Courtney Lund performs 'It's the Hard-Knock Life,' from the Broadway musical 'Annie.' The performers changed outfits to fit the themes of the musicals they were portraying.
Anyone can look on a map to find parks. Not everyone can tell you where the hidden dog paths are.

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Great Falls Art Fest on the Green

About 20 artists in booths under tents join three indoor artist’s studios to show their wares.

The Great Falls Art Fest on the Green was a great success last weekend, June 3-5, with a constant flow of several thousand people walking and browsing through the Great Falls Village Green despite the unpredictable rainy weather. About 20 artists in booths under tents joined with three indoor artist’s studios — Artists on the Green, The Artists’ Loft, and Artists’ Atelier — to show off their artwork in oil, acrylics, watercolors, mixed media paintings, pottery, photographs, jewelry, blown glass and fabric art.

“We’re very happy to see so many people come,” said photographer Jim Diedrich of Great Falls. “We enjoy being a part of the community and it’s a desire to see Great Falls become a center for the arts.”

“It was a very festive, community-oriented environment,” said artist Begona Morton. “We are doing the job of what a Town Hall would do, together with other organizations; we appreciate the other organizations who helped collaborate with us. It’s a community effort.”

“It was a wonderful community event where people could wander in the tents and studios and talk to the artists and purchase art that they liked,” said Julie Casso, executive director of The Arts of Great Falls.

“Tents with art work line the Great Falls Village Green.

“It’s just a fun way to spend the weekend; it was pretty steady, despite the weather, which was pretty threatening all weekend.”

The event was co-sponsored by the Great Falls Studios, Celebrate Great Falls and The Arts of Great Falls.

The Concert on the Green, scheduled for Sunday at 6 p.m., was canceled due to the weather. The next Great Falls Art Fest studio tour will be on Oct. 14-16, 2016.

— Steve Hibbard
By Ken Moore

The Planning Commission deferred its decision on Brooks Farm, perhaps for the last time.

“Tthere are many concerns and we agree this process has gone on long enough and everyone, especially the neighbors around Brooks Farm, deserves resolution,” Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust wrote to the Great Falls Citizens Association.

“I do not expect any more delays and I believe the applicant understands that the most recent deferral is the final opportunity to address the remaining issues that GFCA has identified,” he said.

The Planning Commission now has the decision hearing on the calendar for June 15, although the hearing has been deferred six times.

The Great Falls Citizens Association wrote Foust on May 9, nine days before the scheduled Planning Commission decision.

“An additional community concern recently was triggered after public records research by the Lake Estates HOA uncovered a 1968 deed of easement that permits the Brooks Farm and adjacent property owners to combine their respective 16-foot and 34-foot parallel parcels of land to form a 50-foot-wide parcel for a public road connecting Brooks Farm to Springvale Road,” according to Great Falls Citizens Association.

The community never had the opportunity to respond in January’s public hearing to the possibility of a cut-through road because “the easement was never disclosed by the applicant,” said Eric Knudsen, president of GFCA.

“The applicant appears to have the unilateral right to request VDOT approval to construct a roadway connecting the Brooks Farm property to Springvale Road, thereby creating a cut-through to Walker Lake Drive,” he said.

“I have made it clear to the applicant that I believe your letter identifies legitimate concerns,” wrote Foust. Dranesville Planning Commissioner John Ulfelder deferred the May 18 commission hearing to “provide the applicant with a relatively short time to address those concerns.”

GFCA CONTINUES TO OPPOSE approval of the current proposal to rezone the 51.9 acre Brooks Farm property from the R-A zoning district to R-E Cluster (Residential Estate). The applicant proposes to build 20 single family detached homes on the farmland off Springvale Road and around Walker Lake Drive. More than 1,400 people in Great Falls signed a petition opposing the development.

Great Falls Citizens Association has held numerous meetings on the proposal — touching on environmental questions including septic, well, stormwater and tree canopy — including a Town Hall meeting on May 10, attended by more than 70 residents.

“The application remains unacceptable to the Great Falls community,” said Knudsen.

The application, according to Knudsen’s letter to John Foust, fails to “sufficiently address the environmental and stormwater management concerns” raised by GFCA’s experts; “contains an unacceptable plan for tree preservation” and “fails to address the likely damage to trees on existing properties;” and “fails to address the potential negative consequences of an existing easement for access to Springvale Road.”

THE APPLICANT, Basheer/Edgemoore-Brooks, spent more than a year revising its application in an attempt to meet concerns of residents, especially regarding density, septic, stormwater, environment, well, water, preservation of trees, and other features of the property around Walker Lake.

“It is very clear this is a special piece of property to people in the community,” said Gregory Riegle, representing the developers. “We went to great pains to ensure that we have complete answers to questions.”

Great Falls was part of a downzoning more than 30 years ago designed to protect drinking water and the Potomac River, with much of the area zoned for one house for five acres.

GFCA passed a resolution opposing the rezoning application in May 2015.

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BSA Troop 55 Pick Up Litter on Walker Road

On June 4, Boy Scouts, adult scouters and family members from the Great Falls BSA Troop 55, chartered by St. Francis Episcopal Church, picked up litter along Walker Road. After two hours of hard work, Troop 55 collected 15 bags of trash, rescued a wounded turtle found on the road and submitted the turtle to wildlife rescue for possible rehabilitation.
Langley High Freshmen Receive STEM Excellence Award

Oksana Vickers and Mandy Smith, both freshmen at Langley High School, have been selected as the 2016 recipients of American Association of University Women (AAUW) McLean Area Branch's STEM Excellence Award.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award is given to a female student or team from a high school in the McLean area with an outstanding science fair project in the field of Engineering. This year’s award recognized the work done by Oksana and Mandy on the project, “The Effect of Desalination Method on Overall Efficiency.”

Each student receives an award certificate, half of a $100 award, and recognition at a Branch event. The awards were announced at the Branch’s Annual Dinner on May 25 at Riverbend Country Club.

The students’ project was motivated by a critical lack of drinkable water worldwide. The purpose of their experiment was to find the most efficient method of desalination in terms of time, reduction in salinity, and water loss.

Oksana first became interested in desalination of water through her participation in Langley High School’s Model United Nations club and then pursued learning about the science required for its implementation. She has won awards at the Ivy League Model UN Conference, as well as regional and state science fairs.

Mandy has an interest in both environmental science and engineering and chose this project because it combined her interests and could help others at the same time. She has also won awards at Langley High School’s science fair and the Fairfax County regional science fair.

For more information on the American Association of University Women and the McLean Area Branch, visit the AAUW McLean Area website at http://mclean-va.aauw.net.

A Bus Tour of Great Falls Historic Sites

On Sunday, June 12, the Great Falls Historical Society will be conducting a bus tour of many locations throughout Great Falls where George Washington made a mark including Matildaville and the Locks of the Potomac Canal at Great Falls National Park, The Towson Grange, home of friend Brian Fairfax (exterior only), the land on which the Colvin Run Mill is located, formerly owned by George Washington, and The William Gunnell House on Innsbruck Avenue, one of the last standing 18th-century houses, which shows affluent architectural of the day. Karen Washburn, local historian, National Park Service guide, and Sean Beyer will serve as tour guides. The $35 admission includes all admissions and a picnic lunch. To reserve a seat, please visit www.gfhs.org.
School Board Adopts $2.7 Billion Budget

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

The Fairfax County School Board has made good on Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza’s promise when she introduced a FY 2017 budget for the school system.

“The most important announcement for our students and teachers may be what the proposed budget does not do,” Garza said at a press conference held Jan. 7, 2016 at West Potomac High School, “it makes no further cuts.”

At the Board’s May 26 regular meeting, its members adopted a $2.7 billion budget that will take effect July 1.

Highlights of the budget include a salary increase plus one percent market scale adjustment for all employees who are eligible, $40 million to make teacher salaries in particular more competitive in the region and $10 million aimed at lowering elementary school class sizes.

School Board Chairman Pat Hynes praised the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in a statement for engaging with their educational counterparts to overcome an early gap between the two bodies’ advertised budget that eclipsed $70 million.

“We sincerely want to thank the members of the community who rallied to call for increased support for their students, teachers, and schools.”

It took the supervisors adding an extra cent to the real estate tax and directing that additional revenue to the school system to make the Fairfax County transfer to FCPS really viable for Garza’s goals.

“I am hopeful that this budget represents a turning point for our schools,” Superintendent Garza said in a statement. “This reinvestment in our community’s most important asset will provide great dividends for all the citizens of Fairfax. We are already looking ahead to FY 2018 and will continue to work as partners with the Board of Supervisors to solve these vital challenges for our community.”

Fairfax County’s transfer to the School Operating Fund ended up being a 4.8 increase over the FY 2016 Budget. FCPS also benefited from an increase in state aid and sales tax, and $6.7 million in reductions from the previous year because of reductions in student enrollment.

The Board also approved several add-on motions that carried with the FY 2017 budget. Those included Hynes calling for continued collaboration with the Board of Supervisors and focusing joint discussions on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team.

Providence representative to the School Board Dalia Palchik’s motion for the Board to encourage the Supervisors to move a meals tax to referendum in this fall’s election was successful as well.

Lifelong Learning: Endless Possibilities

BY KENNETH R. “KEN” PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

In 1956 the then appointed Fairfax County School Board appropriated fifty dollars per month to be paid as a supplement to a school administrator to start an adult education program. Since the schools were still racially segregated, a program for white adults was started at Annandale High School, and a program for black adults was started at Luther Jackson School. The favorite offerings at both locations were classes in sewing including the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction, as well as typing and shorthand. The inexpensive, evening classes proved popular, and the program grew rapidly. Basic education classes for those adults who could not read and write were added as were night school classes to complete those adults who could not read and write were added as were night school classes to complete high school and to prepare for the G.E.D.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending a 60th anniversary celebration of the program at the Plum Center for Lifelong Learning on Edsall Road in the eastern part of the county. I was honored several years ago when the School Board chose to name its first full-time adult education center for my work in adult and community education that spanned the years of its existence. Starting as a part-time room coordinator in the evenings when I was a half-time intern teacher from the University of Virginia, I was able, for reasons too complex, to explain here to become an administrator of the program in three years.

As Fairfax County and its school system grew, the adult education program that became known as the adult and community education program grew not only in enrollment but in the variety of its offerings. With the growth in the number of persons speaking English as a second language came classes in English for those speakers of other languages. Increased educational requirements in a soaring economy resulted in more enrollment in evening adult high school and in vocational education programs.

While the adult and community education program afforded tax-paying citizens an opportunity to utilize the facilities their tax dollars had built, the program at the same time provided support for the school system’s K-12 program. Students who were unsuccessful in the regular high schools were often allowed to transfer to the adult high school program as an alternative where they were often more successful. Parents could take classes in child development and parenting in order to help their own children. Adult and Community Education (ACE) provided administrative support for after-school enrichment classes in the elementary schools.

A catalogue of ACE classes and programs is mailed three times a year to Fairfax County residents and is available online at http://www.fcps.edu/iis/ace/documents/catalogs/2016/Summer2016.pdf. As its literature promises, “the possibilities are endless.” Endless for career and employment training, learning a new language, personal and academic enrichment. After all, as we have become aware—learning is lifelong.

Protect Homeowners, and School Budget

To the Editor:

Regarding John Knight’s letter (“Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget”) in the last week’s Connection: While the sentiment is nice and I would join anyone in complaining about the burden of taxes being put on all the homeowners; in my opinion businesses and developers get away with tax breaks. Our supervisors and planning commissions are over developing Tyson; creating traffic and other problems, and then they complain about the low occupancy rate. The fix to those problems is raising homeowner taxes. I don’t think giving seniors a break due to the fact they no longer have kids in school is fair or wise. Those schools prepared our kids and now have the task of preparing our children in other generation of children’s kids. Many of the people in our neighborhood who don’t have young kids. Shouldn’t they also be given dispensation? I would prefer we pass the meals tax and stop giving other breaks to businesses and developers. That would be a much better means of supplemental funding of our schools and help to keep our homeowners’ taxes from escalating. Well-educated children are resources to seniors, couples and singles without children and current parents alike.

Michael Knudsen
McLean

Send Photos for Father’s Day Galleries

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 19, and as in years past, this newspaper 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 north@connectionnewspapers.com or upload directly to http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday/

Please include the words “Father’s Day” and your town of residence in the subject line.

Letters to the Editor

Receiving Benefits, Ducking Responsibility

To the Editor:

John Knight’s letter (“Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget”) in the last week’s Connection made a case for a school tax “rebate” to senior property owners. His stated argument is that since elderly residents don’t have children in the school system, they should get a financial break.

Since having no children in the system is the criterion, can we assume Mr. Knight would support cutting a rebate check for singles without children? Who knows whether they will ever use the system in these uncertain times? How about for families that send their children to private schools, don’t they deserve a little break, too? And why; when you get right down to it, should businesses — that obviously don’t put little ones into classrooms — not be entitled to a smidgen of property tax forgiveness?

Why pay for something you don’t use? Pay for play! This thoughtful argument has potential application to a broad range of other areas including public health. If I have health insurance, shouldn’t I get a rebate for that share of my taxes that goes to pay for public health services? Shouldn’t I get a modest re-deposit to my account to compensate me for the cost of maintaining the county parks I don’t use. I have never had a house burn down - not even once - and yet I expect to pay my full part of the taxes that fund Fairfax County Fire? How is that fair?

And just you wait until Mr. Knight starts in on figuring out which parts of the Commonwealth and Federal budgets don’t apply to him. We’ll all be rolling in rebates!

Kyle Olson
Alexandria
Public Hearing Notice

Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 at 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2016.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT’s Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT’s Civil Rights at 703-259-1775 or TTY/TDD 711.

Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

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Letters

Costly Alternatives

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to read that the Colvin Run Septic Sewage Receiving Plant will be "temporarily" closing on June 27 due to the “Difficult Run Pump Station Project” ("Sewage Hauled Elsewhere,” Great Falls Connection, June 1-7, 2016).

The article which I read did not reveal a projected date for reopening. The article also indicates that Septic companies will thereafter be required to take their loads of “honey” to the Blue Plains treatment plant in D.C. or the Upper Occoquan Service Authority in Centreville. Both of these alternatives will be an extreme hardship for Septic companies.

Residents of Great Falls already pay $300 or more to have their Septic systems emptied, as we have no water and sewage service provided by Fairfax County. If the Septic company must drive to D.C. or Centreville, a minimum of a two hour round trip from Great Falls, Great Falls residents will be charged hundreds of dollars more for such services. Did anyone obtain details of such additional charges before the decision was made to close the Colvin Run facility?

I am not familiar with the “Difficult Run Pump Station Project”, but when that Project was initially designed, it should have provided for the continuing operation of the Colvin Run Septic Receiving Plant.

Dave Elmore
Great Falls

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We appreciate the opportunity to share our passion for seniors and commitment to excellence with you. Please call us at 703-992-9868 to learn more, and visit our Information Center, which is now open at 1212 West Broad Street.
Creating Low Maintenance Outdoor Oasis This Summer

Simple ideas for enjoying outdoor space and reducing yard work.

By Marilyn Campbell

The Connection

A stone patio can enhance your outdoor space and reduce the amount of time you spend on yard work. Merrifield Garden Center’s David Watkins offers tips on how to create a low maintenance patio:

- **Choosing Materials:** Use materials that are durable and require little maintenance. Bluestone, for example, is a low maintenance option that looks great and is resistant to wear and tear. Other options include concrete, pavers, and brick. Be sure to choose materials that are appropriate for your climate and that complement your home’s architecture.

- **Maintaining the Patio:** Once your patio is installed, it’s important to keep it clean and free of debris. Regular sweeping and hosing down can help prevent moss and algae from growing. It’s also a good idea to apply a sealant to the surface to prevent water from penetrating the material.

- **Border Plants:** Adding border plants can help reduce the amount of time you spend on yard work. Choose plants that are drought-tolerant and require little care. Examples include sedum, yucca, and agave. These plants are also visually appealing and can enhance the look of your patio.

- **Mulch:** Incorporating mulch into your patio design can help reduce the amount of time you spend on yard work. Mulch helps to suppress weeds, retain moisture, and reduce the amount of time spent on watering and mowing.

- **Irrigation:** Installing an irrigation system can help reduce the amount of time you spend on yard work. An automatic irrigation system can be programmed to water your plants at specific times to reduce the amount of time you spend on manual watering.

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Barn Dance Goes Out with a Bang and Optimism

Annual event benefits the Optimist Club youth fund.

By Ken Moore
The Connection

The seven horses that live on Linda Thompson’s White Pines Farm property on Walker Road have shared their barn with the Great Falls Optimist Club for about once a year for the past 10 years.

“It’s amazing. It’s one of my favorite things about the place,” said Thompson. “I fell in love with this barn before I fell in love with the property.”

Thompson describes how she made renovations to her barn to be able to turn it into a dance floor, bar, auction house, barbecue restaurant, concert and picturesque location for the annual Barn Dance.

“I’ve put a lot of heart and soul into it,” she said on Saturday night, June 4, describing efforts to keep it airtight, white washing the interior, treating the elegant wood, putting electricity and installing lighting and heat.

The dance benefits the Great Falls Optimist Club Children’s Fund.

“We’re small but mighty,” said Thompson, this year’s president. “We’ve been part of the community for a long time.”

The Great Falls Optimist Club President Linda Thompson hosts the annual barn dance at her property of White Pines Farm on Walker Road.

Some of the programs provided by the Optimist Club include the Great Falls Children’s Festival, youth awards of excellence, essay contests, the Christmas Tree lighting, a winter shoes program, and family food programs. The club also supports Special Olympics, local scouts, local Little League teams, and has partnered in developing the children’s playground near the Grange.

This will be the Optimist Club’s last Barn Dance.

She’s hoping to break down the barn and move it to her son’s farm this year. “I’m sad to see it go, but the time is right for me to break away,” said Thompson.

The purpose of an Optimist Club is to develop optimism as a philosophy of life.

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Volunteer Events & Opportunities

Fairfax County’s free Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, June 14, 7-8 p.m. This month’s topic is “Caregiver Vacationing: How to Make it Work When You’re a Caregiver”. Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eldersadults and click on Caregiver Support/Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711.

The Fairfax Commission on Aging meets on Wednesday, June 15 at noon at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. (Please note new meeting location.) The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/eldersadultservices/coa.htm. Call 703-324-5403, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Fairfax County is offering a free Medicare 101 workshop, Wednesday, June 15, 2-4 p.m. Learn the facts about health insurance for seniors. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. To register, call Karen Brunsche at 703-390-6157, TTY 711.
Meredith Hargroves, a freshman at the University of Virginia and alumna of Langley High School, was surprised by her boyfriend Matt Arrison who brought her onstage during the performance.

The halls were alive with the sound of music this past week at Langley High School as the choir performed classic Broadway hits during their annual concert. The evening included music from famous shows such as "Annie," "Oklahoma," "Jersey Boys," a medley from "Jekyll & Hyde," and more.

During one song in the "Jersey Boys" portion, performed by the Voicemale group within the Langley High School Choral Music Department, a member of the audience was brought onstage. "I knew someone was going to be pulled up there, but I had no idea it was me!" said Meredith Hargroves, a freshman at the University of Virginia and alumna of Langley High School. Her boyfriend, Matt Arrison, a senior and member of Voicemale surprised her with the gesture and the group serenaded her in front of the audience.

Voicemale is small, select, men’s ensemble that focuses on a variety of musical styles.

The concert had a large audience for both nights of the performance, which was held in Langley’s newly built auditorium.

During the ‘Leading Ladies’ section of the performance, the Women’s Select Treble Choir sang popular selections from ‘Wicked,’ ‘The Sound of Music,’ ‘Guys and Dolls,’ and more.

Ammad Akbari and Alyssa Bedell perform a medley from ‘Jekyll & Hyde.’ Both Akbari and Bedell are members of the Madrigals, an advanced and selective mixed ensemble.
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From left — Evan Casey (as Floyd Collins) and John Sygar (Homer Collins) in “Floyd Collins” at 1st Stage in Tysons Corner until June 26.
Photo by Teresa Castracane/Courtesy of 1st Stage

“Gut Churn” from Radiolab’s Jad Abumrad.

“Animal Kingdom” Pet Rescue and Adoption
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Gallery with works of art by Vladimir & Alena Piven, Olaf Schneider, Anastasia Carion, David Sosane, Matthew Moore, and Linda Griffin.

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“Write On Into Summer.”
Write On Into Summer. B-Fest Teen Book Festival

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All children who participate will receive a free teddy bear. www.shakeshack.com

“Princess Garden Party.”

Thursday, June 9-11
B-Fest Teen Book Festival

Friday, June 10
Summer Kick-Off Party.

Friday, June 11
Parent and Child Fishing by Boat.

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Riverbend Family Day. Noon-2 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Children with disabilities and their families can enjoy a kayak tour of the Potomac, fishing, and hiking with a guide. 8 years or older. $6-$10. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

Riverbend Day: Wagon Ride. 10-11 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Go on a wagon ride and learn about the park’s wildlife and historical Native Americans. 2 years or older. $6/8. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

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Lake Street Dive Concert. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap’s Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come see the multi-genre band Lake Street Dive in concert, with opening by The Lone Bellow. $25-$45. 703-253-1900. wolftrap.org.

AAUW Used Book Collection. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. SunTrust Bank, 513 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. CBs, DVDs, software, children’s books, records, and recent textbooks. Proceeds benefit scholarships for women. aaubookfair@gmail.com. 703-527-4206.

Zhuge Yellowgold’s Show. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Zhuge Yellowgold is a friendly fellow who came from the Sun and landed in the Minnesota woods. “Zhuge Yellowgold’s Show” is a multi-media performance of live music, animated illustrations and storytelling. Ages 4 and up. $15. 703-549-8776. mcleancenter.org.

Animal Feeding Time. 10-11 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Join a Riverbend animal caretaker as they feed and care for the park’s exhibit animals. 4 years or older. $5-$7. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

Local High School Students Win Merit Scholarships

The following are local students who received the National Merit Scholarship:

❖ Phoebe G. Whitmore, of Vienna, attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and plans to study mechanical engineering (robotics) at the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering.

❖ John H. Balch, of Great Falls, attends George C. Marshall High School and plans to study activism at the University of Chicago.

❖ Sara E. Warrington, of Great Falls, attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and plans to study chemistry at the University of Chicago.

African American Author John H. Balch.

Parks and Recreation


Handmade Pottery Workshop. 10-11 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Learn to make your own pottery. 14 years or older. $10 per 2-4 pieces. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

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Time to Learn: English Language Arts (ELA) Grade 2-5. 10-11 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Children with disabilities and their families can enjoy a kayak tour of the Potomac, fishing, and hiking with a guide. 8 years or older. $6-$10. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

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Intro to River Kayaking. 10-10:30 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Learn the basics of kayaking; this class covers river hazards, water safety, and paddling basics. 14 years or older. $30/$32. Fee includes equipment and half-day kayak rental. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

Two Little Falls St., Falls Church. The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society will present a short mum growing tutorial on how to control when chrysanthemums bloom by using shading to extend the hours of sunlight. Fees to $5-$7. 703-540-8776. mcleancenter.org.

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Mum Growing Tutorial. 2:30 p.m. Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society will present a short mum growing tutorial followed by instruction on how to control when chrysanthemums bloom by using shading to extend the hours of sunlight. Fees to $5-$7. 703-540-8776. mcleancenter.org.

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Jackson Browne Concert. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap’s Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come and see the folk-rock singer/songwriter Jackson Browne in concert. $35-$60. 703-253-1900. wolftrap.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 14


SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Musical Performance, Storytime and Book Signing. Barnes and Noble Tysons Corner Center, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. With Grammy Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers. 703-506-2937.

The Magic of Bill Blagg Live. 8 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Critics and audiences alike rave about Bill Blagg’s incredible, high-energy, grand-scale magic and illusion. $20-$15. mcleancenter.org.

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Madison Softball Earns State Tournament Berth

Warhawks will face Grassfield at 3 p.m. on Friday.

By Josh Belanger

The third time the Madison and South Lakes softball teams faced this season it was for a trip to the 6A North region championship game and a berth in the state tournament. The two previous games showed little offense and dominant pitching performances. On May 31, the bats would come alive.

The teams combined for five home runs, including four by Madison, and the Warhawks defeated South Lakes 6-2 in the region semifinals in Vienna. The victory earned Madison a trip to the region final and a state tournament berth.

Two days later, the Warhawks lost to Osbourn Park 2-0 in the region championship game. Madison (23-4) will face 6A South region champion Grassfield in the state semifinals at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 10 at Robinson Secondary School.

On May 31, senior Katie Vannicola started in the circle for the Warhawks and the Seahawks countered with sophomore Aly Rayle. For the first three innings, the pitching was as expected. Both pitchers seemed to be locked in as neither one surrendered a hit until the third inning.

“Any time you face someone three times it’s hard,” said Madison head coach Jim Adkins. “I thought our hitters did a much better job and had a better approach in this game than the previous two games.”

Madison’s patience would pay off as the offense broke it open in the third. Senior Blake Brackett started the inning with a base hit and later scored on a throwing error. Vannicola then hit a two-run home run and sophomore Kristin Giery would follow that with a long ball of her own.

“We made some adjustments and you see some balls hit hard and when you get a few fortunate home runs, it’s usually helpful for your offense,” said Adkins. “I thought the girls had a good approach at the plate.”

Two batters later, senior Julia Hoy hit the third home run of the inning for the Warhawks, giving them a five-run lead.

Adkins said that the confidence is high, and credits the success to an adjustment in the practice plan.

“We spent the last week getting back to the basics, focusing on seeing the ball hit the bat, keeping your head behind the swing and making adjustments at the plate,” said Adkins.

South Lakes head coach Carlos Soto tried to slow the inning down and get his team to relax after the error, feeling that a rally was coming. Unfortunately for the Seahawks, the mistakes were just too much to overcome.

“When you have a team with really good bats, you can’t make mistakes in the strike zone,” said Soto. “I called timeout because you have to try and refocus and I hope that didn’t hurt [Rayle], but she battled back on things like that all season and again when you [face] a good hitting team you can’t make mistakes.”

South Lakes would not go quietly. After a leadoff single in the fourth by Jazmyn Stokes, junior Danielle Barr connected on a two-run shot to left, cutting the lead to three.

However, that’s all Vannicola would allow a young South Lakes group to score. The Seahawks finished the season 17-8, but only graduated four seniors and have a senior infield returning next season.

“I feel really confident about this team and confident we will be back next year and do a lot great things,” said Soto.

Giery added insurance in the sixth for Madison with her second long ball of the game and her eighth home run of the season.

“[Madison] hit the ball well today, you can’t say anything bad about them, they played really well,” said Soto. “Giery has been doing well for them all season and she stepped up for them today.”

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To start the second half, Langley started to gather a little bit of pressure, as a couple chances from Daniel Hulett and Cameron Bacso were just off target.

“We couldn’t get the ball on the floor, which was frustrating,” said Langley head coach Bo Amato. “I felt like I didn’t get my team ready to play so this one’s on me.”

Aside from all the scoring the Generals did, a key element to the game was the way the defense played on the back end.

“We kept talking about trying to get that shutout,” said Carasquillo. “We’ve been needing to finish these games off, so the fact that we got this shutout for the boys defensively, it means a lot.”

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From left — Shu-Chen Cuff, Jeanne Harrison and Stephen Gorbos

Area Choreographer and Theatre Director Win $5,000 Grant

Reston-based choreographer Sue-Chen Cuff and Great Falls-based theatre director Jeanne Harrison won $5,000 each from the Arts Council of Fairfax's Strauss Artist Grant. Falls Church composer Stephen Gorbos also won.

Taiwanese-born choreographer and dancer Shu-Chen Cuff founded Reston-based Gin Dance Company in 2011 providing artists the opportunity to learn, grow, and express themselves through dance. Cuff serves as artistic director for Gin Dance and regularly performs with her dance company in Fairfax County and the Washington metropolitan area. She is known for blending both visual and performance art in her performances.

Cuff has performed numerous classical and contemporary dance works while working with Dama Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company, Miami Ballet, and Nevada Ballet Theatre and has toured in Asia, Central America, and Europe before relocating to the Washington, D.C. area in 2002. Cuff is currently on the faculty of BalletNOVA Center for Dance and the Metropolitan School of the Arts where she continues to share her passion for dance with young aspiring dancers. To find out more about Shu-Chen Cuff and Gin Dance Company, visit http://gindance.org.

Theatre artist Jeanne Harrison is Traveling Players Ensemble's producing artistic director and founder. The Ensemble, founded in 2003, is dedicated to bring classical theatre into the great outdoors through a thriving summer camp and year-round acting classes and workshops. During her 27-year teaching career, Harrison has taught for Catholic University, Chapin School, Folger Shakespeare Library, Loyola University (Maryland), University of Maryland-Baltimore County, and Interlochen Center for the Arts, where she directed the Shakespeare program. She is an expert on Commedia dell'Arte, a form of theatre which utilizes masks and stock characters to deliver improvised performances, as well as a physical trainer for actors, Harrison has presented workshops at the National Conference of the American Alliance for Theatre and Education. To find out more about Jeanne Harrison and Traveling Players Ensemble, visit http://travelingplayers.org.

Composer Stephen Gorbos creates concert music in a wide range of ensembles and soloists, as well as music for film, theatre, and dance productions. He teaches composition, theory, and music technology as an associate professor of music and head of the division of composition and theory at the Catholic University of America's Benjamin T. Rome School of Music and was a visiting assistant professor at Yale University's Department of Music. His works have been performed in concert halls across the United States and in Europe by musicians and orchestras. To find out more about Stephen Gorbos, visit http://stephengorbos.com.

The Strauss Artist Grants program, funded by Fairfax County, is an investment in the sustained growth and development of the arts in Fairfax County, as well as a way to honor contemporary artists’ commitment to an artistic discipline and their contributions to Fairfax County. For more information on the Arts Council’s grant programs, visit http://artsfairfax.org/grants.

School Notes

Brandon D. Kendrick, of Vienna, is on the spring 2016 deans list at Hampden-Sydney College.

Robert P. Buttarazzi, of Vienna, is on the spring 2016 deans list at Hampden-Sydney College.

Megan L. Graves, of Vienna, has been named to the president's list for the 2016 spring semester at Elon University.

James “Blair” Glennon IV graduated from Darden School of Business in May 2016. He is a 2003 Langley High School graduate.

Joseph Boyd Greener, of Great Falls, graduated from Wake Forest Law in May 2016.

Christie Sweet, of Vienna, majoring in health and exercise science, graduated cum laude from Bridgewater College in May 2016.

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by noon on Friday.

Rebecca Helene Cooper-McDannel received a Master's degree in personnel management from East Carolina University. She is a 2007 graduate of Langley High School in 2007.

Kevin Paul Keena graduated in May 2015 with a B.A. in history and visual arts from Hampden-Sydney College. He hails from Vienna.

Jacob M. Farrar graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in biology from Hampden-Sydney College in May 2016. He hails from Oakton.

Emma Leiken, a 2012 Meadon High School graduate, earned Fulbright grant. She graduated from Oberlin College in May 2016.

Brandon Bast, of Great Falls, graduated from The University of Tampa on May 7. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in sport management and a minor in marketing.

Mary R. Brown of Oakton graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL with a Bachelor of Science in Meteorology and a Bachelor of Science in Computational Mathematics, cum laude. She will be continuing with graduate work at East Carolina University.

Savannah Kathleen McBride was awarded an $8,000 four-year Fra-ternal College Scholarship in a national competition by Modern Woodmen of America. She is the daughter of Stephen and Leslie McBride, McLean. She plans to attend Reed College in Portland, Ore.

Elisabetta Cantatore, of Great Falls, a psychology major, has been named to the dean’s list for the 2015 fall semester at George Mason University.

Where and when

1st Stage presents “Floyd Collins” at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances now through June 26, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets: Adults $35, Seniors (65+) $32, students and military $15. Call 703-854-1856 or visit www.1ststage.org

First-year teaching Harrison has taught for Catho-

rica, he became trapped inside a cave in Kentucky into a tourist attraction in the winter of 1925. He became a media sensation in the days well before social media when he became trapped inside a cave. “Floyd Collins” was writ-ten by Tina Landau, with music and lyrics by Adam Guettel.

The large cast production is confidently directed by Nick Olcott, The nearly 20 musical numbers are under the direction of William Yanesh with a four member band. The origi-

nally American music ranges from dreamy, romantic and op-timistic to dissonant, edgy and into the depths of despair. Be-

yond the songs sung by the central cast members are several multi-cast numbers that bring a happy carnival-like atmosphere to the evening’s journey. Evan Casey plays the show’s central character, Floyd Collins. Casey not only sings with a splendid deep resonance, but provides emotional intensity that draws an audience to him and his predicament. The audi-

enece will easily become so sym-pathetic the predicament of Floyd Collins stuck in a cave try-

ing to stay sane that they may want to help dig him out rock by rock. Other actors clearly earn au-

dience attention. Maggie Donelly plays Floyd’s mentally anguish sister. Her singing is like an angel in heartbreak. When she steps about the stage, she makes sorrow visible with her juggled choreographed movements.

The key role of a newspaper reporter who becomes more than a reporter is played win-

ningly by Edward C. Nagal. He becomes a stand-in for the au-

dience; uncertain of what to expect as the media circus he helped create spirals out of con-

trol. John Sygar as Floyd’s brother provides stand-up vig-

orous voice as he fights with his parents to save his brother. Accolades to the Jos. B Musumeci, Jr and his set design of a cave composed of large jig-

saw puzzle pieces. Brian S. Allard’s lighting and Kenny Neal’s sound design provide key unmissable states of mind.

“Floyd Collins” from 1st Stage is theater with punch that will leave its mark well beyond Tysons.
Am I supposed to ignore, totally, the fact that I have cancer? I think I’ve made a seven-plus year survival history of doing so, mostly. But being indifferent, sort of, to a killer disease doesn’t seem particularly prudent. Granted, it has been a way I’ve been able to assimilate the stress and rationalize the anxiety, but as an overall strategy? I can’t say I’d recommend it, but…so far, so good.

Occasionally, I do wonder however, if being more engaged and more in tune with my body, my disease, my life expectancy, would help? I mean, not being depressed by my medical reality can’t be the answer to a prayer, can it? It seems too easy, too irresponsible, to be inattentive to the very thing that might actually be killing me. Yet I haven’t really stumbled. Cancer isn’t for sissies, but neither can it be for a type ‘A’, high intensity, 24/7 fighter. There’s a part of me, not large enough I’ll admit, that feels I should live my life – without being intentionally self-destructive – and not let the cancer control me, but rather that I control my life and let the chips fall where they may. There’s something to be said for freedom/quality of life, but that simply wishful thinking, and naive thinking at that? Or is attempting to live as normally as possible a key to my success?

I’m sure I’ll never know. It’s likely very difficult to measure in a clinical study/trial, the effects of such realities on tumors, and ultimately, patient outcomes. And neither is it possible to inject patients with a magic potion which changes their nature and in turn affects their survival. Talk about variables. Even the variable would have variables. Nevertheless, treatment has to consider mind, body and spirit, doesn’t it? Allowing for and/or accommodating one without considering the other two would seem to presume that the whole is not the sum of its parts. Who’s to say that keeping my spirits up is not as important as keeping my creatinine levels (as but one example) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not ple) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not ple) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not ple) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not ple) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not ple) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not ple) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not ple) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not.

Perhaps my attitude, my occasional indifference, my lack of obsession with my own outcome seems reasonable in light of my seven-plus year survival history of doing so for many years vs the fact that so many others have succumbed to this terrible disease. Or maybe it’s just blind, stupid, random luck (like the chips) versus my having survived for so many years vs my medical treatment/disease, my lack of obsession with my life, my disease, my life expectancy, my having survived for so many years vs my personal outcome seems reasonable in light of the effects of such realities on tumors, and ultimately, patient outcomes. And neither is it possible to inject patients with a magic potion which changes their nature and in turn affects their survival. Talk about variables. Even the variable would have variables. Nevertheless, treatment has to consider mind, body and spirit, doesn’t it? Allowing for and/or accommodating one without considering the other two would seem to presume that the whole is not the sum of its parts. Who’s to say that keeping my spirits up is not as important as keeping my creatinine levels (as but one example) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not.
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Community Accessibility Forum
TUESDAY/JUNE 14
Vienna Metro Station Bicycle Access Study Meeting
Vienna Metro Station, Vienna, VA 22180
8:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Networking
8:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Presentation
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10:30 – 10:45 a.m. – Adjourn

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to connectionnews@virginia.com. The deadline for submissions is at noon on the Friday prior to publication.

SUNDAY/JUNE 11
Disability Resource Fair
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
ServiceSource Disability Resource Center, 10467 White Granite Drive, Oakton. The fair will provide personal access to experts in the disability field. We will have resources, nonprofit partners, and vendors covering a range of disability topics including children, autism, aging, and veterans.
communications@service.org, 703-461-6000

Community Accessibility Forum, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. ServiceSource Disability Resource Center, 10467 Granite Drive, Oakton. Review the forum information to develop an action plan that addresses community recommendations, barriers, and service gaps. Register at 703-324-5847 or disabilitieservices@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12
Rights When Dying
2-4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2790 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Road Koppin will tell the Memorial Society of Northern Virginia about efforts to make medical aid-in-dying a legal option for terminally ill, mentally competent adults. She will also explain how, without this right, a dying person can still maintain control. Free. 703-765-4779

THURSDAY/JUNE 16
Vienna Metro Station Bicycle Access Study Meeting
8:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Networking
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The Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, 543 Beulah Road, Vienna, is hosting the course “Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church.” Classes will be April 17, May 1, 15, 22, June 5 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Light lunch and childcare provided. Visit https://tsu.us/17sg to sign up for a book and or more information on the project, area map or to submit comments online, visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/todtn/bike/viennanotrikosudy.htm

Faith Notes

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Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, will host annual yard sale/tea market on Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you can re- serve a 10x10 space ($25) to sell your own treasures or donate items to the church (they would pick up for you from your home for sale and/or sell your own things. 703-582-1640.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service with choir; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing every evening at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayer. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochfc.org

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to connectionnews@virginia.com. The deadline for submissions is at noon on the Friday prior to publication.