springboard for us to come together for other common causes, as well.”

Among the participants was Michele Shaw of Fairfax Community Church. “We did a few of these events at our church and wanted to do more,” she explained. “And we help out here because they always need extra, experienced people to lend a hand.”

“We make sure the volunteers are packing and sealing the meals correctly, wearing gloves and packing and sealing the boxes right,” she continued. Noting that about 10 members of her church were there, Shaw said, “We go to Vienna a lot, and we heard about this event and wanted to be here to help.”

One of the busiest workers that day was the Rev. Corky Eddins, an associate pastor with Christ Church of Vienna, which meets at Madison. And he brought at least 150 church members with him.

“We’re excited about this project,” said Burns. “Doing something that makes a difference resonates with us as a group,” she explained. “We think the love of God expresses itself through us, but we have to put it into action.”

Also helping was Luc Rousseau, a Thoreau Middle School seventh-grader. Boxing up the meal packages, he’d come to the event on his own. “I’m a Boy Scout and I wanted to get service hours,” he said. But besides that, he added, “This is a good thing to do because it’s giving food to the needy, and it makes me feel good to do it.”
New Measure: More Living in Poverty

Many households living in poverty in our region, invisible to most of us most of the time.

When thinking about affordable housing, about funding for schools, about expanding health coverage, it’s important to hold these numbers, these children, these families in mind.

Father’s Day Photos

Father’s Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

— MARY KIMM, mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

EDITORIALS

A Moral Imperative

By Kenneth R. “Ken” Plum
State Delegate (D-36)

Recently the New York Times editorial board wrote about the “health care show-down in Virginia.” Their comments were not favorable. “In Virginia, there are 400,000 low-income people who can’t afford health care coverage and don’t qualify for federal subsidies,” they wrote. “If they lived across the state line in Maryland, West Virginia or Kentucky, which have expanded their Medicaid programs, they could get the coverage they need.” The reason they cannot; “a group of recalcitrant Republicans in the House of Delegates” have blocked Medicaid expansion at every opportunity.

Highly regarded retired editorial writer for the Virginia Pilot, Margaret Edds, wrote about the current impasse in Virginia two weeks ago. Drawing on her extensive command of Virginia’s history, Edds points out that Virginia was the last state to join Social Security in the 1930s. She argues that there is a moral imperative that “we cannot afford to take this risk” of not expanding Medicaid. She writes that “designing a health care system that embraces everyone is the right thing to do.” Reston resident, Elliot Wicks, in a recent letter to the editor makes the same argument that closing the coverage gap morally is the right thing to do.

In an unprecedented move, the Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) called a press conference to announce that letters sent by the Speaker of the House and other Republican lawmakers to their constituents over age 60 contained “inaccurate information about changes in Medicare.” These letters from Speaker Howell and other lawmakers implied that expanding Medicaid in Virginia would hurt Medicare beneficiaries. “Expanding Medicaid to uninsured Virginians won’t harm the Medicare program or its beneficiaries,” the AARP spokesperson said.

Revenues for the Commonwealth are expected to fall short of projection for this year by as much as $300 million. Ironically, Virginia is losing $5 million a day amounting now to three-fourths of a billion dollars paid by Virginians that could be returned to the state through Medicaid expansion. The money could not be used to balance the budget this year, but in future years more than $200 million that Virginia pays for indigent care from its general tax revenue could be paid by Medicare.

State and local chambers of commerce, medical and health care associations, and editorial boards of the major newspapers in the state have endorsed Medicaid expansion. A major compromise in the form of Marketplace Virginia, proposed by three Republican senators and endorsed by all Democratic legislators, has been introduced. The compromise proposed in Marketplace Virginia addresses the Republicans’ stated concerns by including a provision to discontinue the program if the federal government reneges on its commitments. It is time for Republicans in the House of Delegates to agree to the compromise. Their insistence on separating Medicaid from the state budget is a costly stalling tactic that is hurting a large number of Virginians and threatens to hurt even more if the budget stalemate continues.

Commentary

By Kenneth R. “Ken” Plum
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Inside the Beltway, that is Alexandria, Arlington and parts of Fairfax, 32 percent of children are living in poverty. In Fairfax County, 26 percent of children live in or near poverty.

This is according to the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

“While Northern Virginia counties and cities enjoy some of the highest median incomes in the nation, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows that the extent of economic deprivation in the region is significantly greater than suggested by official poverty statistics.”

Taking into consideration the high cost of housing and other necessary goods, poverty rates for Northern Virginia residents are surprising. Inside the Beltway, the Virginia Poverty Measure showing a poverty rate of 12.3 percent, much higher than the official rate of 7.4 percent. In Fairfax, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows a poverty rate of nearly 10 percent (9.7 percent).

In Fairfax, that’s more than 100,000 individuals living in poverty. But for the most part, the affluent residents in our area do not see any of this poverty. Our schools and neighborhoods are economically segregated.

When thinking about affordable housing, about funding for schools, about expanding health coverage, it’s important to hold these numbers, these children, these families in mind.

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Attanasii Appointed To Town Council

Vienna also adopts minimum tree-canopy coverage rules.

By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

There's a new member on the Vienna Town Council, but this one didn't have to be elected. Instead, Emil Attanasii was appointed to fill new Mayor Laurie DiRocco's unexpired term on the Council.

However, he's no newcomer to the town or its workings. In fact, he served 27 years on the Vienna Planning Commission, from 1983 to July 2010. He was both its chairman and vice chairman and also served as the Town Council's representative on the Hunter Mill District Land-Use Task Force.

DiRocco was sworn in April 8 to fulfill the remainder of the late Mayor M. Jane Seeman's term, after Seeman died on Feb. 23. DiRocco later ran unopposed for mayor and was elected on May 6; her two-year term of office begins July 1.

Meanwhile, the Council vacancy needed to be filled. So at the last Town Council meeting, Monday, May 19, Councilwoman Laurie Cole nominated Attanasii for the seat and her motion passed unanimously. Afterward, DiRocco said, "I'm very excited to have him on board."

He was sworn in the next day, May 20, and will serve on the Council until June 30, 2015 – when DiRocco's former Council term expires. A 40-year Vienna resident, since 1974, Attanasii is also an economist with the federal government.

Pleased, as well, with his appointment is Town Planning and Zoning Director Greg Hembree. Said Hembree: "Emil's institutional memory, after serving 27 years on the Planning Commission, will be a real asset to the Council."

In other business, the Town Council awarded a $70,000 contract to Urban Ltd. to redesign the Village Green Shopping Center storm-drainage system. "The public storm-sewer design is causing a problem there," explained Public Works Director Dennis Johnson. "It's inadequate to handle the water flow."

The Council also set June 2 for a public hearing on the granting of a conservation and parking easement with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to expand the Vienna Train Station parking lot. And not everyone is happy about it.

"It's adjacent to the W&OD Trail and would help trail users find more parking," said town attorney Steve Briglia. "If we traded some easements, the Park Authority would benefit and so would the trail users. It would entail moving a garden to an alternative site, possibly to the garden by Vienna Elementary."

Anna Marie Mulvihill of the Ayr Hill Garden Club also addressed the Council. "We're very unhappy that the garden would go if you expanded the parking lot," she said. "It's a problem for us because it's a memorial garden for Dorothy McDermott, our political representative in Richmond for many years and a former member of our garden club."

Furthermore, added Mulvihill, "It's an extremely popular garden – the children love it. We're meeting about it with [Vienna Parks and Recreation Director] Cathy Salgado. And we've maintained it for free for 10 years, so would you help us? We'd need some equipment to help us move a tree and some bushes if we have to relocate them."

There was no further discussion of this topic, but DiRocco said Mulvihill could bring up these points again during the June 2 public hearing.

Also at the May 19 meeting, the Town Council approved new provisions to the Town Code, adopting minimum tree-canopy coverage requirements for both single-lot development and redevelopment. It did so in response to residents' concerns about Vienna's deteriorating tree canopy.

The new rules mean that individual lots and subdivisions alike must have 20-percent coverage by trees within 20 years. It also requires that trees removed because of redevelopment be replaced by new plantings.

The changes took effect last Thursday, May 22.

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Three Honored for Promoting Affordable Housing

Tysons event adds Carson Lee Fifer, Carl Auvil and Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) to AHOME Hall of Fame.

Three local men were honored for their dedication in affordable housing. AHOME Foundation added Carson Lee Fifer, Carl Auvil and Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) to its Hall of Fame during its third annual reception on Thursday at the Tysons Corner Capital One headquarters building.

AHOME stands for Affordable Housing Opportunities Means Everyone.

“AHOME started back in the late ’80s to change legislation in the state to include in the zoning a requirement for affordable housing,” said past AHOME board president and Hall-of-Fame member Jerry Hopkins.

He said the Hall of Fame reception started three years ago to honor local advocates for affordable housing.

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) was the event’s guest speaker. He said he was “preaching to the choir” about Fairfax County’s - and Tysons’ - need for more affordable housing.

“There’s thousands of jobs here, especially in the retail sector, and there is planned to be more,” he said.

He did not agree that retail workers and local teachers had to travel up to an hour away to find housing they can afford to live in. He believed the community should include people from an economically diverse background.

“We don’t have much affordable housing, and that’s why we have AHOME,” he said.

Fifer was one of the key people involved in creating the Fairfax County Affordable Dwelling Unit program and worked with Hall-of-Fame member Jerry Hopkins.

Delegate Bob Andrews to create Loudoun County’s own ADU program.

“Affordable housing cannot and should not be a partisan issue,” said Fifer.

Carl E. Auvil’s award was received by his daughter Beverly Auvil. Carl, who is 95 years old and resides in Pennsylvania, is a former Fairfax County Housing Hygiene Board chairman. According to a press release, he researched aspects of affordable housing for the county for the board’s Housing Study Commission. He was not satisfied that the creation of a Housing Authority was not a part of the recommendations of the report. He took the matter into his own hands.

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— Carson Lee Fifer

To help ensure the passing of the referendum, Auvil went door to door explaining the importance of affordable housing," states the press release. "Auvil’s hard work paid off when the referendum passed by 120 votes."

Rep. Connolly was honored for helping to establish the Penny for Affordable Housing Fund in 2006, according to the press release. Over the course of six years, the fund garnered $119.6 million for affordable housing in the county.

During his speech, he said getting the county’s homeless into homes was the quickest way to turn them into productive members of society with jobs, and in turn, being able to feed their children.

“Housing is so key to getting people back on their feet,” said Connolly.

Vienna Town Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Vienna Town Council is Monday, June 2, at 8 p.m., in the Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. S. The Town Council will also hold a work session on Monday, June 9, at the Town Hall.

Week in Vienna

Madison, Oakton Cappie Nods

The 2014 Cappie nominations were unveiled last Monday, May 19, and Madison High’s production of “The Music Man” received eight nods. Oakton High’s play, “Elephant’s Graveyard," got three.

Madison’s nominations are as follows:

Costumes: Shannon Finney, Samira Pakmehr.
Stage Crew: Allison Brandmark, Anna East, Will Laney.
Orchestra: Pit orchestra.
Choreography: Katie Allison, Shannon Roux.
Female Dancer: Shannon Roux.
Male Dancer: Neal Going.
Male Vocalist: Ashton Schaffer.

Comic Actress in a Musical: Paige Cilluffo.
Oakton’s nominations are:
Graduating Critic: Emily Brennan.
Creativity (composition): Jack Goodin, Justin Pirrochi.
Ensemble in a Play: Walter & the Dirty Boots.
The winners will be announced June 8 at the 15th annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Be Prepared for Hurricanes

Since hurricane season begins June 1, Gov. Terry McAuliffe has recognized May 25-31 as Hurricane and Flooding Preparedness Week across Virginia. Accordingly, Fairfax County emergency-management officials encourage all residents to have an emergency kit of supplies on hand. It should start with three days of bottled water and non-perishable food, plus a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries to hear emergency information. Other items to include are flashlights and extra batteries, a first-aid kit and an extra supply of prescription medicines.
School Board Passes Budget

Schools to cut out more than 700 positions countywide.

By Reena Singh
The Connection

Fairfax County Public Schools’ 2.5 billion budget passed during a six hour meeting Thursday.

The School Board approved the fiscal year 2015 budget 9-3 after debating through a list of amendments, approving a step increase for employees in November but cuts out more than 700 positions countywide.

Mount Vernon representative Dan Storck, Braddock District representative Megan McLaughlin and Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz opposed both the adjusted budget and the two amendments that passed during the meeting.

“We knew we were going to have to cut things that we cared about, and that $97 million is full of things we cared about,” said Hunter Mill representative Pat Hynes.

“The money is not there. We have combed through our budget and it is not there.”

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ON THE COUNTY’S END, Adams said an $11.5 million increase could have been “doable,” and would have only cost taxpayers another half cent.

However, she was happy that there is already a proposed full step increase and 1 percent increase in cost of living wages on the table for the FY 2016 budget.

School Board Chair Ilryong Moon adjourned the meeting at 1 a.m. before the consent agenda could be voted on, due to the time. The items will be voted on at the next board meeting.

His comments echoed Adams’ thoughts on hoping the county would have done more for the schools.

“We appreciate the Board of Supervisors’ efforts to increase the transfer this year although we remain disappointed that the board did not fully fund our transfer request,” he said in a press release. “We are committed to continuing the cooperative, collaborative process that was established during this budget cycle in future years.”

Additional budget information can be found at http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2015.shtml.

7 Things You Must Know Before Putting Your Home Up for Sale

Vienna/Oakton - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today’s market.

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News

Some Good News and a Lot of Uncertainty

Realtors discuss the mortgage market at finance summit.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR) hosted Finance Summit 2014 at their Fairfax Headquarters on Wednesday, May 21. The event brought together a panel of speakers with an impressive collection of credentials and expertise. Moderator Ken Harney’s “Nation’s Housing” column is nationally syndicated. Harney is also a member of the Federal Reserve Board Consumer Advisory Council, an author and commentator on real estate and mortgage issues, and a regular contributor to “Real Estate Magazine” weekly television program.

Tony Porto, Regional Manager from event sponsor Access National Bank, opened the program. “There are some 11,000 members in your organization,” he said, “and more than 50 choices of lenders. Service is what will differentiate one from the other.” Porto had pens flying across notepaper when he explained the key features of a new lending product being offered by Access for loans up to 760K with no PMI and only 5 percent down required.

Joseph Minarik, Sr. VP and Director of Research – Committee for Economic Development, was the first presenter to address the gathering. With multiple degrees from Yale and Georgetown, and a background that includes a post as the Chief Economist of the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton administration, Minarik warned that the financial “crystal ball” was cloudier than ever, particularly since “there is no real history for a downturn such as we have experience over that last seven years.” Minarik spoke of the “Shadow Labor Force” – those who had virtually quit looking for work during this time – and the fact that no one could truly predict how many of them would come back into the workforce, and at what levels of productivity and income.

A FORMER COLLEAGUE of current Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, Minarik expressed faith in the Fed and its monetary policies, but less in the country’s fiscal policy. “We are still at risk,” he said. “We are not pre-destined to have a happy ending.”

Steve Farbstein, Chairman, Virginia Bankers Association Mortgage Executives Committee and Richard Owen, VP Community Bank Division & Government Relations – Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, did a combined presentation that spoke to some of the changes brought to the lending market by the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Most realtors in the room acknowledged that they had not as of yet felt any real negative effects from the legislation, even though it kicked in on Jan. 11 of this year. Farbstein credited much of the smoothness to the start up to the “Dodd Frank checklists that banks, brokers and other lenders have been working on for months.”

Both Farbstein and Owen reminded their audience that a strong realtor/lender partnership was still the best way for both to succeed, and to best satisfy their mutual customer – the homebuyer. The duo projected an overall positive outlook on the current mortgage market, saying that credit availability is getting better, homeownership in the region is up, while delinquencies and foreclosures are down. “Yes, rates are rising a bit,” said Owen, “but maybe we should use the times of the Saviors and Loans crisis as a reminder. Compared to 17, 18, even 21 percent, 4 percent looks pretty good to me.”

When it was his turn to present, Ken Harney took some time to characterize the lending policies that demand “a too high credit score, keeping many qualified people out of the buying process.” Harney is also critical of the high, layered fees that he sees as “blooming growth.” “There have been five increases in FHA lean fees in the last several years.” Harney sees the mortgage market in something of a “vicious circle.” Although he strongly agrees that no one wants to see a return to the boom/bust housing market, “too many people are afraid to let one (risky loan) through.”

The PROGRAM’S FINAL SPEAKER apologized in advance of his remarks. “Sorry,” said Stan Collender, Exec. VP Qorvis/MSLGroup, “I don’t have a PowerPoint. And I really only have a few things to say, starting with “get use to it.”

Collender, who has worked for the House and Senate Budget Committees as well as three U.S. representatives on the House Budget and Ways and Means Committee thinks the way things are right now is the new normal for at least the rest of the decade. Providing numerous firsthand anecdotes of what he sees as fairly entrenched partisan politics on the Hill, Collender’s prediction is that this Congress “will name some new post offices, but that’s about it. There will not be any new Federal dollars, nothing new in the Federal budget arena, certainly no tax reform before 2019 at the earliest.” Describing a continued “tight and difficult period,” Collender thinks that this will translate into people less likely to sell, even those ready to downsize. Many realtors in the room nodded in agreement, some commenting that the lack of inventory in some of the price ranges is definitely a barrier to their business.

The 2014 Finance Summit is just one of the many forums, seminars, networking events and educational programs offered by the NVAR at both their Fairfax headquarters, at the NVAR Herndon Center and elsewhere. More information is available on their website at www.nvar.com and on their Facebook page.

Farmers Markets

SATURDAYS
Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter's Park Drive, McLean. www.oaktonfarmersmarket.org.
Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Falls Church Community Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. www.ccelebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html.

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

SUNDAYS
McLean Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, Mclean. www.mcleanfarmersmarket.org.
Tysons Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. www.tysonspartnership.org.

THURSDAYS
Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 2797 West Ox Road, Herndon. www.farmersmarketkyringpaponova-antiques.com.

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Oakton Lefty Lopez Pitches Cougars to Championship

Senior throws three-hitter against Chantilly in Conference 5 final.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

Tommy Lopez’s performance during the 2014 baseball season earned him Conference 5's top individual honor: Player of the Year.

On Monday night, the left-handed, strike-throwing senior helped determine he pitched for the conference’s best team, as well.

Lopez tossed a complete-game three-hitter against the Chantilly Chargers, leading the Oakton Cougars to a 5-1 victory in the Conference 5 championship game at Oakton High School. Lopez allowed one earned run over seven innings while walking none and striking out six.

“I got Player of the Year,” Lopez said, “so I kind of felt like I needed to put the team on my back a little bit and just kind of go out there and win this game.”

LOPEZ put Oakton in position to win by getting ahead in the count. No. 7 tossed a first-pitch strike to 21 of the 24 batters he faced. He threw 60 of 80 pitches for strikes and went to just two three-ball counts.

How important is working ahead for Lopez?

“It’s really important, because I don’t have an overpowering fastball, so I have to hit my spots,” he said. “When I hit them early, I can come back with the off-speed [pitches] that I really like to [throw]. It just makes pitching so much easier.”

Lopez allowed just one infield single through the first five innings. Chantilly finally broke through in the sixth, when center fielder Mike Sciorra drove in a run with a two-out double, tying the score at 1.

“He was just outstanding,” Oakton head coach Justin Janis said about Lopez. “He just needed to be himself tonight and that’s exactly what he did. [He] just [pounded] the strike zone, he mixed his pitches up and that’s going to work in high school.”

For the Cougars, it was their second consecutive conference/district title. Oakton defeated Chantilly 5-4 in the 2013 Concorde District championship game, and would later finish Northern Region runner-up and advance to the state semifinals. The Cougars graduated several standouts from that team, including second baseman Joey Bartosic (George Washington University), shortstop Mitchell Carroll (George Mason), and outfielder Brian Burns (Mary Washington), but Oakton managed to repeat as champions.

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“Every [title] is special in its own way,” Janis said. “This is a team [from which] I didn’t know what to expect coming into this year, I really didn’t. They’ve really just kind of answered every challenge we threw at them. I’m just really proud of these guys. So many of them put in a lot of time to be good baseball players and I think the game is paying them back a little bit.”

OAKTON had some young players step up in big moments.

With the score tied at 1 in the bottom of the sixth, sophomore pinch hitter Chris Ivener loaded the bases when his 10-pitch at-bat ended in a walk. Sophomore right fielder Kyle Christy and freshman center fielder Ryan Davis followed with back-to-back RBI singles, giving the Cougars a 3-1 advantage. Oakton would add two more runs on a Chantilly error.

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Senior Tommy Lopez retired the bottom half, however, and Lopez retired the Chargers in order in the seventh.

Oakton senior Tommy Lopez earned a complete-game victory against Chantilly in the Conference 5 championship game on Monday.

The Oakton baseball team celebrates its 5-1 victory over Chantilly in the Conference 5 championship game on May 26 at Oakton High School.
Vienna Students Meet Their Congressman

Students from the Student Council Association of Freedom Hill Elementary School in Vienna meet with Congressman Gerry Connolly in his Capitol Hill office on Monday, May 19. The students, who were elected by their peers to serve on the SCA, were on a visit to the Capitol to view their government in action. The students are: (from left) Rohan Jain, Michael Lusick, Mary Margaret Lusick, Rep. Connolly, Kelly Hager, Morgan Parker, Sonia Naik, and Aya Khanji.

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

THURSDAY/MAY 29
One-on-one reading time. School age. Computer One-on-One. 4 p.m. Oakton Library, 30004 Lyndhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basic of the internet, Word or Excel. Call for appt. Adults. 703-242-4020
Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave East, Vienna. Call for title. Adults. 703-644-7733
Weird Crafts: Learn to Knit. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave East, Vienna. Learn how to make some funky knits and more. Ages 12+

FRIDAY/MAY 30
English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave East, Vienna. English conversation group. Adults. 703-644-7733
Pokémon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave East, Vienna. Learn and play! Ages 5-8.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1
Inequity for All Documentary. 8:30 a.m. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. A documentary by economist Robert Reich on growing inequality in the U.S. and the risks that presents for our economic recovery and even our political system and democracy.

TUESDAY/JUNE 3
The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) holds a luncheon hosted by River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch includes appetizer, entrée, and dessert choices with coffee or tea. Reservations are limited, at a cost of $30 per person (tip and tax included). Call Deedra Calabazano 703-759-4605 for information and reservations.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5
The Josh Anderson Foundation and Safe Community Coalition (SCC) present “Teen-to-Teen Mental Health Summit”, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Alden Theaters, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. A panel of local teens from Langley High School, McLean High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology will be sharing their stories about living with anxiety and depression and how they want to erase the stigma of talking about these issues among their peers and in the community. This will be followed by parent and teen breakout groups with discussion facilitated by educators and mental health professionals. This is a free event, but, seating is limited. Reserve your seat today at: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A48A4A72A46-teentoteen. For more information visit www.joshfoundation.org and www.safecommunitycoalition.net.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21
McLean Child Safety Inspection. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Lewinsville Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean. The McLean District Police Station holds child safety seat inspections once per month.

SATURDAY/JULY 19
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Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

The Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, will hold their annual Pet Blessing on Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m. Each pet will receive a certificate and blessing and a small gift charm. For more information go to http://www.antiochdoc.org or call 703-938-6753. The public and all pets and caregivers are invited to attend.

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

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

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

St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, conducts a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.
By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Just as “everyone knows Geico can save you 15 percent in 15 minutes,” that is, if you watch television, listen to radio, access the Internet or even sit on the beach at Ocean City and watch the single-engine planes flying by pulling banners; so too do people know that when your care physician tells you that you need to meet with an oncologist to discuss your recent medical results, you should bring along (family, friends, advocates, doctors, lawyers, etc.) your prescriptive “team”, because, well, you know why: your life may depend on it. It’s also very possible that the patient receiving the diagnosis (in my case, a cancer diagnosis), is likely not hearing the information and be the least bit objective about what the doctor is saying. Moreover, as much as the patient is listening and concentrating on what the doctor is saying, there is a chance that the words/diagnosis/prognosis you just heard, and perhaps even consider the treatment protocols recommended and the likely dramatic change in your life (present and, possibly, even in your future), all becomes a blur and your memory is hardly what you remember. It’s not a blank by any means, but rather it is so clear and concise as you expected it to be.

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ViVa! Vienna! Marks Another Fun-filled Festival

Three-day carnival featured 350 vendors, food, rides and live entertainment.

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“We’re heading out into carnivals across the country,” said Cappe. “There are a lot of talented people with a passion for food, real food being cooked by passionate chefs. We talk to them about their process and we get opinions of their food from the people eating it at these carnivals.” Cappe remarked that some of the nation’s food vendors spend six to 10 months a year on the road.

ON MEMORIAL DAY at noon, Rotary paid tribute to the fallen. Local officials from the Town of Vienna to Congressman Gerry Connolly were scheduled to make comments at the Memorial Day ceremony. County officials stopped by ViVa! Vienna! as well. Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid spent a large part of the day at ViVa! Vienna!, walking Church Street with Del. Mark Keam (D-35) and stopping by Vienna Idol.

The arms of the festival reach beyond the Vienna area.

The Rotary Club of Vienna, as a service and humanitarian club, gives back to the community its ViVa! Vienna! net proceeds. In 2014, Rotary is presenting checks to schools, nonprofits and the Town of Vienna equaling more than $167,000 collectively.

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These children – and dad – were ready for the Pooches on Parade. The little girl holding the stuffed dog had recently lost her living canine family member and carried the closest thing to the dog parade at the Town of Vienna’s 4th of July festival last year.
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Something for Everyone This Summer in Vienna

From camps to concerts, festivals to fireworks, there’s something for everyone.

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The Connection

If you live in Vienna, you’ll have fun, fun, fun, long after your daddy takes your T-bird away. From concerts on the Town Green to sprinklers on the Town Green, from festivals and fireworks to book sales and live theatre, day camps to teen excursion camps, there’s something for every age, every interest.

The Department of Parks and Recreation even sells theme park tickets to Busch Gardens and King’s Dominion.

Vienna Rotary’s ViVa! Vienna! kicked off May 30. The installation of a new roof over the stage delayed the launch of the 2014 Town of Vienna Concerts on the Green. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Concert season kicks off on May 30 with Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band. Fat Chance, a popular Vienna rock group, performs June 1, followed by Vienna Idol finalist on June 6.

For the younger kids, there’s Rocknoceros, kiddie-pop favorites, on Wednesday, June 18. Networking for the Arts Foundation presents a fireworks display at Southside Park.

The annual Town of Vienna 4th of July festival takes over Cherry Street, the community center and the ball fields. In the evening, the town presents a fireworks display at Southside Park.

HVI USED BOOK SALE, JUNE 7 AND 8
It has no food for sale, no live entertainment, no amusement rides, yet, it is one of June’s most-anticipated events . . . it’s the annual Historic Vienna, Inc. mega-used book sale. Thousands and thousands of books from every genre are organized by category in the gym of the Vienna Community Center for two days, June 7 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Net proceeds benefit Historic Vienna, Inc. and its yearly programming and special events. For HVI members, there is a preview night on June 6. That in itself is worth joining HVI. For details, go to www.historicviennainc.org.

TOWN OF VIENNA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
Sports camps for children, preschool to 18 years old begins when Fairfax County schools close for the summer. Camps run weekly and cost varies. Sports camps include specific training, such as lacrosse or tennis, or “all-sports.”

TEEN EXCURSION CAMP
From June 23 to Aug. 4, Parks and Recreation offers a weekly five-day agenda for kids 11 to 15 years old. Kids try their hands at white-water tubing, ropes, hiking and visit to theme parks. Excursion camp runs 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $250 for residents, $300 for non-residents, for the five-day camp. Call 703-255-6360 for information.

SUMMER STORIES AND SPRINKLERS
Young kids love to run through water sprinklers on the grass. The Town of Vienna needs to water the lawn of the Town Green. Parks and Recreation merged the two and came up with stories and sprinkler time on the Town Green. Under a shade tree at the Little Library, a storyteller reads to the kids at 1 p.m. Then, at 1:30 p.m., the sprinklers are turned on for the kids to run through. Wear a bathing suit and bring a towel. Thursday afternoons, from June 26 to Aug. 7.

JULY 4TH FESTIVAL AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY
From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 4th of July, the Town of Vienna turns its fields, the community center and Cherry Street over to its annual festival honoring Independence Day. There’s inflatables for young kids, carnival food and beer sold throughout the day, live music performed by the rockin’ Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band, crafts, antique and classic car show, arts and crafts for sale, and the swoon-worthy Pooches on Parade (registration for dogs at 10:30 a.m.). Costumed dogs march at 11 a.m. Stuffed dogs permitted.

New this year is the Old Bay Circus Show, a one-ring presentation showcasing aerialists.

For more information, call 703-778-9431 or email sales@connectionnewspapers.com

Historic Vienna, Inc. sells thousands upon thousands of used books at its annual mega-used book sale. The book sale is at the Vienna Community Center June 7 and 8, all day. Books are arranged according to genre and kids’ books have their own area.

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May

THRU-YUNE 16

Spring into Summer.

SATURDAY/MAY 31- SUNDAY/JUNE 1

34th Annual

May

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55-minute game guarantee. $275-

extravaganza includes three-game,

Sunday, May 31 and wraps up

6 p.m.

plus goodies, sidewalk chalking,

lemonade. Visit

the parade for colonial treats and

breakfast and then will invite visitors

Sellers House, 5620 S. Third Street.

Corner Mall and the Galleria). Enjoy a

8025 Galleria Drive, at the Tysons

Frances in Rosslyn. Free. Visit

www.rosslynva.org for more.

Fridays in Rosslyn. Free. Visit

www.visitalexandriava.com for

details.

Emilia and Jack Carry with their Sara Carey, of

Centreville, one of the donkeys at the petting

zoo at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.

June

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Carrollton Car Blast. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

At the Carrollton Car Blast, you can look

at hundreds of classic and antique auto-

mobiles and talk to the owners about

their vehicles. Free. Visit

www.carrolltoncarblast.com for

more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Railway Express Train Exhibition.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wiộth over 400

years of railway travel history, the

National Railroad Museum offers

visitors a chance to step back in
time. Free. Visit

www.nrm.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Father/Adult partner. Closest to the

hole wins. Winning teams in the

‘Carnival’ Division (for ages 12 and

under) will win a new bike and

bike stand. Prizes will be awarded

to the top three teams in each

division. For more information,

call 703-839-7317 x1921.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Arlington County Community Market.

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Arlington’s premier

farmers’ market features fresh,

locally grown produce, dairy,

meat, eggs and bread at an

deal. Visit

www.acomarket.org for

more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Outdoor Movie Night: Finding Dory.

8 p.m. Riverbend Park, 10751 Riverbend Rd. Follow the signs to the Park.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

National Community Art Fair.

4-7 p.m. Long Branch Pavilion, 1000 N. Laurel St.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Festival of the Arts.

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fairfax County Fairgrounds, 11200 Lee Hwy.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Family Fun Night in Park.

7:30 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Burke Lake Rd. Call to RSVP 703-830-9463.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Father’s Day Museum Tours.

10 a.m.-11 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd. Free. Visit

www.workhousearts.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Father’s Day Golf Tournament.

8 a.m.-12 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Burke Lake Rd. Free. Visit

www.workhousearts.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Flea Market.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lee Hall, 4201 Lee Hwy.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Arlington National Cemetery.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit

www.arlingtoncemetery.gov for

more.

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Kid’s Cooking Classes.

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy.

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Mother’s Day Garden Party.

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Burtonsville Garden Center, 2901-C Burtonsville Rd.

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in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

2nd Annual Tour de Tysons
Bicycle Races
7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Jones Branch Dr., Tysons Corner
Ten bicycle races, food and vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family — compete or simply enjoy. Visit www.tysonspotpartnership.com for more.

Listen to a free musical performance on the Museum’s lawn. Visit http://aiairandspace.si.edu/events/detail.cfm?id=10362 for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 6

E.C. Lawrence Arts in the Parks.
July 6th Annual Tour de Tysons
6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., Alexandria. Enjoy a concert by the E.C. Lawrence Symphony Orchestra, birthday cake, food and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture.” Free. Visit wwwalexandriavaf.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 12

Herndon 4th of July Celebration.
Lorton’s Fourth of July Parade.
July 4th celebrations.
Fairfax’s Independence Day Celebration.
Visit www.herndonva.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Clifton Film Festival.
4 p.m. World of Birds Center, 9003 Ox Road, Lorton. Clifton Film Fest is an award winning indoor and outdoor film festival. Original films made by the surrounding community are shown. Visit www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 20-21

Clairemont Farmers Market.
Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-842-3606 for more.

Travolta’s 2nd Annual Tour de Tysons.
10 a.m. Saturday, round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, eggs, fresh pasta made with fresh cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the center at East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues in Alexandria. Contact pmiller1806@conneq.net.

Old Town Farmers Market.
7 a.m.-noon, Saturday, round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, eggs, fresh pasta made with fresh cheese, bakery goods and more. Located at the center at East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues in Alexandria. Contact pmiller1806@conneq.net.

Clarendon Farmers Market.

Lake Anne Jazz Festival.
3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Lake Anne, 6200 Willow Lawn Dr., Vienna.

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Celebrate Summer

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ists, unicycles, juggling and stunts. The circus performs at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

But wait! There’s more ... Over at Yeonas Park, Fat Chance plays, starting at 7 p.m. The live entertainment is followed by fireworks at 9:15 p.m. next door at Southside Park. Vienna Little League opens its concession stand for the evening.

CULINARIA COOKING SCHOOL

Whether you’re a grown-up or a kid, there’s a cooking class at Culinaria Cooking School that is fun and illuminating. However, if you are an elementary school student or a teen, you can have fun for a full week at Culinaria’s summer camps for kids that run throughout the summer. Kids and teens learn knife skills, food safety, and how to prepare different kid-approved dishes every day. Campers get a t-shirt and a certificate upon completion of camp. Many kids do multiple weeks of camp there. Cooking camp at Culinaria is $375/week per camper. Children aged 9-12 are eligible for Kids’ Camp. Teens aged 13-17 are eligible for Teens Camp. Children and teens must be 9 or 13, respectively, by the start of camp in order to attend.

For registration, themes and menus, go to http://www.culinariacookingschool.com/classes/summer-camp-2014/.

VIENNA YOUTH PLAYERS

Talented youngsters from the Vienna area audition for the summer production of “Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?” on June 6, 6:30 p.m. or June 8, noon to 3 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. The musical plays on Aug. 1, 2, 8, and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and on Aug. 10 at 1 p.m. Tickets, priced at $14 per guest, go on sale on July 9 at the front desk of the Vienna Community Center.

KIDS ADVENTURE RACE

Vienna Parks and Recreation is hosting a kids adventure obstacle race at Southside Park, off Ross Drive, on Saturday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to noon. Preregistration required; charge of $7 per child to participate. Kids maneuver over and through obstacles and get a t-shirt for participating. Light refreshments included. To register and pay, sign up at front desk of Community Center or register online. Note activity number 110701-A1.

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Summer on the Green concert series kicks off on Friday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m. with a concert performance by Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band, a favorite of the late Mayor and the Seeman family.

The Summer on the Green is a free concert series presented by the Town of Vienna and a host of concert sponsors. All performances are held at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, at 6:30 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. The summer concert schedule is as follows:

- May 30: Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band - Bluegrass
- June 1: Fat Chance - Rock
- June 6: Vienna Idol
- June 8: Kingsley Winter Band - Rock
- June 13: Annapolis Bluegrass
- June 15: NRJ - Rock
- June 18: Childrens Show – Rocknoceros, Sponsored by Vienna Moms, Inc
- June 20: Nitehawks Swing Band
- June 22: US Navy Sea Chanters
- June 25: Childrens Show - Networking for the Arts Foundation - Beatles Kids
- June 27: Sarah Bennett Swanner - Soulful Blues
- June 29: The Tonics - Blues/Rock
- July 11: Stealin’ the Deal - Rock and Country
- July 13: Village Jazz Band
- July 18: Feedback - Classic and Alternative Rock
- July 20: US Navy Commodores
- July 25: Karl Stoll and the Danger Zone
- July 27: Vienna Community Band

Coach Cotton, Willie Bob and Boogie-woogie Benny – no kidding – are Rocknoceros. And the children just love them, as evidenced by this 2012 concert on Vienna’s Town Green. They return on June 18.

Vienna Summer on the Green
Concerts Open May 30

Top Ten Summer fun events in Vienna, McLean and Great Falls.

Here’s your top ten list of events to check out this summer.


Great Tastes of Tysons. May 31. June 1. 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, at the Tysons Corner Metro stop (between Tysons Corner Mall and the Galleria). Enjoy a festival of all sorts of food, right in the crossroads of Tysons. www.tastetysons.com

Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale. May 31, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; June 1, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. 790 Walker Road, Great Falls. Find 25 Great Falls Studios member artists – painters in oil acrylic, watercolor and mixed media, potters, photographers, jewelers, fiber artists, a weaver and one who works in glass – all in one place at the GFS Spring Art Show & Sale. http://www.greatfallsstudios.com/calendar.php

Concerts on the Green. Sundays; June 1-Aug. 17. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of live, free music. Find the schedule at http://www.gfvcca.com/concerts.htm

Annual Golf Tournament. June 2. 7:30 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Rod, Reston. What’s a summer without a swing on the golf course? Participate in this community event, with proceeds benefiting local elementary schools. Register online at www.celebrategreatfalls.org

2nd Annual Tour de Tysons Bicycle Races. June 29. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Come delight in the fanfare with 10 bicycle races, food truck vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family - compete or simply enjoy. http://www.tysonspartnership.com/

Great Falls Fourth of July Celebration. July 4. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Celebrate Independence Day this year with parades, patriotic festivities, and food. Fireworks at Turner Park Farm on July 6. www.celebrategreatfalls.org

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. July 4. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. In the heart of Vienna, celebrate Independence Day this year with live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, and an antique and classic car show! Fireworks at sundown. http://www.viennanova.gov/index.aspx?nid=894

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771

Market Fair. July 19- 20. 11 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, and test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. A day at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm is a realistic jump back in time. http://1771.org/?page_id=940

Tysons World Music Festival. Sept. 13. 11 a.m.- 11 p.m. Tysons Square Tysons II, Tysons Boulevard. Calling all music lovers to a full day of local and national performers, fine arts, and charity benefit. Continue your summer fun here, just at the turn of the season. http://www.tysonspartnership.com/

Tysons BBQ, Bourbon, and Beer. Sept. 20. 12-6 p.m. Tysons Townsquare at the Tysons Corner Silver Line Metro stop. We welcome this traveling festival to Tysons for a great day of beer sippin’, bourbon tastin’, music listenin’, cigar smokin’, and barbeque eatin’. http://www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/

show-info

— Rachel Stone