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Area residents bow their heads in remembrance as the 24 names inscribed on the Great Falls Freedom Memorial are read during a Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 25.



The St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Church Youth Choir and Ensemble perform a variety of patriotic songs during the Memorial Day observance at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial on May 25.

'Rock Star' of Quilting

Jinny Beyer commands worldwide audience of quilters.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

Every field has its celebrities, and Great Falls happens to be home to one of the biggest stars of the quilting world.

California resident Alex Anderson described local resident Jinny Beyer as a "rock star" of the quilting industry. "I've said that if I could stalk somebody, it would be her, but now she's a personal friend of mine," Anderson said.

Anderson formerly hosted the HGTV show "Simply Quilts" and is now co-host of the online show, "The Quilt Show." When "Simply Quilts" was in its youth, she invited Beyer to be a guest but never expected the internationally known quilter to take her up on it. She made a bet to that effect and ended up having to spend \$250 on a dinner.

She described Beyer's appearance on the show as "the highlight of my career."

After quilting for more than 35 years, Beyer, who owns a studio and shop in the Great Falls Village Centre, has made a name for herself with intricate, often geometric designs

whose influences range from Indian architecture to M.C. Escher. But she is also known as the author of 12 books and designer of an extensive line of fabrics, as well as the host of the annual Jinny Beyer Seminar in Hilton Head, S.C. for the last 29 years. She retired from the seminar this year.

"If you're a quilter and you know any name anywhere, it's Jinny Beyer," said Barb Tricarico, a local quilter who worked for Beyer for several years as an instructor for the seminar. She said Beyer was one of a few at the forefront of a revival in quilting during the 1970s. "She had a fresh, new look. She was trying new things."

Beyer also was one of a few who was publishing instructional books at the time, Tricarico said.

"SHE HAS A unique style, unlike anyone else in the industry," Anderson said, noting that Beyer was among the first to take a geometric approach to many of her quilt designs,

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Honoring Service to Country

Memorial Day ceremony takes place at the Great Falls Freedom Plaza.

BY ANNA McCORMALLY
THE CONNECTION

A small crowd gathered on Memorial Day, May 5, at the Great Falls Freedom Plaza, at the Great Falls Library, to honor those who have served in the United States armed forces.

Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville) led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the St. Thomas à Becket Youth Choir and Ensemble performed patriotic songs, including "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." Retired naval officer Katherine Goudreau led the choir.

The ceremony included an address by retired Lt. Gen. William Maloney, of the U.S. Marine Corps. Maloney served as a platoon commander in the Korean War and as a lieutenant colonel in Vietnam. His address focused on the casualties that have taken place in America's wars throughout history.

"Remember this," Maloney said in closing. "We, in our democracy, don't celebrate war. We honor the veterans."

After the keynote address, Calvin Follin of Great Falls read aloud the 24 names of those from Great Falls lost in service for America, including the six residents of Great



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and retired Lt. Gen. William Maloney lay a wreath at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial on May 25. The memorial was formed to remember residents of Great Falls who gave their lives while serving with the U.S. Military.

Falls who were killed on Sept. 11, 2001. After each name, Sara Hilgartner, also a longtime resident of Great Falls, rang a bell in honor of the fallen.

At the close of the reading of the names, Maloney and Foust presented a wreath in honor of the veterans of Great Falls on the plaza and Great Falls Boy Scout Troop, led by Scoutmaster Bill Canis, raised the flags.

This annual event is hosted by the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee, a community group organized in 2002 by a group of citizens who felt the need to honor Great

Falls' veterans as well as the America's armed services.

"We wanted to say thank you to everyone who served," said Bob Pattavina, the committee's president. "It's for everyone who serves, not only in the military but everyone who protects us in the community."

The chairmen of this event were Ed Heberg and Katharine Heberg of Great Falls. The next event hosted by the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee will be to observe Sept. 11. The third annual event the committee hosts is Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

OPINION

Remembering on Memorial Day 2009

On Memorial Day, we recognize that here in Northern Virginia, many local families continue to bear the personal sacrifice of having lost a loved one in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Nearly 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 680 more have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "Danny really had a heart of gold," said his mother. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him."

2Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop

Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. He graduated from West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Intelligence branch.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died 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.

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.

Sgt. 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).

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. 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, and provides intensive services and activities, including during Memorial Day weekend.

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 by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. 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, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

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.

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.

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

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



U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger's headstone at Arlington National Cemetery.

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

Staff Sgt. 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.

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

Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

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

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-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; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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Pictured, from left, back row: Coach Susan LaPierre, Assistant Coach Sandy Potteiger, Mollie Schulman, Michelle Ehrensaal, Jordan Parent, Carly Yosaitis, Sydney Louthian and Assistant Coach Rachel Wadsworth; second row: Emelia Potteiger, Sara Scherping, Nat Furman, Gemma Calandra, Jackie Petras, Carly Britt, Bridget Fitzgerald, Clara Clemson, Constance Nalepka, Alanna Collazo, Grace Hardardt and Olivia Sheffler; first row, kneeling: Kristina Mitchell, Caroline Britt, Amanda Tran and Jessica York. Missing from the photo is Coach Cathy McDonough.

Girls on the Run Complete Season

Girls on the Run team at Great Falls Elementary School completed their Practice 5K last week despite school construction and renovation. In its sixth season at GFES, this program for third-sixth graders combines healthy living education with training for a 5K running event on Saturday, May 16 at Fair Oaks

Mall. Girls on the Run is a nationwide after school program that instills self-esteem and strong values through physical training and mentoring. The success at GFES is due to an active collaboration with girls and their parents, community volunteers and GFES P.E. teacher Jeannie Trautman.

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Barb Hollinger, one of Jinny Beyer's employees, helps Beyer hold up her 9-11-inspired quilt, 'Windows.'

Great Falls Quilter Tours the World

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including tessellating patterns and designs with a three-dimensional appearance.

Hazel Carter, a Vienna quilter and founder of the Quilters Hall of Fame — into which Beyer was inducted in 1984 — noted that Beyer's geometric work had also resulted in her being invited to speak at a mathematics convention. "Her career has reached beyond just quilting," Carter said.

She said Beyer's knack for speaking and writing, as well as her line of fabrics, had allowed her to become a sort of quilting celebrity. "She has just a great ability to communicate," Carter said. "She has a great amount of energy and ability. She's a perfectionist."

Tricarico said Beyer had pushed quilters to try new techniques and approaches, even as she was one of few quilters still sewing all of her work by hand. "She always went beyond," Tricarico said.

Having grown up in a family of four girls, Beyer said her mother had taught her and her sisters to sew as children. But she said she might never have taken the artistic path she had followed if not for her experiences in India.

She'd had no formal training in quilting when she set out to make

her first quilt while living in India, where her husband, an economist, was doing work for the Ford Foundation. More of a knitter at the time, she found herself out of yarn. Meanwhile, she said, she had taken an interest in the colors and block patterns of Indian art. "I needed a project because I like to keep my hands busy."

By the time she returned to the United States, she had sewn the top of her first quilt but didn't know how to proceed from there, so she found a quilting group in Vienna, organized by Carter. She showed the members what she had. "They said, 'Oh, my gosh, it's so different,'" she recalled. "That gave me that little ounce of confidence."

A middle child, she said, she hadn't considered herself especially creative and had usually wanted to do whatever her older sister did.

IN 1972, American quilting fabric generally came in bright colors, but Beyer's Indian material consisted of deep reds and dark

blues. The quilt had many shades of the colors because the fabrics were handmade in an Indian village and varied somewhat from one batch to the next. Gradations of deep, dark colors have become

"Since I was isolated and didn't have anyone telling me what to do, mine came out differently."

— **Jinny Beyer**

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The Dreamscapes Project, Poor Man's Lobster, Bobby T and the MV and Cheryl B. Engelhardt, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Rat Pack Tribute, 8 p.m., Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. A tribute to Frank Sinatra, Joey Bishop, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. on stage with a live big band performing "That's Amore," "Fly Me to the Moon," and many more. Tickets: \$75, \$40, \$25. Call 1-877-WOLFTRAP or visit www.wolftrap.org for tickets.

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FRIDAY/MAY 29

The Pirates of Penzance, 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$8-\$48. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Matthew McGinn and Adam Swink, 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple

Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Splinters, 6:30 p.m., Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Charles McCain, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Tysons Corner Center, 7851 L. Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Charles McCain, author of "An Honorable German," about a German naval officer and U-boat commander who fights for morality instead of the Reich. 703-506-2937.

"Pavilion", 8 p.m., 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. The Hub Theatre presents Craig Wright's "The Pavilion." \$15-\$25. 703-674-3177 or www.thehubtheatre.org.

Movie in the Park, 8 p.m., Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St. N.E., Vienna. Enjoy a G-rated family movie outdoors. Free. "Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Call 703-255-7842 for movie information.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

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McLean Orchestra 'An Intimate Affair', 8 p.m. at the Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Music from Bach, Beethoven and



Meredith Ledford Exhibits at Great Falls Library

'Recent Works by Meredith Ledford' will be exhibited at the Great Falls Library's large conference room, June 2 - 29. Ledford is a member of the Great Falls Studios. The picture shown here is titled 'Fruit and Veggie Stand, Montmartre, Paris,' oil and acrylic on canvas.

Brahms. 703-893-8654 or info@mclean-orchestra.org.

Lucky Socks, 2 p.m. at the Great Falls Regional Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Learn to make stuffed animals from sock-drawer castoffs. Bring gently-used socks and ideas, we supply instructions, sewing materials and stuffing. Age 10-17.

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McLean and Langley Big Band Jam, 2:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Rocknocos Family Happy Hour, 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Allmanact Album Release Party and Jon Bibbs, 9:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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McLean Symphony, 7:30 p.m., Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The McLean Symphony will conclude their season with "Orchestral Music of Great Composers," in which pieces by Mozart, Schumann and Mendelssohn will be performed. \$25/adults, \$20/seniors, \$12/ages 18 and under. Call 703-790-9223 or visit www.mclean-symphony.org for tickets.

Concerts on the Green, 5-7 p.m., Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. The Sweet Root Band will play a variety of musical styles, including blues, country and rockabilly. Free. Call 703-288-9505.

SUNDAY /MAY 31

From Glory to Glory: A Celebration of the Church's Spring, 3 p.m. Sacred music concert by professional choir under the direction of Leo Nestor & Kimberly Hess at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 1020 Springvale Rd., Great Falls. Adults \$25, children \$10. Proceeds benefit Parish Music Program. 703-759-4350.

Rock 'n' Roll Songwriters Circle, 7

p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

"Pavilion", 2 and 7 p.m., 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. The Hub Theatre presents Craig Wright's "The Pavilion." 703-674-3177 or www.thehubtheatre.org. **Three Girls and Their Buddy**, 8 p.m., Wolf Trap, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Emmylou Harris, Patty Griffin, Shawn Colvin and Buddy Miller will appear together for the first time. Tickets: \$22/lawn; \$42/in-house. Call 1-877-WOLFTRAP or visit www.wolftrap.org for tickets.

Robert Vickers, the Fairfax County Tree Commissioner from Great Falls, will lead a hike along the Potomac River to locate several Big Trees on the Virginia State list. 2-4 p.m. starting from the parking lot in the Fraser Preserve at the end of the gravel road leading from the north end of Springvale Rd. in Great Falls. Call 703-759-3280 for directions. Free.

Sunday on the Green, 6:30 p.m., Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Open Mic Night will be held. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Gold Party, 11:15 a.m., Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The women of Great Falls United Methodist Church will host a "Gold Party." Bring your old broken gold jewelry and walk away with money. Contact Carol Wesley Wright 703-582-1640 or carolwright@starpower.net.

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Tim Be Told, Trustfall and Mercury in Summer, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Army of Me, The B-Film Extras and Miguel Tenicela, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 5

The Kennedys, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com. **DMV Showcase Vol. 4**, 10:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 6

Summer Reading Program Open House, 10:30 a.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Book talks, browse through selected books and sign up for summer reading volunteer opportunities. All Ages. 703-757-8560.

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Annual Louisiana Swamp Romp, 2 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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Oil on canvas of Great Falls by Armand Cabrera, the 2007 Best in Show winner.

Thanks to Jan and Dan Laytham, Realtors with Long and Foster's Great Falls office, \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded to the winning painters; \$1,000 for Best in Show; \$750 for Second Place and \$250 for Third Place, with honorable mention awards for color and composition.

All will receive an official certificate as well.

"This is a great chance for people to see how art is produced," said park manager Marty Smith. "It's astonishing to see how the same scene can be interpreted so differently."

After the ceremony of awarding

of prizes the display of paintings will be open to the public and available for sale.

"It's a remarkable opportunity for people to acquire professional-quality artwork at bargain prices," said Jack Warden, artist-in-residence at the park and organizer of the Paintout.



PHOTO BY IRENA D'ARCEE

A scene from Starshine Theater's 'The Life of William Shakespeare.'

Starshine Presents Auditioning Class

Starshine Theater of Great Falls Presents "How to Audition for a Stage Show," for ages 7-18. Patricia G. Budwig, M.A., director of Summer Drama Camps, will present this class on Saturday, June 6, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at The School of Theatrical Dance, Great Falls Village Center. Class is almost full; a second session is being scheduled. The workshop will give

young performers of all levels a behind-the-scenes look at the elements required in a variety of audition formats, whether they are performing in Starshine's Summer Drama Camp, or would like to try-out with other theater groups.

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Local Quilter Earns Global Fame

FROM PAGE 6

a hallmark of her work.

"Since I was isolated and didn't have anyone telling me what to do, mine came out differently, and I think that's a good thing," she said.

By the end of the 1970s, after one of her subsequent quilts won first place in a Good Housekeeping contest, she was teaching and publishing books on quilting. However, she said, she didn't care for the fabrics available in the U.S. So, in the early 1980s, she began working with RJR Fabrics on a line of materials, which she designs. The fabrics are patterned, and Beyer said she created many of the designs with photography and Photoshop.

A fabric she designed in 1992 for a collection commemorating the centennial of the discovery of the Americas didn't come in handy for her until almost 10 years later, just after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, she said. The little flags and Statues of Liberty now appear on one of her favorite quilts, the 9-11-inspired piece she titled "Windows."

A FEW DAYS after the attacks,

she and her husband took a drive to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the car packed with quilting supplies. "I was so wrapped up in the smoke and the ash and the dust," she said, noting that she had chosen her colors accordingly, while incorporating reds, whites and blues. The top of the quilt was to have one piece for each victim, but it ended up having even more, with 4,777 pieces.

While it is one of many red, white and blue quilts made in the wake of the attacks, Beyer said the difference is that the flag-based color scheme is subtle because there are so many shades of the colors.

This use of multiple shades, she said, also allows her to combine colors that would otherwise clash. "I have this theory that you can put any colors together if you shade the colors together," she said.

In addition to her unusual color schemes, she also pioneered tessellation in the quilting field. She taught herself to create the perfectly interlocking patterns and published a book on the subject.

Following its publication, she was invited to speak at the Symmetry 2000 mathematical symposium in Stockholm, Sweden.

She was also hired by the Nike shoe company to create tessellating designs for shoe parts, in order to eliminate waste of materials, and her unorthodox approach to color got her hired as a color consultant for Starbucks.

Beyer has spent much of the last few years working on an encyclopedia of patterns, which will be published this August. She will also give talks in the Ukraine in September and in Budapest in April, with an engagement in Australia worked in sometime between.

Beyer still thinks it odd to be considered a celebrity. She recalled a story her sister told her about mentioning to a quilter that her sister made quilts and had written some books on the subject. "What's her name?" the woman had asked, and was ecstatic at the response.

"I get a lot of stories like that," Beyer said. "It's funny."

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Langley Boys Region Lacrosse Champs at Last

Bailey's overtime goal leads Saxons past Robinson in title game.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

At times during Langley's breathtaking, 6-5 overtime win over Robinson, it appeared that the Saxons' quest for their first-ever Northern Region boys' lacrosse crown would, once again, come up short.

But this time was different. Langley, which trailed by two goals at one point during the third quarter of the title game, was determined to fight back and ultimately come away victorious.

Longtime Saxons' head coach Earl Brewer recognized that team trait — relentless determination — early in the season when his team, in a non-region contest against Broad Run, overcame a 5-0 deficit to defeat the Spartans.

"I told one of my assistant coaches on the bus [after that game] this is a special group of guys," said Brewer. "It's those intangible things. These guys are a bunch of winners, they really are."

Any doubters going into the region championship against perennial powerhouse Robinson went away believers following the breakthrough victory, which took place May 20 at South County High School.

UNDER BREWER, Langley had reached the region title game on three previous occasions — in 1995, 1998 and 2005 — only to come up on the short end of the score each time.

All those associated with Langley lacrosse were hoping that last week's region final game would be different for Brewer, the program's 15-year head coach, and his troops.

When Langley's Ethan Bailey, a junior attack, juiced a Rams' defender before firing in a 10-yard shot from the left side with 3 minutes, 2 seconds remaining in a second, 4-minute sudden victory overtime session, the Saxons finally ruled the region.

The spontaneous Langley celebration following the game-winner was priceless for any Saxon roofer.

During the postgame awards ceremonies, Brewer, upon being recognized for his team's achievement, waved and blew a kiss to the adoring Langley crowd.

Moments later, an emotional Brewer recounted his immediate thoughts when Bailey's shot went into the net giving Langley the win.

"I really thought about a lot of people in my life," said the coach, of those who have made monumental impacts on his career.

He said he also thought of his hard-working assistant coaches and the positive impact they have been on his players.



Langley, with its championship trophy in hand, enjoyed the moments following its Northern Region title win over Robinson, its first region championship under 15th year head coach Earl Brewer.

PHOTOS BY CARRIE CLARK



Langley's Alex Devlin (35) scored a goal and played an all-around stellar game in the midfield against Robinson.

He marveled at his team, this year's Liberty District champions who, in the region tourney, defeated solid teams in Oakton, Lake Braddock and Chantilly to reach the finals. The first round victory over Oakton was a breakthrough against an opponent that had eliminated the Saxons from regionals in four of the past five years.

Now, with the region season completed, Langley (18-1) will move on to the upcoming state tournament where the Saxons will host a first round game this Saturday.

THE REGION FINALS contest was a close one throughout. Langley's Bailey (three goals) tallied the game's only first quarter goal less than 3 minutes into the start of play. The Saxons appeared to get the better of play throughout those first 12 minutes.

Both teams continued to play outstanding defense throughout the second quarter. Langley still held its 1-0 advantage deep into the stanza when Robinson freshmen attack Alex Barber made a catch and close-up score to tie things with 2:55 remaining in the half. Moments later, the Rams, with some momentum on their side, found the net again on a goal by junior attack Connor Ruddy to make the score 2-1 Robinson.

But, in one of the game's biggest moments, Langley tied things up with 14 seconds left in the half when junior midfielder Joey Bryne, moving right to left across the goal area, threw in a sizzling, left-handed, 12-yard bouncer shot into the net to tie the score at 2-2.

Behind goals from senior attack Daniel McNulty and junior attack Thurmond Shaw, Robinson moved out to a 4-2 lead in the third period. The second Rams' score came with 4:18 left in the stanza.

But Langley would answer strongly with two goals in the final 1:45 of the third. Senior midfielder Alex Devlin scored the first of the two for the Saxons on a running, 10-yard scoring strike from the right wing. Several moments later, Langley found pay dirt again when Bryne scored from close range on a hard bounce shot with 29 seconds left to tie things up at 4-4.

But Robinson, less than 2 minutes into the fourth period, re-gained the lead on a goal by McNulty.

Langley, however, scored the equalizer with 7:14 remaining. Bailey, coming into the goal area hard from the left side, took a strong shot on the net. It appeared to be stopped by the Rams' net-minder, but the

ball rolled off of his shoulder and into the net to make the score 5-5. Both teams had several close scoring chances throughout the remainder of regulation and over the ensuing first, 4-minute sudden victory session.

Finally, about 1 minute into the second sudden victory session, Bailey scored the dramatic game-winner, his third goal of the game.

"When he shot it, it looked awfully good coming out of his stick," said Brewer, confident Bailey was going to score.

It was an excited group of Saxons following the win.

"We've never won the region in Langley history," said senior attack Ryan Ningard. "This is a big, big deal to us. We came in here fired up. We believed we could do this since day one."

Ningard was behind the Robinson goal area and had an excellent view of Bailey's overtime score that finished the game.

"Ethan has a laser shot, and he took a smart shot," said Ningard.

OVER THE YEARS, Langley players have had to listen to skeptics lament about the Saxons' lack of big game prowess.

"They always say Langley doesn't have any heart," said Devlin, the team's talented midfielder player. "But we do. We trust each other and don't panic."

Langley kept its head after falling behind by scores of 4-2 and 5-4 in the second half against Robinson.

"You get down in games," said Devlin. "Two goals is not that much."

"When we got down by two, we didn't panic," said Ningard.

Devlin said the Saxons upped it a level in overtime. Particularly outstanding was the play of Saxon senior goalie Galen Kuney, who made several game-saving stops.

"Everyone raised their game in overtime," said Devlin. "Galen had about four saves in overtime. He was terrific."

Kuney credited his defense in front of him with coming up big in the win.

"[Robinson's] McNulty is an awesome player, but we played awesome defense," he said. "I can't say enough about our defense."

Kuney said he did his best to keep the focus on his game in the overtime and not get overwhelmed in the moment.

"I tried to forget about everything else," he said. Then, with a laugh, Kuney said, "I was trying not to feel pressure."

Devlin reflected on the magnitude of being champions.

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— Langley Senior Attack Ryan Ningard

It's Not Fun or Funny



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The re-escalating price of gasoline is starting — or rather accelerating — its impact on my digestive system; that is to say, it's giving me more than indigestion. It's beginning to eat away at the layers of tolerance that I've built up over the years, and is likewise effecting, adversely I may add, my sunny disposition. In spite of the many suggestions one hears about driving to maximize one's use of gasoline as efficiently as possible (properly inflated tires; clean air filters; slowing down, generally, smoother accelerations and more gradual decelerations, etc.) the fact of the matter is, I wonder how much any of it really matters — in the big picture. Picture this, with less mattering, to me, I'm getting madder at more people for indiscretions, oversights, forgetfulness and so forth that I might otherwise have ignored when the price at the pump — and some of the related product and service increases — were not returning to previously painful highs.

Now I haven't quite gone public yet, with any of my observations and suggestions as the actual circumstances have presented themselves. But if anybody was telepathic or could read lips — or understood muttering — I'd have already gotten into a number of fistfights; well, verbal confrontations, at least. And it's not like I wrote the book on social discourse or proper behavior when push comes to shove (figuratively speaking, of course; I don't condone violence). But, there does seem to be a dollars and sense correlation. If I were to guess, and make a casual, non-scientific, not-supported-by-any-empirical-evidence observation — as the price of a gallon of gasoline goes up, people's behavior has an inverse reaction to it: it goes down, as in it gets worse. As the dollars needed to fill the tank become almost indecent (again), so too does the corresponding behavior of the person filling that tank.

I don't know if it's simply that we feel helpless against the forces combining (I didn't say conspiring, many others did, though; others with a great deal more knowledge and insight than I will ever have.) to prime the pump, but the loss of any control over a portion of the family, business and/or government budget allocated for such expenses, creates a stress unhealthy for mere mortal men. Moreover, the victimization and exploitation us mere mortal men feel as the Oil and Gas companies quarterly profits are announced simultaneously it seems, to the still-increasing unemployment rate and bankruptcy protections being granted to some of America's oldest and most familiar companies, gives one pause to reflect: Has America passed itself by? Is what opportunity and quality of life, which many of us have experienced — and some even taken for granted — indeed been compromised by circumstances many in a position of responsibility say is mostly beyond our country's control? And if so, does that mean that our future is not nearly as bright as we thought it was? And if the future is likely to be more difficult than the past, then my attempts at humor concerning the minutiae of everyday life seem rather unimportant.

But I can't solve any of these problems; I can only write about them — and complain (a little ignorance goes a long way). I have to tell you, though, from where I sit — and write, it's getting ugly. People (myself included) are getting irritated, and unless something changes soon, the American consumer will be an endangered species.

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Monday, June 8, 2009

At 11:00 a.m.

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