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Designer and Freeman Store shopkeeper Alla Fiore used her computer expertise to edit the photo which became the Historic Vienna, Inc. annual holiday card. Here, Freeman House sits under a December snowfall.



Sarah Jane Brady, Freeman Store and Museum administrator, displays the 2008 Rachael A. Peden Christmas ornament. The hand-painted decoration re-creates the original façade of Louise Archer School, built in 1939. The collectible sells for \$19.50 and is sold only at Freeman Store.

Cards, Ornament With Touch of History

Holiday cards, ornaments on sale at Freeman Store.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Some holiday scenes are right out of a Norman Rockwell painting. Freeman House on Church Street, garnished with holiday greens and set against a blue-cast snowfall, is one of them.

Freeman Store shopkeeper Alla Fiore, a computer engineer by training, created the 2008 Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI) Christmas card from a photograph she took last year. Utilizing her computer skills, Fiore transformed the photograph into a nostalgic "painting."

"You have to be patient and attentive," said Fiore. "Sometimes you have to wait a couple of months until it snows. I waited."

Fiore says she is happy to talk to people about her work. One of the shop's customers told Fiore that she was sending a postcard of the Town Green memorial fountain, photographed by Fiore, to her son in Afghanistan. "It's really nice when people come for my postcards," said Fiore.

The collectible Rachael A. Peden holiday ornament has made a comeback after a three-year hiatus. For 2008, the ninth in the series, Peden rendered an image of historic Louise Archer School, built in 1939.

"We have 200 of the ornaments to sell," said Sarah Jane Brady, administrator of Historic Freeman Store and Museum. "We sold 50 of them in the first week, mostly to people who collect the Peden series." The ornament went on-sale on Nov. 1, and its design was a joint effort by HVI board members, Fiore and Peden. Fiore took several photos of Louise Archer School, and rendered the initial drawings, and after many revisions, the drawings were sent off to Peden.

Brady anticipates the ornament, sold only

Historic Vienna, Inc. Ornaments

Hand-painted signed collectible ornaments by Rachael A. Peden, \$19.50, sold only at Freeman Store on Church Street. Back editions available for purchase.

- 1997 1897 Vienna Original Library
- 1998 1859 Freeman House
- 1999 1874 Vienna Presbyterian Church
- 2000 1990 Railroad Caboose
- 2001 1861 Vienna Depot
- 2002 1925 Vienna Inn
- 2003 1923 Vienna Elementary School
- 2004 1867 First Baptist Church
- 2008 1939 Louise Archer Elementary School

at Freeman Store, will sell out quickly.

Fiore has been at Freeman Store for three years and has created the postcards sold by Historic Vienna, Inc. that feature the caboose, a flowery Freeman House, and the memorial fountain on the Town Green.

"With computer technology, you can edit photos on the computer and turn it into a 'painting,'" said Fiore.

"I dedicate these cards to my family."



Freeman House Christmas card designer, Alla Fiore, waited patiently for the first snowfall of the season to capture the image she turned into Historic Vienna, Inc.'s holiday card. The 10-pack of cards sells for \$8.50 at Freeman Store.

5K Turkey Trot Draws Huge Crowd

The 2008 Madison High School 5K Turkey Trot, drawing serious runners and local children, was held under warm, sunny skies on Nov. 9.

More than 400 runners and walkers registered for the annual event that makes its way around Center and Cottage streets. As is tradition, there were Vienna/Oakton participants, serious runners from around the D.C. region, and elected state officials — Del. Steve Shannon (D-35) and Sen. Chap Petersen (D34) — completing the race.

"I try to run in all the 5K or 10K races,"

said Shannon, catching his breath. "It's a great way to show community support for the band and the fire department."

When the Jaycees disbanded several years ago, the James Madison High School Band parents took over the Turkey Trot, run in memory of long-time Jaycee race coordinator, Karen Hackney. Entrance fees paid by participants go directly to Madison band parents' group, who continue to make a "generous" contribution to the Vienna Fire

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Amy Adams of Fairfax City ran the 5K with her black lab who took refreshment after his run.



Town Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher and Volunteer Fire Department president Howard Springsteen.



Vienna's delegate to the state legislature, Steve Shannon.

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Both Campaigns Find Support Base in Area

Eight local residents are among the Republican presidential candidate's top fund-raisers.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Northern Virginia voted Democratic this year, but presidential candidate John McCain proved a Republican could still raise a lot of cash here.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Democratic candidate Barack Obama trounced McCain in campaign fundraising nationally, receiving \$630 million to the Arizona senator's \$380 million.

But McCain kept the funding gap between the two candidates close in Virginia, largely by reaching out to influential supporters in the state's northern sections.

McCain's money people generated \$7.8 million to Obama's \$11.3 million statewide, a much more modest shortfall than the Republican campaign saw on the national level.

McCain used Washington insiders living in Northern Virginia to raise money for his presidential bid both nationally and locally.

McCLean resident Frederic Malek — who oversaw the 1988 Republican National Convention and managed President George H.W. Bush's reelection campaign in 1992 — was McCain's deputy campaign finance director.

City of Alexandria resident Kirk Blalock, a former aide to political advisor Karl Rove, organized McCain's national outreach to professionals under 40 years old.

Another major McCain fund-raiser and McLean resident, Dwight Schar, was one of the single largest individual contributors to the Republican Party and Republican candidates in the country in 2008, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Schar is also the former finance director of the Republican National Committee and served as co-chair of President George W. Bush's presidential campaign in Virginia.

These major fund-raisers drove up contributions to McCain in the commonwealth. Virginia ranked fifth among states contributing to McCain overall. One McLean ZIP code, 22101, also became McCain's sixth most lucrative fund-raising spot in the country, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

APPROXIMATELY 24 of McCain's 534

national "bundlers" — elite fund-raisers who have solicited at least \$50,000 in political donations — live in Northern Virginia. By contrast, only 11 of Obama's approximately 560 "bundlers" reside in the area.

These big money fund-raisers tend to work in Washington D.C. and live inside the Beltway, seemingly unconcerned about what part of Virginia is "red" and what part is "blue."

Two of McCain's surrogates, including the candidate's brother, caused a stir last month when they said Northern Virginia was not part of the "real Virginia" and described Alexandria and Arlington as "communist country."

But McCain's major Republican fund-raisers appeared just as likely to live in Democratic strongholds like Alexandria and Arlington as the more Republican-friendly

McLean. Among his list of elite Virginia fund-raisers, nine live in McLean, seven live in Alexandria and five live in Arlington.

Two of Obama's largest fund-raisers also come from local communities — McLean and Centreville.

McCain's major Virginia fund-raisers appear to have raised more money individually

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Presidential Campaign Top Fundraisers in Northern Virginia

Candidates John McCain (R) and Barack Obama (D) both relied on well-connected "bundlers," people who solicit and collect other people's campaign donations, to collect money for their presidential bids.

As of Oct. 28, McCain had about 534 of these elite fundraisers garnering over \$50,000 in donations each, and they raised a total of \$75.5 million. Obama had 561 who raised at least \$50,000 each, collecting a total \$63.2 million for the Democrat.

Below is a list of some local fundraisers from each campaign. All information is provided by the Center for Responsive Politics, www.opensecrets.org.

MONEY FOR JOHN MCCAIN (R):

Name	Residence	Job/Background	Total 2008 Personal Campaign Donations*
Raised \$500,000 and above:			
Dwight Schar	McLean	Director of NVR Inc., a residential construction company; Director of Six Flags, Inc., amusement park chain; part owner of Washington Redskins	\$213,300
Frederic Malek	McLean	founder and chairman of Thayer Capital Partners; former Nixon official; deputy national finance chairman of the McCain campaign	\$145,500
Carter Pate	McLean	U.S. managing partner in government services at PricewaterhouseCoopers	\$62,500
Judy Black	City of Alexandria	policy director at Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Schreck LLP; former Reagan White House aide	\$28,800
Kirk Blalock	City of Alexandria	lobbyist with Fierce, Isakowitz & Blalock; former Bush political aide; director of McCain's young professionals group	\$16,000
Bobbie Kilberg	McLean	President of the Northern Virginia Technology Council	\$2,300
Raised between \$250,000 and \$500,000:			
Michelle Du Pont Olson	McLean	jewelry designer; daughter of Frederic Malek	\$6,900
Sloan Rappoport	Arlington County	vice president of Downey McGrath Group; former Bush administration official	\$1,250
Raised between \$100,000 and \$250,000:			
Richard Hohlt	Alexandria (Fairfax County portion)	lobbyist with The Hohlt Group	\$158,200
John Lehman	Arlington	chairman of equity investment firm J.F. Lehman & Company; former 9/11 Commission member; Secretary of the Navy during Reagan administration	\$26,800
Richard Wiley	Arlington	head of Wiley Rein LLP; former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission	\$18,850
Toufic Baaklini	Vienna	Finance director of Chevy Chase Cars	\$6,400
John Vogt	McLean	senior vice president of Chain Bridge Bank	\$4,300
Orson Swindle	City of Alexandria	McCain's POW "roommate" in "Hanoi Hilton"; Consultant	\$4,075
Steven Phillips	City of Alexandria	Partner at DLA Piper; former legislative director/counselor to Sen. Jesse Helms (D-S.C.)	\$3,800
Frank Donatelli	Mount Vernon	McGuireWoods Consulting; deputy chairman of Republican National Committee	\$3,000
Wes Foster	McLean	founder of Long & Foster Real Estate	\$2,800
Raised between \$50,000 and \$100,000:			
Eric Burgeson	Arlington	BGR Holding LLC; former chief of staff at Department of Energy during George W. Bush administration	\$27,800
Robert Fisher	Alexandria (Fairfax County)	lobbyist for Verizon Communications, Inc./ former congressional staff member for McCain	\$7,150
Cathleen Tripodi	Arlington	Kamlet Shepherd and Reichert	\$3,700
Lorne Craner	Alexandria	president of the International Republican Institute	\$2,300
Mary McAuliffe	City of Alexandria	vice president, external relations for Union Pacific Corporation	\$2,000
Dorothy Gray	McLean	U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee	N/A
Phil Russell	City of Alexandria	government policy advisor at Dykema PLLC; former aide to U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson (R-Tenn.)	N/A

MONEY FOR BARACK OBAMA (D):

Name	Residence	Job/Background	Total 2008 Personal Campaign Donations*
Raised \$500,000 or more:			
Don and Megan Beyer	City of Alexandria	owner of Don Beyer motors; former Lt. Gov. of Virginia	\$153,600
Tom Perrelli	Arlington County	managing partner at Jenner & Block; Department of Justice official during Clinton administration	\$16,600
Raised between \$200,000 and \$500,000:			
Beatrice Welters	McLean	trustee of Brookings Institution; former member of IBM marketing team	\$216,618
Tom Reed	Centreville	attorney with K&L Gates	\$2,550
Raised between \$100,000 and \$200,000:			
Michael Caplin	McLean	president of Turtle Island Group LLC, former program director of Smithsonian Institution	\$73,789
Raised between \$50,000 and \$100,000:			
Laurie Fulton	City of Alexandria	attorney with Williams & Connolly LLP	\$20,545
Kevin Wolf	Arlington	attorney with Bryan Cave LLP	\$6,973
Edward Bilich and Teresa Martinez	Arlington	Jones Day LLP; former board president for Latino Student Fund (Bilich)	N/A
Rob Dugger	City of Alexandria	managing partner of Tudor Investment Corporation	N/A
Kathryn Thomson	Arlington	partner at Sidley Austin LLP	N/A
Kevin Vincent	Arlington	attorney at Baker Botts LLP	N/A

* Personal Campaign Donations figure reflects the total amount of money an individual contributor, their spouse, and dependent children gave to all federal candidates, political parties and political action committees for the 2008 campaigns.

SOURCE: Center for Responsive Politics, www.opensecrets.org

CRIME

Incidents reported by the Town of Vienna police Department through Nov. 7.

ARRESTS

Locust St. at Glyndon St., S.E. Oct. 29, 8:56 p.m. While directing traffic at the annual Halloween Parade, PFC Monaco observed a domestic dispute beginning inside a vehicle. The female participant then threw a beer from the vehicle on to the ground in front of families and children and was arrested. During the arrest, the other disputant threw another beer towards the officer and he too was arrested. Both subjects were charged with Disorderly Conduct and

transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. They are being held on a \$300 bond. Arrested: a 47 year old male of Orchard St. in Vienna, and a 43 year old female of Orchard St. in Vienna.

100 Block Maple Ave., East. Oct. 29, 9:30 p.m. MPO Borja and MPO Brook were on bicycle patrol when they encountered an individual selling items during the annual Halloween Parade. The individual was warned and asked to notify his other co-workers about the town regulations regarding soliciting. A short time later another employee of the same company was found to be continuing to sell items without a permit. The individual was issued a summons

charging him with Soliciting Without a License. He was released upon receipt of his signature. Arrested: a 65 year old male of Amissville, Virginia.

300 Block Ayrhill Ave., N.E. Oct. 31 8:24 p.m. Officer Maiorana and MPO Borja responded to check on a loud party with possible underage alcohol consumption. Upon their arrival, they found several juveniles that had been consuming alcohol illegally. The parents of the juveniles were called and the children were turned over to them as they arrived. One female was uncooperative with the officers and was subsequently

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Jessica Levine cast her first vote on her 18th birthday on Nov. 4. At Langley High School.

Voter No. 585

Jessica Levine reflects on turning 18 on election day.

I am number 585. In my mind, this three-digit numeral evokes vivid memories of a gray concrete sidewalk on a rainy afternoon, of rubber floors and artificial yellow lighting flickering in the desolate [Langley High School] gymnasium. As I stepped into the building on that momentous day, I knew I was born to do this. It was my destiny; it was in the cards. I had been born 18 years ago on Nov. 4 for this very reason. I pulled out my voter registration card with shaking hands.

Those around me were smiling pleasantly, as if they didn't fully grasp the magnitude of the event they were privileged enough to witness. Didn't they feel the electricity in the air? Didn't they feel the crackling, tingling, edge-of-your-seat energy that surrounded me like an invisible aura? Only hours ago I had been a naïve 17-year-old, and now — on my 18th birthday — I was about to cast my very first ballot as an adult citizen. The gray old man took my permit with his hands shaking too, though probably more from old age than excitement. He smiled perfunctorily, as he would at any young voter.

"This your first time?" He could have been talking about anything — getting a flu shot, or pumping gas, or taking the SAT. Clearly, he didn't understand the significance of this day. Somehow, the gods of civics and maternity had struck a deal at the hour of my conception. I pictured amorphous divine figures perusing a

calendar as they planned the day of my birth to coincide with the election exactly 18 years in the future, making me just old enough to vote.

THE MAN checked my ID against a bulbous book of names. I imagined myself not as a person but as one line in the enormous volume of voters; today, I was not an individual but part of an entire nation of civic-minded citizens deciding the fate of the world's paragon of democracy. Despite the dismal setting of the old high school gymnasium, I felt empowered.

The man handed me my orange voting permit and motioned for me to step through to the booths behind him.

"You're voter number 585."

585. I was the 585th step toward the nation's new commander-in-chief; I was about to lay the 585th brick on the wall of America's executive future. The adrenaline built in my veins with

each step. Judging by the exhilaration present in my demeanor, one might have thought I was being elected president, not simply voting for one. As I stepped into the booth, my fingers went numb. The screen's bright primary colors blinded me momentarily. This was it. I followed the on-screen instructions carefully. With each tap of the screen, I expected fireworks to erupt from the machine in front of me.

Thirty seconds later, it was over. I had touched the screen exactly eight times, and it had taken scarcely as much time as it would to send a 100-character text message.

"That's it?" I said aloud.
"That's it," the man replied. "It's no big deal."

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Girl Scout Troop 83 of Vienna handmade soy candles, glycerin soaps, and bath salts to sell. The troop is raising funds for a trip to Italy. George C. Marshall High School students Becca Stripe, Jasmin Michael and Rebecca Curtis pitch their products along with mothers Wendy Michael and Elizabeth Stripe.

Vienna Women's Club Holds 48th Annual Bazaar

Seventy four vendors and craftspeople showed up for the 48th annual Vienna Women's Club Bazaar on Nov. 8. So did a lot of customers.

From jewelry artists to chocolatiers and other food purveyors to natural bath products and more, sellers represented a diversity of products.

Judith Mitchell of McLean, who started out as a private chef, creates "tea" bags of mulling spices suitable for cider or wine.

Her Grand Marnier-cranberry relish features fresh cranberries from Wisconsin. Girl Scout Troop 83 of Vienna packaged scented bath salts, soaps and candles. "Plain" hot dogs, served by the Women's Club, sold for 50 cents.

Shopper Anne Pohnert of Vienna summed it up. "It has variety, affordability, creativity and it's fun. You can always find something unique."

— DONNA MANZ

VIEWPOINTS

What do you like most about shopping at a craft fair?

— DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Chase Hiday, 11 years old, Vienna

"It's got different and interesting articles and a lot of the stuff is really unique. You know the quality, like the yarn."



Lorraine Saxon, Vienna

"It's close to home, and a great place to find unique presents. I like the fact that this is local vendors. It's just great to support local merchants."



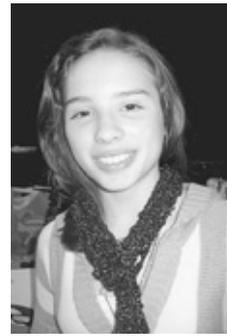
Danika Saxon, 14 years old, Vienna

"I like to see what other people do and how they do it. I knit and I like to see how others put together their things, what they do with the yarns and patterns. I like to be able to support craftspeople, too."



Spencer Hiday, 14 years old, Vienna

"I really want to go into an artistic field when I'm older. I want to do something creative like this. I love this kind of thing. Where else can you find stuff like this? It helps the community, as well. Why not have fun and buy something?"



CRIME

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detained. The girl, a 17 year old Vienna resident, was released to her mother. A petition will be obtained charging her with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

Beulah Road at Creek Crossing Drive, N.E. Nov. 1, 12:56 a.m.

Sergeant Reeves was working stationary RADAR on Beulah Road as part of a Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles enforcement grant. Funds were granted to the Vienna Police for extra enforcement of the Drunk Driving laws. Sergeant Reeves was working this detail when he observed a vehicle travelling above the posted speed limit. After making contact with the driver, Sergeant Reeves observed signs of possible impairment. The driver performed several field sobriety tests and was subsequently placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated. The driver, a 26 year old male of Pond Spice Terrace in Burke, Virginia was transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath. The suspect refused to submit to the analysis and was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. There he was formally charged with Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd Offense and Refusal to Submit to Breath Analysis. He is being held on a \$3000 bond.

Patrick St. at Park St. S.E. Nov. 2, 1:30 a.m. Auxiliary Officer Delvecchio and MPO Borja observed a staggering male emerge from the 7-11 store and cross over Park St. heading towards Patrick St. The subject, a 30 year old male of no fixed address, was subsequently arrested for Drunk in Public. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Cedar Lane Center, 100 Block Cedar Lane, S.E. Nov. 6, 8:05 a.m. Officer Finelli responded to the Cedar Lane Center for a wanted juvenile. A warrant was on file for a student charging him with Violation of Probation. The student was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center as he was found to be an adjudicated juvenile.

ARSON

400 Block Fellini Court, S.E. Nov. 5, 4:31 p.m. PFC Mangan responded for a reported fire in the woods. Upon his arrival he found some school books which had been set ablaze. The fire was extinguished by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. No identifying information was discovered in the books.

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OPINION

Veteran's Day

Time to remember that we are still fighting two wars, that many thousands have died or been wounded, and that our veterans deserve the best possible care on their return.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died just over one month ago on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds. Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty. Among family and friends left behind were his twin brother Timothy.

Nov. 11 marks Veterans Day, a day to honor all veterans, living and dead.

But our thoughts turn to the more than 4,100 U.S. service members who have died in Iraq and more than 600 who have died in Afghanistan since 9/11. Here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with this loss.

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are mother and stepfather of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day.

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Cpl. Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Xiomara Mena is described as the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever changed by that experience.

Those serving are there because of their sense of duty to the rest of us, to put their lives

on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first-class health care.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

❖ Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

❖ Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

❖ Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

❖ Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

❖ Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

❖ Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

❖ Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

❖ Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

❖ Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

❖ Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.



❖ George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

❖ On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq.

❖ Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed while flying in support of security operations in Iraq.

❖ Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

❖ Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Jim Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

ON VETERANS DAY, we also honor those who served in World War I (a dwindling number), World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as those who have served the nation in times of peace.

If you have a story you'd like to share, about your own military service or that of a family member, we'd like to hear from you.

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Safety Net a Priority

To the Editor:

Barack Obama, our 44th President of the United States of America will be sworn in on Jan. 20, 2009. This will be history in the making.

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John Horejsi, SALT Coordinator
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PEOPLE

A Big Deal

FROM PAGE 6

But that wasn't it, not by a long shot. I left the polling place in a daze, deep in thought. Maybe I was not legally a minor anymore, but apparently no one had bothered to tell that to my ever-inventive imagination. Voting wasn't quite as glamorous as my juvenile mind had made it out to be. Or maybe it was, in a mature adult way. Children are always looking for instant gratification; they want every experience to be as enjoyable from the very first moment as they had anticipated it would be. But I was no longer a child, and I had grown up within the half-minute I spent at the voting booth. It wasn't about the flashy expectations or hype; what really mattered was the practical effect of the action itself.

Too many young people care more about booze than ballots; they would rather spend their 18th birthday at a crowded party than alone in a voting booth. For some, the problem is apathy; for others, it is the belief that they are ineffectual, that society is a world created and run by adults. I take pride in the fact that I will never be one of them.

MY DESIRE to be a significant member of society is evident in everything I do. It is why I imagine myself at the editorial desk of the "Washington Post" when designing the front page of my high school newspaper. It is why I participate in Model UN — which simulates a real organization in which today's leaders literally change the course of international history — and why I do community service, which (even on a small scale) incites significant change in people's lives. And it is why I stood in line for the first time to vote on that November day.

I am number 585 this year, and who knows what number I will be next election. But I do know that I will show up year after year, pressing the buttons and casting my ballot. And one day, I may replace the man checking off names in the gloomy lighting of a gym-turned-polling location. I will make sure to smile broadly at all the young voters, whom I will see as number 432 or 586, as honorable civil servants sacrificing an afternoon to take charge of their future. I will smile at them as if they are extraordinary because they are — because even if they don't know it yet, and even if there are no fireworks or balloons, voting is a big deal.

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They're off ... 400 metro-area runners do the 6th Annual Turkey Trot.

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS

Running For a Cause

FROM PAGE 3

Department, Turkey Trot co-chair Loretta Williams said.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department president Howard Springsteen called the turnout a "mob scene, bigger than last year."

Madison High School student government president and canned food drive director Michael Land finished just under 20 minutes, near Petersen. "I'm on the track and cross-country teams," said Land. "I do this because I like running, and today, I'm doing it be-

cause I think running is a great sport.

"I like how this race supports the band and the fire department.

"My dad is running this race, too, so I did it with him."

JUSTIN FRITZIUS of Purcellville came in first over the finish line, followed by Craig Chasse of Reston and Monte Hawkins of Falls Church. Dionis Gauvin of Washington, D.C., was the women's first place winner. Fritzius and Gauvin were awarded large-sized Thanksgiving turkeys.

At the firehouse, sponsors collected canned food for distribution to area food banks.

Ketterman Jewelers of Vienna was the event's Platinum Sponsor. Forty-two prizes were donated by local businesses, and the two prize turkeys were purchased with a Giant Food gift card.

"Runners love this race because it's such a well-organized event and it's for such a good cause," said Edythe Kelleher of the Vienna Town Council.

— DONNA MANZ



MADEIRA GIRLS
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to say

I never thought of myself as athletic before I came to Madeira. I've always done ballet, but I never really played any sports. Still, the first thing I did freshman year was try out for the JV soccer team. I was petrified. But the next day I had friends. My parents called it an overnight transformation.

Now I'm really into long-distance running. I know the cross-country course so well. I never get tired of running around Madeira. I go through the Big Woods behind the horse pasture, which means running up a lot of hills. Then I run up Meyer House Road, toward the Potomac River, and then loop up to Little Woods, which puts me right near the soccer fields. Running is such a mental release.

I enjoy working hard. I don't skimp on my homework. I always do the extra assignment. Running gives me balance, so do my friends and mixing music CDs. I have a lot of drive. Both of my parents are engineers, so I think I get it from them. They are so curious about everything, and they instilled in me that sense of wonder.

When I was thirteen, my dad started reading Stephen Hawking to me. I now love the ideas of modern physics. The idea that time is relative, it is not constant. You could be sitting in class, maybe a little tired, and time is slow. One minute seems like an hour. But when I am really engaged in a class discussion, or when I'm running, time flies by.

After college, I would really like to work in international aid. If I could study international relations, with a concentration in nonviolence and peace studies, and combine that with astrophysics, well, I'd be a happy girl. I think I could make it work.



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Brenda Drake will be holding a mixed media art exhibit at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, through Nov. 28. 703-757-8560.



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Oakton High School Dance Team Clinic, Dec. 15-18, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Open to students in grades 7-12. Pre-clinic registration \$90, registration at the door \$100. Contact Missy Isakowitz at isakowitz5@gmail.com or Coach Rowley at Karen.Rowley@fcps.edu.

Piper Edwards of Vienna has graduated with a bachelors degree in art from Pacific University of Oregon in Forest Grove, Oregon.

Sara Lilly of Oakton, a senior majoring in marketing management, has been chosen to be a student ambassador for the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. The Pamplin Ambassadors program is an organization composed of students who best represent the college. The focus of the Pamplin Ambassadors program is to assist with college information sessions, conduct special advising sessions, and serve as a conduit for undergraduate issues in the Pamplin College of Business.

They also attend and help with Admissions Open House events in the fall semester and Hokie Focus and Gateway Program in the spring semester. When they are not helping out with events such as these, ambassadors are mentoring new and prospective students.

Brian Rita of Vienna has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at George Mason University. Rita is an information technology major, and a 2006 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School. Rita is the son of Fred and Virginia Rita of Vienna, and grandson of Virginia McGavin of Vienna and George and Patricia Rita of Alexandria.

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NEWS



Patrick Bazin, executive chef and owner of Bazin's on Church in Vienna, continues his three-year partnership with Cameron Graham of McLean.



Pastry chef-buddy Harry Sarkees, "Best Buddy" Connor Mirt and the namesake of Silva's Patisserie, Silva Sarkees, talk about the upcoming "Life is Sweet Pastry Chef Showcase" coming up on Nov. 18 in Tysons Corner.

Pastry-Heaven Benefits Best Buddies

Vienna pastry chefs pair with local students at "Life is Sweet Pastry Showcase."

By DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

For Vienna Best Buddy, Conner Mirt, life is sweet. Mirt, a 17-year-old student with developmental disabilities at the Marshall High School Davis Center, is partnered with Vienna pastry chef Harry Sarkees in the Nov. 18 "Life is Sweet Pastry Chef Showcase." The reception at the Audi dealership at Tysons Corner brings together 30 of Washington, D.C.'s preeminent pastry chefs, and their culinary masterpieces, under a single tent.

Hometown Vienna features two pastry chefs in the showcase. Besides Sarkees, Patrick Bazin of Bazin's on Church is continuing his third year as a chef-buddy to Cameron Graham, a Langley graduate now at the Davis Center. "This is a community effort at its best," said Best Buddies Virginia director Allison Coles. "We've exceeded our sponsorship goal. We expect about 510 attendees. "We have an international relationship with Audi of America. Now, we're bringing it to the local level."

Sarkees and Mirt's relationship is unique in the Best Buddies chef-buddy/best buddy pastry showcase. Sarkees himself graduated from George C. Marshall High School in 1992, and the duo is the only all-Marshall team. As pastry chef at the Kennedy

Center, Sarkees worked with the Best Buddies gala at the Shriver home in Potomac. A little more than a year ago, Sarkees turned his attention to his own shop in Vienna which he runs with his mother, pastry artist Silva Sarkees, the patisserie's namesake.

"When I was at the Kennedy Cen-

"I knew I wanted to do this again, to be involved."

— Harry Sarkees of Silva's Patisserie

ter, we used to do the Best Buddies gala every year at the Shriver's house," said Sarkees. "I worked on that for the past several years, looked forward to it, and when Allison asked if I was interested, I had already made up my mind. I knew I wanted to do this again, to be involved.

"As soon as she asked, I said, 'yes,' without them finishing the pitch."

Sarkees is creating 400 pieces of coconut passion petit fours for the event, and assistant, Mirt, will finish off the cakes and help serve. Mirt held the title of assistant varsity basketball team manager at Marshall High School last year.

BAZIN, WHO is creating 300 individual white chocolate mousse cups in chocolate shells —

dolloped with fresh raspberries — shares Sarkees' sense of community service. "Best Buddies is a great cause," said Bazin. "It's important to have humanity in this world, and for me, participating in this cause is an opportunity to give back to the community."

Bazin keeps a photograph of himself and Graham in her toque blanc on his restaurant wall, and says that meeting her as his "best buddy" made the experience "so much more personal."

"Cameron and I bonded right away," Bazin said. "She has a say in what we make. One year, I wanted to do something with peanut butter. 'No,' she said. 'I don't like peanut butter.'"

"We made something else."

"Life Is Sweet" is Best Buddies' most extravagant yearly fundraiser. The Best Buddies program pairs a student with developmental disabilities with a general education peer buddy. It was founded by Anthony Kennedy Shriver while he was a Georgetown University student, and today, the program stretches across international borders.

What does Conner Mirt say is the best part of Best Buddies? "Meeting Harry," he said.

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS are \$100; teachers and school staff pay \$50; and students and "buddies" pay \$25 per ticket. Guests may sample all pastries, wines and soft drinks. International sponsor, Pepsi, is providing Pepsi products. Roland Mesnier, former White House pastry chef, is event chair, and Best Buddies founder, Anthony Kennedy Shriver, is scheduled to appear.

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WEEK IN VIENNA

Arrest Made in El Punto Attack

On Nov. 9, a 28-year-old Hispanic man of Battle Street in Vienna was arrested at his home and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He was formally charged with malicious wounding of another 34-year-old Hispanic man at the El Punto Restaurant on Oct. 25 and is being held on \$2,500 bond. On Oct. 25, at 4:30 p.m. officers responding to the El Punto Restaurant for a reported assault, found a 34-year-old Hispanic male victim that had a large cut across his face. The victim stated he had been struck with a broken beer bottle. Further investigation revealed that the victim was inside the restaurant and was blindly struck with the bottle by an unknown assailant. Witness statements provided several leads.

Support Troops In Iraq

American Legion Auxiliary Junior Unit 180 is sending boxes of goodies for the holidays to an American unit it has adopted, the 506th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron (506 EMEDS), deployed to Iraq in September. The Junior Unit is collecting decorations, cards, music, toiletries and other items that troops do not have ready access to at their posts.

The American Legion Auxiliary Junior Unit 180 is looking for sponsors to provide financial support for this campaign. Any businesses or individuals who contribute to the program will have their names printed on unit shirts that are worn at American Legion fund-raising events, Legion functions, and community service.

To lend support to an American soldier, contact Mackenzie Duffy by Nov. 22 at 703-600-9766 or by e-mail at k_duff1228@yahoo.com

Prescription Fraud Uncovered

On Sept. 2 and Sept. 12, an individual attempted to pass fraudulent prescriptions at the Rite Aid Pharmacy in the 200 block of Maple Avenue in Vienna. The prescriptions were forged from stolen pads belonging to various doctors. A pharmacy employee notified police and attempted to verify the authenticity of the prescriptions through

the doctor's offices. In both instances the subject left the premises prior to police arriving. Forensic evidence was gathered from both scenes and Vienna Police Detective Sylmar, through contacts with various police agencies learned that the individual passing the fraudulent scripts was a 55-year-old Leesburg resident who was identified in part due to cooperation between Vienna Police Detectives, Sully District Station Detectives from the Fairfax County Police and Herndon Police detectives. The suspect was found to be incarcerated at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center on nine other charges relating to prescription fraud from other jurisdictions. Detective Sylmar charged him with six additional felony charges. The charges were: two counts of forgery, two counts of uttering, and two counts of obtaining drugs by forgery. The suspect's bond was increased by \$15,000 due to the Vienna charges.

'Beauty Spot' Award Announced

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The latest "Beauty Spot" award goes to Joseph and Maureen Alonso, 112 Oak St., S.W., for their attractive home and landscaping.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180.

Loebig Chiropractic Helps Those in Need

Loebig Chiropractic in Great Falls has a plan to help needy families this holiday season. The office of Loebig Chiropractic will be working with the Capital Area Food Bank to help generate food donations in the area. From Dec. 1-12, Loebig Chiropractic will be asking new patients to donate eight or more canned goods in exchange for first day services (including exam, history, consultation, x-rays and adjustment), a \$220 value, absolutely free and will also accept any other food donations prior to Nov. 21.

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WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

Vienna Remembers World War II: Stories, photos and memorabilia about the war from area veterans and families, about the war on the battlefield and on the home front. The Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. 703-200-7806 or historiciennainc.org.

Duncan Sheik with Lauren Pritchard. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$30. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Preschool singalong. 10:30 a.m. All ages. Sing songs with Miss Belle. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

"The Gingerbread Man". 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Age 3-5 with adult. Activities and a craft. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

VTRCC Annual Election Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ristorante Bonaroti, 428 Maple Ave., East, Vienna. Keith Turner, VP, Development Services, **WestGroup Properties, LLC.** 703-281-1333.

Love and Reverie, Von Iva, Roslyn and Apathy Eulogy. Rock. 6:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Richard Shindell and Ollabelle. 8 p.m. Folk and roots rock at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Lloyd Dobler Effect and Willie Strings and the Players. Rock. 8:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Frank Fuerst, author of "Alzheimer's Care with Dignity" describes his personal experiences as his wife's caregiver and offers practical tips. 1 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Free; registration required. 703-938-0405.

Financial Planning for Separation and Divorce, 7 p.m. at Investment & Resource Planning Associates, 10600 Arrowhead Drive, Suite 310, Fairfax. \$55 non-members, \$45 members. All financial components of the property settlement agreement from preparing documents for your attorney to the signing of your agreement. To register visit www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657.



Vienna Remembers World War II: Stories, photos and memorabilia about the war gathered from area veterans and families, about the war both on the battlefield and on the home front. The exhibit will be displayed at The Freeman Store and Museum.



Richard Shindell and Ollabelle bring folk and roots rock to The Barns at Wolf Trap on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Lloyd Dobler Effect and Willie Strings and the Players. Rock. 8:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Camp Griffin: The War and Lewinsville/ Langley, by John Craigg. The McLean Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. In a move to protect Washington, Federal troops seized Virginia land across the Potomac from the capital. Later, the Union Army set up Camp Griffin there.

Vermont regiments occupied an area that stretched from Salona to what is now the CIA. 703-790-0123.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Scrapbooking Event, 6-11:30 p.m. at 2148 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring. Admission for \$25. Licensed certified massage therapist with free chair massages, lunch available for purchase, door prizes and a raffle. All proceeds benefit the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. 703-200-2340 or www.dlvfrd.org/Events.php

Livingston Taylor. 7:30 p.m. Folk singer/songwriter at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Club Phoenix Teen Center Karaoke Night, beginning at 5 p.m. at in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. For Vienna area 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Free; refreshments provided. Big screen TV, VCR, jukebox, CD player, video games, pool and Ping-Pong tables, food area and state-of-the-art sound system. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Jim White, Americana. 7:30 p.m. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

The Alternate Routes and Daniela Cotton. Pop/rock/soul. 10 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 15

Choral Treasure Rediscovered, from the Archives of the Library of Congress. 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The Congressional Chorus, under the direction of David Simmons, explores the history of American choral music based on the collections of the Library of Congress. Tickets \$25, at the door or www.congressionalchorus.org.

The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Scrapbooking Event, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at 2148 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring. Admission \$30. Licensed certified massage therapist with free chair massages, lunch available for purchase, door prizes and a raffle. All proceeds benefit the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. 703-200-2340 or www.dlvfrd.org/Events.php.

Friends of Vale Schoolhouse Holiday Mart, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. Clothing, jewelry, chocolate, fresh and silk floral centerpieces and topiaries, personalized notepaper and cards, cosmetics and more. A portion of all sales will benefit the preservation of the 1888 Vale Schoolhouse. 703-435-1882.

Livingston Taylor. 7:30 p.m. Folk singer/songwriter at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Recipes for Readers: Let's Eat! 10:30 a.m. Age 6-7. Reading program for first and second grade boys who need extra help. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

Sisters in Crime Panel Discussion. 1 p.m. Writers from the Chesapeake Chapter of Sisters in Crime discuss their books and writings. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Free; registration required. 703-938-0405.

Roger Day and the Mosquito Burrito Brothers, 2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., inside the McLean Community Center. For age 4 and up. \$8 McLean district residents, \$12 non-residents. Purchase tickets at the Alden Theatre box office, at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com. 703-790-0123.

Billy Jonas, music for kids and families. 2 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

John Jorgenson Quintet, Gypsy Swing Jazz. 8 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

The Essential Skills of Successful Writers, with David Hazard. 9 a.m., The Conscious Bean, 10123 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 540-454-4495.

Northern Virginia Model Railroader Open House, 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Train Station, Dominion road and Ayr Hill Ave. N.E., Vienna. Admission is free, donations accepted. 703-938-5157 or www.nvmr.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 16

American Brass, with the Washington Symphonic Brass. Featured composers are Aaron Copland, John Williams, and Leonard Bernstein. 3 p.m. at the Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Adults \$25, seniors and students \$15. 703.356.0670 or www.wsbrass.com.

All Things Rock Summer Recital. 1:15 p.m. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave.

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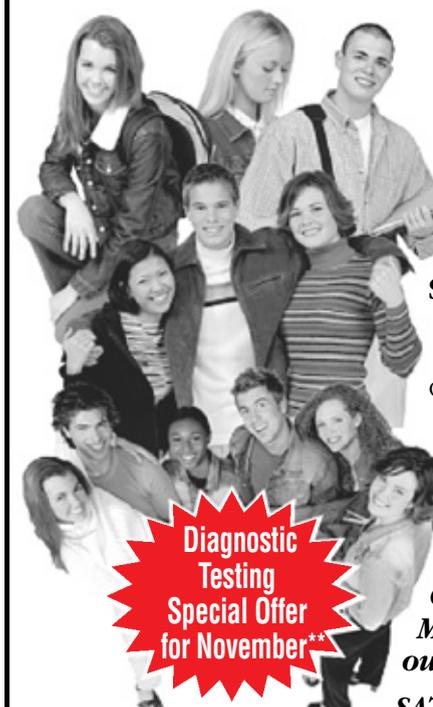
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NEWS

Top Fund-Raisers Live in Area

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ally than Obama's major fund-raisers, though the candidate did not garner as much cash overall in Virginia.

The Center for Responsive Politics listed five of McCain's fund-raisers — Malek, Schar, Blalock, McLean residents Bobbie Kilberg and Carter Pate as well as Alexandria resident Judy Black — as contributing "\$500,000 or more," to the Republican's campaign.

Obama had only two fund-raisers — former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer of Alexandria and Arlington resident Tom Perrelli — who fell into the "\$500,000 or more," category in Virginia. Kilberg, who has worked in three White Houses, and Pate, a managing partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, had raised money for Republicans before but not at the level they did for the McCain campaign.

"I raised \$1.3 million for McCain and I raised that mostly in contributions of \$2,300 or less," said Kilberg, president of the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

The businesswoman knows McCain personally and has a great amount of admiration and respect for him. She served on the Board of Visitors at the U.S. Naval Academy with the Republican in the early 1990s, she said.

Pate was also friends with McCain before the senator launched his 2008 presidential campaign. McCain made an appearance at a fund-raiser Pate was hosting for U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) and the two men stayed in touch afterwards, the McLean resident said.

"This is the first time I have gotten involved this deep. I have raised money for other candidates in the past but I happen to know John McCain pretty well and it was an entirely different effort versus when I am being recruited," said Pate.

SOME OF OBAMA'S major fundraisers also had connections with their candidate.

Centreville resident Tom Reed — who raised between \$250,000 and \$500,000 for the Democrat — attended Princeton University with Michelle Obama and met the presidential candidate a few years later when they both worked as law associates at Chicago law firm where Michelle was an attorney in the early 1990s.

Reed played a lot of recreational basketball with Barack Obama — who started dating Michelle Obama at that time — and attended the couple's wedding.

Reed has never been involved in major political fund-raising before the Obama campaign but said he found it unusually easy to raise money for this campaign.

"Barack really is extraordinary and so many people really just want to be a part of it. It does make it a lot easier," said Reed.

BEYER, a political fund-raising veteran, said there is no question that Obama is the easiest candidate

that he has raised money for.

In addition to his own campaigns in the 1990s, Beyer was national campaign treasurer for Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's presidential run in 2004 and raised money for U.S. Sen. John Kerry during that year's general election.

The Alexandria resident has also been involved in several congressional and state campaigns since the 1980s, including those of Gov. Mark Warner (D) in 2001 and Gov. Tim Kaine (D) in 2005. He volunteered to help run Obama's

mid-Atlantic finance efforts shortly after Warner decided not to run for U.S. president.

"This was the easiest ever [during the primary] but it has gotten even easier in the meantime ... People are calling me and asking me how they can give. I have never had that happen before," said Beyer, who added that the Mid-Atlantic

region is only second to New York City in national fund-raising.

"We are raising more money than California and Illinois," he said.

BOTH PATE and Kilberg acknowledged that it has not always been easy to raise money for McCain, especially when his campaign struggled financially in July of 2007.

McCain's stance on illegal immigration — he advocates offering some path toward citizenship — also made it harder to raise money, said Kilberg.

At one point, Kilberg started sending more e-mails instead of calling potential donors on the phone because she was getting into arguments with people over im-

migration policy, she said.

Pate recalled a low point in the primary season when other volunteers and fund-raisers were abandoning McCain.

Sometimes it just boils down to how many people you are willing to call. I mean I am not going to stop until I get someone to say yes [to donating]. I have had as many as 30 people in row tell me no," said Pate.

But McCain was not able to catch up to Obama's fund-raising in Virginia or elsewhere. The Democrat not only topped McCain in Virginia dollars overall but also in every one of Virginia's top five fund-raising ZIP codes in McLean, Arlington, Alexandria and Great Falls.

Small donors could be the key to Obama's fund-raising success over McCain in Virginia and elsewhere, said Beyer.

"This is the first campaign paid for by the average citizen. I think that has made a big difference. It certainly helped in Virginia," said Beyer.

BEYER ADDED that it has also become far easier to raise money for federal campaigns in Virginia recently because of the popularity of Warner and Kaine as governors.

"Virginia has done very well under the last two governors. There is lots of wealth and a sense that Virginia has grown [under their leadership]," said Beyer.

"I raised \$1.3 million for McCain and I raised that mostly in contributions of \$2,300 or less."

— **Bobbie Kilberg, Northern Virginia Technology Council**

"Barack really is extraordinary and so many people really just want to be a part of it. It does make [fund-raising] a lot easier."

— **Tom Reed**

CALENDAR

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N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

An Evening with Marah. Acoustic rock. 7 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Balladeer Charlie Zahm, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Snuggery of the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Reservations required, tickets \$15 each. 703-759-3309. Visit www.charliezahm.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 17

College Night in Virginia, from 6-9 p.m., at NOVA's Alexandria, Loudoun and Woodbridge campuses.

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Bankruptcy Basics and the Mortgage Crisis, 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Nancy O. Ryan, Attorney. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. Includes bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy options available to prevent, avoid, or best deal with late/out-of-control mortgage payments or impending foreclosure. To register visit www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657.

Neil Halstead and Gregory and the Hawk. Indie/folk. 8 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

"Volunteering Can Change Your Life," lecture by Karin Walsler, founder and executive director of Horton's Kids. Presented by New Dominion Women's Club. 7:30 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Free. 703-748-0677 or www.ndwc.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 18

HR/Human Rights, Outlaw Nation and Lionize. Reggae/hardcore. 7:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Financial Strategies During a Job Transition, 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Kristina E.M. Sturgis, CFP, Associate Financial Advisor, Whitlock & Associates. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. Choices available when a job changes, managing the financial impact and the principles of sound money management. To register visit www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657.

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women Monthly Meeting. 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. Nadereh Chamblou, Senior Advisor from the World Bank, will discuss "Gender Equality and Its Importance for Development." 703-830-6503 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19

Loudon Wainwright III. 8 p.m. Grammy-nominated singer and songwriter at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Book discussion Group: "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. 7:15 p.m. Adults. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

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To have community events listed in the Connection, send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

Vienna Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6341.

The Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in room 1600 at the Gatehouse Administrative Center, 8115 Gatehouse Rd., Falls Church. 703-204-3956 or www.fcps.edu/ss/ACSD.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools community dialogue sessions. 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Register to participate in shaping the FY 2010 Budget. 703-324-9400 or 703-324-2391, TTY 711. *Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton.

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Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6341.

MONDAY/NOV. 17

School Board Work Session/Audit, 4:30 p.m. Work Session/Forum, 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-204-8100.

Vienna Town Council meeting,

8 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6303.

TUESDAY/NOV. 18

The Realities of Teen Drinking: Accidents, Deaths, and Parent-Battles, a forum for parents and teens. Speaking as a parent who has lost a teen to drunk driving, Lt. Col. Suzanne Devlin, FCPD Deputy Chief of Police. Mary Ann Sprouse, a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor, will share experiences and give tips on communicating. 7-8:30 p.m. in Warhawk Hall at James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. Contact Deborah Roney, 703-281-1999 or roney4@verizon.net. fcps.edu/MadisonHS/vmcc.

Oakton Mill Estates Homeowners Association Annual Meeting, 8 p.m. at Oakton Elementary School, Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. An open quarterly board meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Bill Bogutski, Secretary, 703-242-6395.

Mamie Eisenhower Republican Women's Club, at 11:30 a.m. at Ristorante Bonaroti, 428 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Lunch is \$28. Speakers, Cheryl and Peter Barnes, owners of VSP Books, children's book publisher. 703-323-0939 or tootiefax@verizon.net

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19

Vienna Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6341.



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Alternative Gift Market, Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The McLean Baptist Church Women's Ministry will have gifts from around the world and a light lunch. All proceeds benefit women's ministry causes. Admission free; lunch \$5. McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. 703-356-8080 or www.mcleanbaptist.org.

Personal Peace, Global Peace. On Sunday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m., Jone Johnson Lewis will share ideas and practices for inner and outer peace. Free. Northern Virginia Ethical Society, 225 Nutley St. N.W., Vienna. 703-437-3161 or www.esnv.org.

Aaron David Miller, "America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace," Monday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Admission is free and open to the public. 703-437-7733 or www.nvhcreston.org.

Rabbi Steven Glazer speaking on Jewish Biomedical Ethics, Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. The ethical and religious considerations of artificial insemination, 'Do Not Resuscitate' orders, transplants and more. Free admission. Presented by the Hazak Active Retirees Chapter of Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

The Jewish Social Services Agency, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax, offers a variety of family programs. Call

703-204-9100.

♦**Just Chill: An Anxiety Management Group**, for ages 8-10. Wednesdays through Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.

♦**Teen Talk: An Adolescent Adoption Series**, for ages 13-18. Tuesdays through Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration required.

♦**Understanding Your Adopted Teen**, Wednesdays through Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration required, call 703-204-9592.

♦**Support Group for Parents of Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome and Related Disorders.** Nov. 26, Dec. 17 and Jan. 28, at 7 p.m.

♦**Social Club for Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome.** Call for a schedule of events and costs.

♦**Starting Over: A Widow and Widower Support Group**, meeting the third Monday of every month, at 1 p.m.

♦**You and Your Aging Parents**, meeting the third Wednesday of every month, at 6 p.m.

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries is looking for volunteers to provide food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Western Fairfax Ministries will provide information about a family in need, and the volunteer will deliver the basket(s) directly to the sponsored family. Contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656 or volunteer@wfcma.org.

Unplug the Christmas Machine and Share the Gift of Joy, Sunday, Nov. 16 from 1-4 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Create a plan for the holidays that includes more joyful and affordable celebrations, is less stressful and commercial, and shares

gifts of the heart. \$20 individuals, \$30 couples. 571-323-2386 or www.ecostewardsalliance.org.

Learning the history and meaning of the Christian Faith as practiced at **Oakton United Methodist Church**, Sundays through Nov. 23, 9:45-10:30 a.m. 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton, at the intersection of Rt. 123 and Hunter Mill Road. 703-938-1234.

Rabbi Lia Bass, on "Living a Life of Torah," 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. Rabbi Bass, the first woman from Brazil to be ordained as a Rabbi, will address the challenges facing modern Jews who wish to integrate tradition with modernity. Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. \$18 for members of Beth Emeth and Etz Hayim, \$25 for non-members. 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

Messiah Sing, with soloists and orchestra, Saint Luke Festival Choir and chamber orchestra, Paul Skevington, artistic Director, and Cheryl Branham, conductor. 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Vienna Assemblies of God Motion for Missions Banquet, following service on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 100 Ayr Hill Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-938-7736.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Annual Living Nativity, December 18 and 19, 6:30-8:30 pm. Redeemer is located at 1585 Chain Bridge Road in McLean. 703-356-3346 or www.redeermclean.org.

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Madison High Drama Kicks Off Season with 'Noises Off'

James Madison High School's theatre program takes on for the first time the challenges of a contemporary farce with its fall comedy "Noises Off" by Michael Frayn on Thursday, Nov. 20 through Saturday, Nov. 22. The school's production last season of "Fiddler On The Roof" repeatedly sold out tickets and won recognition across the region

in the Cappies Critics and Awards program, which reviews and recognizes high school productions in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.

For "Fiddler," Madison received seven nominations in acting and technical categories and Madison's Trey Ervine won the award for Best Male Actor in a Musical.

Returning with lead roles in "Noises Off" are actors Jake Beckhard who appeared in a nationally touring production of "Les Miserables" at Wolf Trap this summer and the Cappie winner, Trey Ervine, in addition to award-nominated technical chiefs Sarah Polchow, Costume Design, and Katie Stolp, Hair and Makeup. These students and many others in the Drama department are brought together by the director,

Marshall Henderson, whose work in all of the 2008-2009 season at Madison High School marks his fifth year of directing and teaching here.

Trey Ervine, McKenna Weipert and Jeannie Melcher pictured at the rehearsal.



Jeannie Melcher, Torsten Peterson, McKenna Weipert in the Madison High's production of 'Noises Off.'

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'The Foreigner' Fills Oakton High with Laughs

BY ALEX RIEHLE
THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

Don't want to talk? Pretend you can't speak English! So begins Oakton High School's brilliant comedy, "The Foreigner," by Tom Shue. This play has been awarded Best Off Broadway show awards as well as being one of the most popular American shows to be ever put on The West End in London.

Life is hard for Charlie Baker, an extremely shy science fiction magazine editor who doesn't think he has a personality and hates to talk to people. Good friend Froggy LeSueur organizes a three-day getaway to a lodge in a stereotypical hick town in backwoods Georgia. To make sure that Charlie isn't pressured to talk, Froggy tells

innkeeper Betty that Charlie is a foreigner. Hilarity ensues as Charlie meets the other guests at the lodge, becomes wrapped up in their respective dramas, and eventually finds himself.

This play was defined by all the actors' convincing characterizations, jubilant energy, and superb comedic timing. Though a difficult show for a high school to present because of the number of accents involved, the cast met the challenge gracefully.

Christopher North seemed to understand his role Charlie personally, and gave a believable performance to both of his characters' extremes — the shy, introverted side, and the side that dramatically acts out stories in a made up language. Betty, played by Julie Kann, brought her character to life with heaps of energy and a consistent ac-

cent. One supporting role stood out and greatly added to the performance with precise comedic timing. Ellard Simms (Alfred Anderson), a young, dim-witted family member who quickly befriends Charlie, left the audience roaring every time he was on stage. Anderson stayed completely in character and engaged the audience as he happily gets taken advantage of.

The tech element also greatly enhanced the show, with a beautiful set, designed by Anthony Schiavo, that fit perfectly with the setting, complete with a bearskin wall hanging. Make-up (Allison Hicks, Patrick Fulghum) successfully transformed a teenager into an old lady.

This was a hard show to put on, but Oakton performed commendably and completely deserved the roaring laughter and standing ovation they received.



CONTRIBUTED

Roland Smith receives his "check" from Karen Colvin of the Virginia Lottery.

Wining Big

Roland Smith Jr. of Vienna wins \$1 million over 25 years from Virginia Lottery.

For an entire weekend, Roland Smith Jr. of Vienna was asking the same question over and over: "Is it real?" He had a \$120 Million Cash Blowout ticket from the Virginia Lottery that looked like it won the game's top prize. Was it real?

It happened when he went to Shoppers Food, located at 9622 Main Street in Fairfax. He purchased the ticket from a self-service machine and scratched it while he was still in the store.

"I said, 'Wait a minute here,' and took the ticket out to my car," he later told Lottery officials. On Wednesday, Nov. 5, he returned to the store to receive his prize from Virginia Lottery Northern Virginia Customer Service Manager Karen Colvin. The store also received \$5,000 from the Lottery for selling the winning ticket.

Smith, who works in information technology, is the second player to claim the top prize of \$1 million over 25 years in the \$120 Million Cash Blowout game. He chose to take the cash option of \$564,000 before taxes. He said he hopes to use his winnings to pay off his mortgage. He said it will be a nice Christmas present for his wife.

\$120 Million Cash Blowout is one of more than 50 Scratcher games offered by the Virginia Lottery. As the name says, the game has more than \$120 million in total prizes, ranging from \$20 all the way up to 20 top prizes of \$1 million in 25 annual payments. Since Smith's ticket is the second million-dollar winner, there are still 18 top-prize tickets yet to be claimed.

Nearly 95 cents of each dollar spent on the Virginia Lottery by players goes back to the Commonwealth in the form of contributions to education, prizes and retailer commissions. Since 1999, all Virginia Lottery profits have been designated solely to K-12 public school education in the Commonwealth. In that time, the Lottery has turned over nearly \$3.9 billion for Virginia's public schools. The latest annual profits of \$455 million currently represent about 6 percent of state funding for public education in Virginia. In 20 years, the Lottery has sold more than \$20 billion in tickets, awarded more than \$1 billion in retailer commissions and paid more than \$10.9 billion in prizes to players. For more information, visit www.valottery.com.

HEALTH NOTES

Health notes are for support groups, exercise classes, blood drives and similar events open to the public at no or minimal cost. Send information to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E., Vienna. For anyone with multiple sclerosis, their friends and family. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-768-4841.

Free Yoga Classes. Brain Wave Vibration Class: Saturday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Yoga class for all ages and ability levels: Sunday,

Nov. 16, Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23 at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. McLean Dahn Yoga Center, 6631 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. 703-442-3246 or mcleandahn@ilchi.com.

Body and Soul fitness classes recently began. Contact instructor for more information on individual classes; visit www.bodyandsoul.org for more classes. New students receive 15 percent discount. At McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, McLean, on **Mondays and Fridays**, 9:45-11:15 a.m., free childcare, call Mary Ward at 703-754-3722.

CTS Partners in Health offers free classes on Friday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm at 443 Carlisle Drive in Herndon. Call 703-568-9224.

Northern Virginia Stuttering Support Group, a support group for people who stutter meets the **third Tuesday** of the month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, at 7:30 p.m. Call 703-319-8382 or e-mail virginia.nsa@earthlink.net.

The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region of the **American Red Cross** is **seeking volunteers** to assist its blood collections staff at blood drives and blood donor centers. This position is offered to people who are 14 years of age or older. Training is provided. To register for training, call the American Red Cross Volunteer Office at 1-800-272-0094, ext. 1, or e-mail karlofft@usa.redcross.org.

SPORTS

Cougars Capture State Cross Country Crown

Oakton boys erase last year's bad memories.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A year ago, the Oakton High boys' cross country team saw its season of high expectations end in bitter disappointment with a fourth place finish at the state championships. But that heartache is all but forgotten now following the Cougars' first place showing at last Saturday's state AAA championships. The postseason event took place at the Great Meadows course in The Plains.

"I thought we had the best team we ever had, and I think the guys knew it," said Oakton coach Phil Tiller, of last year's squad that did not quite live up to expectations. "We ran into two major injuries, which just kind of killed our shots. [This year] there was nothing else that we would accept. There was nothing else that would've felt good. Taking first today with 71 points was a real accomplishment. The pack was fantastic. They peaked right at the right time. I was really proud of them."

Oakton, with its 71 points, finished ahead of second place Albemarle County (117 points) of Charlottesville, third place Douglas Freeman (149) of Richmond and fourth place Mountain View (151) of Stafford in the team standings. Jefferson High, last year's state champion and, like Oakton, a member of the Northern Region, finished seventh overall. And another Northern Region team, Lake Braddock, was eighth.

The team title was the first for Oakton since 2005.

"We had that run in 2005 and it was very, very special for us," recalled Tiller. "It was



The Oakton High boys' cross country team earned the Northern Region championship two weeks ago before capturing a state title last Saturday.

our first team title, and I knew that this one would feel great as well."

Oakton did not have a single runner finish in the top eight overall. But the Cougars placed four in the top 30. Junior Andrew McCullen, who two weeks ago finished third overall at the Northern Region championships, took ninth overall at states with a time of 15 minutes, 55 seconds. Oakton's second through fourth finishers, senior Neal Hendricks (17th overall, 16:13), junior Patrick Fulghum (20th, 16:17) and senior Chris Weil (26th, 16:29), each contributed mightily to Oakton's team title.

Other solid runs for the Cougars came from senior Karlan Cruz (39th place), senior Dante Morales (49th) and junior Matt Woodside (57th).

Tiller, whose boys captured the region title at Burke Lake Park two weeks ago, had a terrific showing from top runner McCullen at states on Saturday.

"A lot of [our success] was Andrew," said Tiller. "He was one of the two [major injuries] last year. He was a phenomenal sophomore last year, and a real piece of the puzzle. He was one of the ones who was

injured at the district meet last year, and we lost him for the entire year. ... Our team crumbled when we lost him because when you lose it at the district and you're 13 days away from a state championship, you don't really have a lot of time to regroup and get moving."

The coach said McCullen worked hard to come back from his injuries this year. But it was not easy.

"He didn't start training again until June," said Tiller. "He was in the pool, he was on the bike. He was missing training and it was very, very difficult. He jogged around the sidelines with me last year [at states], watching this team take fourth, and I know he felt disappointed, angry, and he used that as motivation to come back to where he was."

HENDRICKS, Oakton's second best finisher at states and 11th overall, gave his team a great lift.

"He is one of our captains and was part of our real strong top two runners," said Tiller. "His leadership was there."

A year ago, Hendricks finished seventh

overall at states as a junior. Tiller said Hendricks, who was sixth overall at regionals a few weeks ago, is a team-first competitor.

Tiller is thrilled that Oakton was able to bring home another state crown.

"Two state titles in four years is really good, and last year I can't tell you how angry and disappointed we were to be in that situation [of not winning]," said Tiller. "We had such a good team and we really had some good results. Joe LoRusso [who was fifth at the 2007 state meet] was a captain of that team, and we had so much firepower up front."

Winning the state crown this season wipes away last year's disappointment of falling short at states.

"I think, the team can finally swallow that and say 2007 was 2007 and now it's over," said Tiller. "The ['07] state meet is gone and we can put the '08 on the side of the school and remember it forever."

THE OAKTON GIRLS finished fifth overall in their state AAA girls' championship race. The Cougars, who were second overall at the recent region championships, scored 153 points to land fifth at states. The girls' team champion was Midlothian High (72 points), which finished ahead of second place Maggie Walker Governor's School (126) of Richmond, third place Thomas Jefferson (126) and fourth place Ocean Lakes (146) of Virginia Beach. Finishing behind fifth place Oakton were fellow Northern Region teams Lake Braddock and Robinson, sixth and seventh place, respectively.

Oakton senior Becca Kassabian finished 16th overall to lead Oakton, while teammate Lanie Smith, a junior, was 18th.

Jason Mackey contributed to this story

Oakton Ready For Spartans

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Vienna-area high school football teams Oakton and Madison both won first round Northern Region playoff games last Friday night.

Oakton (11-0), the top seed of the eight-team Div. 6 (larger schools) tournament, handled visiting South County High, 30-13, in its postseason win. As a result, coach Joe Thompson's Cougars will host West Springfield High in a semi-finals game this Friday night. The high-scoring Spartans, who are led by standout quarterback Bryn Renner, are coming off last week's 72-47 playoff triumph over W.T. Woodson.

"They're scary in the fact that they are so good offensively," said Thompson, of the Spartans. "They score a lot of points

and pressure you to do the same."

Madison (7-4), meanwhile, opened the eight-team Div. 5 (smaller schools) playoffs with a 28-7 home win over Yorktown last week in Vienna. Next, the Warhawks are set to travel to Edison where they will take on the top seeded Eagles (11-0) in a semi-finals affair. Edison is coming off a 37-7 round one win over Lee.

Madison, in its win over Yorktown last week, broke open a 7-7 halftime tie by scoring three touchdowns in the second half to eliminate coach Bruce Hanson's Patriots. Madison running back Sasha Vandalov rushed for 156 yards on 17 carries and scored a fourth quarter touchdown to lead the Warhawks. Also for Madison, running back Will Cybulski ran for two touchdowns, including a 79-yard score in the second half.

Madison's defense accounted for a touchdown as well, the result of a 103-yard in-

terception return by senior cornerback Taylor Mead. The Warhawks' defense limited Yorktown standout running back Kyle Toulouse to 59 yards on 18 carries.

OAKTON continued its perfect season into the playoffs with its decisive win over South County. First quarter touchdown runs by running back Trey Watts (10 carries, 85 yards) helped the Cougars build a 14-0 lead. The home team still held a 14-7 halftime lead before breaking the contest open with 16 third quarter points to jettison them ahead, 30-7.

"We played well in all areas of the game," said coach Thompson. "On our opening drive we scored and that gave us confidence. We got up two scores in the first quarter and that kind of settled us."

Jonathan Meadows (17 carries, 101

Madison set to take on unbeaten Edison in region football playoffs.

yards) ran for two touchdowns during the third quarter. Oakton also earned a two-point safety in the quarter as well.

Oakton quarterback Chris Coyer completed 6-of-11 passes for 75 yards and also ran for 119 yards on 15 carries.

The Cougars will have their work cut out in slowing down West Springfield and quarterback Renner, who was 20-of-31 for 273 yards passing against Woodson, while also running for two touchdowns.

Thompson is not sure it is even possible to hold the North Carolina-bound Renner completely in check.

"I haven't seen anyone do it," said Thompson. "My guess is to hold the ball [on offense] and keep it away from him. I haven't seen anyone shut him down in two years."

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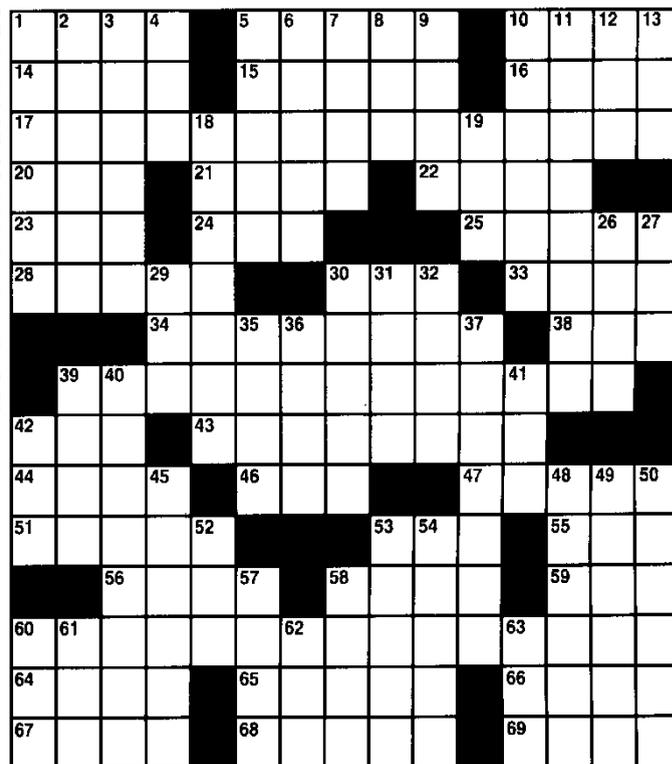
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- Rogue
- Kind of sax
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- Tyrolean refrain
- Equal
- Loses to a late-night host?
- W.W. II Gen. — Arnold
- "September —" (Neil Diamond hit)
- Fuse
- Prefix with cycle
- Emissions control grp.
- It may be wild
- One of the Fondas
- Tout's hangout, briefly
- Agile
- Initiates
- Menlo Park monogram
- Fills in for an actor?
- Shade maker
- Exposed as false

- Deadly snake
- Yemen's Gulf of —
- Funnyman Brooks
- Clear the roads, in a way
- Lunchbox items
- Approach carefully, as a subject
- Social
- N.H.L. Hall-of-Famer since 1979
- May birthstone

- United
- Grouch
- Pupil's locale
- Plumbing connection
- Transpire
- Compared to
- Bill
- Puts to work
- Catches
- Blessed events?
- Be in the game
- Kind of insurance policy
- Law degs.
- Go back
- Confused
- Vacuum tube with three elements
- Beat to the finish line
- Hoped for the best
- Lisa Simpson, to Bart
- Wow
- Exclude
- Some ID's
- On one's rocker?
- Dress (up)
- I, to Claudius
- Take a load off
- Hat with a pompon

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Lots 41, 42 and 43, Block 6, West McLean, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book Y-8 at page 213, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia; LESS and EXCEPT that land containing 1,225 square feet, more or less, conveyed by deed recorded in Deed Book 5919 at page 66 among the aforesaid land records.

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$60,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.125 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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