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Miss Poppy comes in several age groups. Tiny Tot Miss Poppy Makayla Jerez, elementary school Miss Poppy Lillian Miller and teen Miss Poppy Mackenzie Duffy are 'poppy ambassadors.' Here they stand with Janet Renner, Capt. Gregory Caiazzo and State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34).

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# NEWS



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**Sabrina Douglass, 6, of Vienna, enjoys the ride, while attending the 3-day Viva!Vienna! held each Memorial Day weekend with her family.**



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**Viva! Vienna! Chairman Woody Bentley greets festival visitors at the opening ceremony on Sunday, May 24.**

## ViVa! Vienna! Bigger than Ever

**Crowds gather for fellowship, food and fun.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

The heat and humidity did little to deter the crowds of families and young people from converging on Church Street as ViVa! Vienna! kicked off the annual Memorial Day celebration with 310 vendors, amusement rides and non-stop entertainment.

From smoothies to kebabs and carnival fare, food vendors sold it hot, cold, fried or frozen. Many booths, nonprofits and churches to service industries handed out free bottles of water. Long lines formed at the rides, which catered to babies and parents and little ones old-enough to ride on their own.

Vendors offered jewelry, silk and cotton clothing, trinkets, services, gifts and exotic items. Politicians fielded public service tables and financial institutions gave away lots of things for the home. American Legion Post 180 Auxiliary distributed the iconic poppy. Two stages featured live entertainment all day.

**Elected officials representing the Vienna area pay tribute to Memorial Day and to the spirit of Vienna. State Del. Steve Shannon (D-35), Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), Mayor M. Jane Seeman, Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34), U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) is in the background.**

Answer a question correctly, and Patrick Henry Library volunteers award a free book.

On Sunday, May 24, shortly after noon, the Rotary Club of Vienna, sponsors of the event, along with the Town of Vienna and Navy Federal Credit Union, hosted the event's Memorial Day tribute. Vienna-area elected officials spoke briefly, reminding festival-goers to consider the sacrifices of those who defended America and to remember that the funds raised by the Rotary Club are returned to the community.

"We're delighted to help the Town of Vienna and Navy Federal sponsor this 25th



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annual celebration," said ViVa! Vienna! Chairman Woody Bentley. "Every year, the Rotarians get together to help build a more diverse, better ViVa! Vienna!"

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), celebrating his 15th ViVa! Vienna!, brought to the front the solemnity of Memorial Day. Last week, he called a constituent's family extending sympathy on their son's death in Iraq. It's something he'll always remember, he said. "The sacrifices continue," said Connolly. "Freedom is never free."

### VIEWPOINTS

**Carol Monsess,**  
Vienna

"We've been coming for years. I always meet someone I know. It's a good Memorial Day weekend activity. We enjoy looking at everything."



**Gina Womack,**  
Vienna

"It's a great event. The whole town comes out. You see friends, have fun. It's a great local tradition."



**Maja Brown,**  
Vienna

"It's good. It reminds me of Germany, like a European festival. It's outside, fun, nice community feel. There's rides and different foods. It's fun for the kids and adults, too."



### What makes ViVa! Vienna! special?

— DONNA MANZ

**Jim Larson,** volunteer CHO; Vienna

"I love it. I love the crowds. My wife likes the shopping, me, the food. We see friends here, run into people we know. It typifies what Vienna is, a small-town feel."



**Betty Larson,** Vienna

"We moved to Vienna 23 years ago because there's something about Vienna that makes it special.

It's not just a small town, but a special small town, and ViVa! Vienna! is perfect, just the right size. Everybody here is happy today. It's a community event that everybody can take part in. I like reading the Connection because it reflects the spirit of the community, if I can say that."

served and are now serving," said Seeman.

Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) represents a swath of Vienna addresses and has worked closely with Shannon on issues affecting the Route 123 corridor. She commended the valor of CIA agents who put their lives on the line.

Cathy Ponton King sang the National Anthem to open the program, and Andrew McGinley closed it with "taps."

"Remember what we are celebrating today," said Bentley from the podium. "All who have served to make us free."

## WEEK IN VIENNA

### Arrest Made in Oakton Sexual Assault

On the afternoon of Friday, May 22 police were called to the 9500 block of Blake Lane in Oakton. Officers were directed to a man who was being restrained by several other people. An investigation determined the man was responsible for the sexual assault of a child the day before.

A 30-year-old suspect was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with aggravated sexual battery and abduction. Detectives believe there may be other victims who have not come forward. Anyone who has additional information is asked to contact police or Crime Solvers.

Officers determined a 10-year-old girl was playing outside with friends. She left the group of children and walked to her apartment. In the stairwell, she encountered a man sitting on the stairs. The man grabbed her from behind and touched her inappropriately. The victim's friend saw the assault and ran to help her. The suspect fled down the stairs and ran away from the building. The victim ran to her apartment and notified an adult. She did not require medical attention.

### Oakton Man Reported Missing, Endangered

Fairfax County Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating a 22-year-old, Oakton man who was reported missing on Wednesday, May 20. Christopher T. Gascoigne last contacted a family member at around 1 p.m. and has not been heard from since. He has been dealing with personal issues and has been entered into the National Crime Information Center computer system as missing/endangered.

He is about 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs approximately 160 pounds. He has curly, brown hair, a beard and blue eyes. He was last seen wearing orange shorts and a green T-shirt.

Gascoigne might be operating a black, 1998, Pontiac GTP four-door, with Virginia license plates XSE2578. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-691-2131.

### Chamber Announces Logo Design Contest

The Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce has recently engaged in a brand development process to refresh the Chamber's messaging. This is in conjunction with the opening of a second office in Tysons Corner and the launch of a new state-of-the art Web site, which will incorporate the new logo.

The new office, located in the Teqcorner complex at 1616 Anderson Road, Suite 233, McLean, is now open to better serve Chamber members in the Tysons area. The new Web site launch is scheduled for July 2009. The new logo will be incorporated into the design of the Web site as well as the new name — the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce. The hyphen has been deleted.

The logo contest is open to anyone, including professional and aspiring image designers. Interested parties may contact the chamber's Vienna Office at 703-281-1333 or logocontest@vtrcc.org for a packet with contest details, rules and an application.

Deadline for design submissions is Friday June 26, 5 p.m. Entries should be submitted electronically to logocontest@vtrcc.org.

The selected design and designer will be announced and showcased at this year's Chamber Awards Dinner.

### Free Movie at Glyndon Park

Enjoy a favorite family movie outdoors at Vienna's Glyndon Park at 8 p.m. Friday, May 29.

Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

For information on which G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on May 27 and for weather information on the day of the show.



## NEWS



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**Soundry owners Thor Berglie and Jennifer Crawford pose with artist Matt Patton. Patton paints on wood reclaimed from construction waste.**

**Reston artist Lisa Marie Adams turns recycled greeting cards into paper art.**

## 'Green is Beautiful' in Vienna

### The Soundry hosts reception, sustainable art exhibit.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**S**oundry co-founder Thor Berglie challenged the workshop's member artists, "what can you do with junk?"

The result was a month-long exhibition of works of art — paintings, sculpture and jewelry — created from recycled materials.

On May 18, at the Soundry on Dominion Road in Vienna, the Sustainable Business Network of Washington co-hosted a "Green is Beautiful" Spring Business Cocktail Networking Reception sponsored by BetterWorld Telecom.

"All the artist members here used recycled or organic materials," said Jennifer Crawford, who founded the Soundry six months ago with her husband Thor Berglie. "The pieces were done with the environment in mind. It's been running for a month. We thought it appropriate to tie in with Earth Week."

The guest list, which numbered more than 30 people, included SBNOW members and conservation-minded individuals from the Environmental Defense Fund, sustainable housing divisions, the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, nature lovers, Realtors focusing on sustainable green programs and builders engaged in green housing construction.

"We started [SBNOW] four or five years ago with the principle that business is the driving force for social and economic change," said John Friedman, chairman of the Board of Directors. Today, hundreds of businesses across the Washington, D.C. area, focusing their products on sustainability, are counted as members.

**STEVE BRIGGS**, a principal with SAI Contractors, was raised in Vienna and still considers himself a "lo-



**Steve Briggs**

**"We have choices now we didn't have in the past."**

— Steve Briggs,  
SAI Contractors

cal" boy. His construction company specializes in the latest "green" technology. "We're passionate about the health of people and the community itself. We have choices now we didn't have in the past. The first house I built, in 1979, had solar panels."

Briggs described green technology as "mostly about VOC [Volatile Organic Compounds]."

Lisa Marie Adams of Reston, a featured sustainable artist who designs images in intricate paper collages, uses "a lot" of reclaimed old building parts and cut-up greeting cards, from "things that I find that people threw away."

Adams calls her predisposition to re-use a "family thing that got passed down." She said she comes from a non-affluent family, and when you wanted something beautiful, "you made it."

"That's the fun of art," she said.

Matt Patton, another featured artist, paints on wood reclaimed from construction waste.

Along a wall, a large three-dimensional piece hangs, with bullets and gun magazines stuck to it. A police officer created that from reclaimed ammunition.

Brian Legan grew up in Vienna and Oakton and graduated from VCU on an art scholarship. He paints abstract collages from his space at the Soundry. He is satisfied with his work when it speaks is not dated and has a "panache that can sustain itself over time."

BetterWorld Telecom identifies itself as "the only nationwide, full-service voice and data telecommunications carrier solely focused on serving businesses and organizations that support social justice and sustainability."

**THE SUSTAINABLE ART EXHIBIT** ended on May 22, but the public is invited to stop by the Soundry to view works-in-progress.

# CRIME

Activities reported by the Vienna police department through May 22.

## ATTEMPTED BURGLARY CASE UPDATE

### 100 Block Maple Ave., West.

Between Oct. 29 at 9 p.m. and Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. A store owner reported that during the listed times unknown subjects attempted to enter his store. Damage was observed at the door hinges and latch areas. On May 18 PFC Monaco began discussing the above case with an individual. During the course of his discussion, the individual admitted to being involved. The individual, a 20 year old male of Montclair Court in Vienna was arrested and brought before a Magistrate at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. There he was formally charged with Burglary and Petit Larceny and held on a \$5500 bond. Additionally, PFC Monaco learned that the suspect was possibly involved in another burglary in Fairfax County. Detectives from Fairfax County were notified of this information.

## ARRESTS

### 200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E.

May 15, 6:24 p.m. While on patrol PFC Monaco observed several individuals consuming alcohol behind the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. After interacting with some of the individuals, PFC Monaco arrested two of the men for Drunk in Public. Both men were transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Arrested: a 48 year old male of no fixed address, and a 47 year old male of 100 Block Patrick St., S.E.

### 200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E.

May 15, 10:53 p.m. While patrolling the Cedar Lane Shopping Center, PFC

Monaco observed one individual attempting to start a fight with another individual. Investigation revealed that this was a continuing argument which had begun inside Neighbor's Restaurant. The individual was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and Drunk in Public but then attempted to escape. He was controlled and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. There he was charged formally with the two charges mentioned previously as well as Resisting Arrest and held on a \$1500 bond. The arrested subject, a 21 year old male of Hillcrest Drive in Vienna, was forbidden from returning to Neighbor's by management.

**Park St. at Talahi Road, S.E.** May 16, 6:49 p.m. PFC Monaco had stopped a vehicle previously for a violation. He then observed the same vehicle operating again in violation of law. His investigation revealed that the occupants of the car had provided him with false information. Both subjects were arrested for Obstruction of Justice and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held on \$2000 bond. Arrested: a 19 male of Glengyle Drive in Vienna and a 25 male of Chain Bridge Road in Vienna

**200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E.** May 17, 12:51 a.m. A security officer notified police that an apparently intoxicated male was in the parking lot of the Vienna Park Apartments. PFC Monaco located the individual and after a brief investigation arrested him for Drunk in Public. The individual, a 22 year old male of no fixed address was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

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# OPINION

# Remembering on Memorial Day 2009

**O**n 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

**EDITORIAL**  
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](http://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](http://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. Blankenbcler, 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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## Wolf Addresses Good Shepherd Alliance Breakfast

The Good Shepherd Alliance hosted a Business Breakfast Forum on Monday, May 18, at the National Conference Center, Lansdowne. Guest speaker U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) discussed the economy, transportation and other issues facing the region. The agenda also included a question and answer session on local issues. Wolf, third from left, is pictured here with James Thrash, Joy Trickett and Mark Gunderman.



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### THURSDAY/MAY 28

**Lunch Bunnies.** 11 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Bring a snack and enjoy stories and songs. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-938-0405.

**Patrick Henry Book Club.** 1 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Adults. People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. 703-938-0405.

**The Dreamscapes Project, Poor Man's Lobster, Bobby T and the MV and Cheryl J. 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.

**The Art of Easy Appetizers.** 7-9 p.m., McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Learn the shortcuts for appetizers. \$10 donation suggested. Reservations required. info@mpaaart.org

**JMHS Symphonic Band.** 7:30 p.m., James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. The James Madison Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony will perform their spring concert in the JMHS auditorium. Call 703-319-2300.



**The Loudoun Ensemble will provide the music for a summer swing dance Friday, June 5, 8-11 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Members of the Fred Astaire Dance Studios will give lessons from 7-8 p.m. \$25/resident couples, \$15/nonresidents, \$25/person all others. 703-790-0123.**

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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.

**English Conversation.** 10 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. For non-native English speakers of all levels. Adults. 703-938-0405.

**Pokemon League.** 3 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

**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.

**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

**Splinters.** 6:30 p.m., Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcohol/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 neutrality 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." 703-674-3177 or www.thehubtheatre.org.

**Wizard Rock with the Whomping Willows.** Justin Finch-Flechley & the Sugar Quills, the Moaning Myrtles and Snidget. 6 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. All ages. 703-938-0405.

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

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**Investment Research at Your Library.** 11 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn to use Value Line and Morningstar online for information on stocks, bonds, funds and more.

**Adoptions for Children's Musical.** 6-9 p.m., Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Auditions for the Vienna Youth Players' summer musical production, "Children of Eden," for children ages 11-18. Bring sheet music and be prepared to sing a song from a standard Broadway repertoire. Call 703-255-6360 to schedule an audition time.

**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.

**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.

**"Pavilion."** 4 and 8 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.

**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.

**McLean Orchestra 'An Intimate Affair.'** 8 p.m. at the Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Music from Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. 703-893-8654 or info@mclean-orchestra.org.

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**Good 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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# NEWS

## Vienna Honors Those Who Served

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**N**early 50 veterans, families and children gathered at historic Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton on Memorial Day to pay tribute to American heroes, veterans and active duty military. American Legion Post 180 of Vienna conducts the ceremony every year.

Mayor M. Jane Seeman presented a proclamation to Miss Poppy, Mackenzie Duffy, representing Vienna's Post 180 Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion.

"I, M. Jane Seeman, Mayor, and on behalf of the Vienna Town Council, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2009, Poppy Day. I ask all citizens to pay tribute to all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice."

Mackenzie's father returned from Iraq in March, and the 16-year-old Madison High School student has been active in heading projects in support of American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Vienna Community Band, braving the heat and humidity, played the National Anthem and



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**Guests stand at attention for the Pledge of Allegiance during the American Legion's annual Memorial Day ceremony.**

other patriotic pieces. Honored guests included State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and Vienna historian Mayo Stuntz.

Capt. Gregory Caiazzo, assistant for public affairs, Office of the Chief of Navy Chaplains, addressed those gathered in the

midst of headstones.

"Others, like you and I, are gathering across the nation today to pay tribute and homage to those who died and those who face death defending freedom and preserving peace," said Caiazzo.

"It's important for us to continue

to honor veterans and to help young people appreciate their heritage," said Navy veteran Vito Florimonte of Vienna.

Heather Colbert, 8, and her sister, Hannah, 12, know something about Memorial Day and veterans. "It's kind of to honor veterans who fought for our country," said Heather, whose grandparents served in the military. Hannah agreed. "The people who served should be honored because they fought for us," she said.

Post 180 Chaplain Bob Hatter led the opening prayer, and the post's commander, Phil Dunn, gave opening remarks and introduced guests. Janet Renner, auxiliary president, and Bob Renner, vice commander, laid the red, white and blue wreath.

A gun salute, fired by young Iraq veterans, and "Taps," played by a member of the Vienna Community band, closed the Memorial Day ceremony.

Post 180 also places flags along Maple Avenue in honor of America's holidays.

"Freedom thrives because of the men and women we honor today," said Caiazzo.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

**Allison Bitterman**, a 2006 graduate of James Madison High School in Vienna, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Psychology (Minor in English) from Gettysburg College. While at Gettysburg, Bitterman achieved Dean's List recognition all semesters, was inducted into the National Psychology Honor Society and served as Treasurer of Sigma Sigma Sigma service sorority. She was also a member of the Gettysburg College Women's Rugby Team.

**Neil Moyer** of Vienna graduated from Coastal Carolina University Saturday, May 9.

The following GC Marshall HS students have been selected to participate in the Virginia Governor's School, a three to four week residential program for high school juniors with a 3.75 GPA or higher:

**Amy Attiliis** (Visual Art), **Christopher Bowie**, **Jasmine Kang**, **Brigitte Tondreau** (Biological and Agricultural Science), **Ellen Chapin**, **Dana Hayes** (Humanities), **Hannah Chi** (Dance), **Conor Dinan** (French), **Abigail Epremian** (Chinese), **Jonathan Giles** (Vocal Music), **Meara O'Malley** (Theatre) **Jennifer O'Neill** (Life Science and Medicine) and **Hannah Rak** (Latin).

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## COMMUNITY

# Vienna Girl Donates Hair

**Locks of Love** has wigs made for girls suffering from disease.

**W**hen Jennifer Lindsey of Vienna had her long hair cut several years ago, on behalf of Locks of Love, her young daughter, Amelia, was "really surprised" she did that.

Amelia, however, was not surprised at herself when she decided to emulate her mother last week.

"I wanted to try something new with my hair and I thought it would be nice to do Locks of Love, like my mom, to donate your hair to girls with problems growing their own hair or because they lost it," said the 10-year-old. "Nobody else I know is doing it."

Locks of Love accepts human hair to be made into wigs for girls experiencing long-term medical hair loss, particularly alopecia areata, an autoimmune disease. The nonprofit organization sells hairpieces, on a sliding scale cost, to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under the age of 18.

**JENNIFER LINDSEY** has donated hair on two occasions over the past couple of years. When she first heard of Locks of Love, she thought on how lucky she is to have "thick hair that grows like weeds. How great that we're in a position to help these kids who lose their own hair."

Amelia, a fourth-grader at Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna, had her almost-waist-length hair shorn at a Great Falls salon on May 14. More than 12 inches of the girl's golden-brown hair was cut and tied up for contribution to Locks of Love.

Alopecia results in the involuntary loss of hair, primarily from the scalp area. The National Alopecia Areata Foundation estimates that 2 percent of the worldwide population has from the disease, 5 million in the U.S. alone. It affects men, women and children.

Locks of Love indicates that 80 percent of all donations come from children who wish to help other children. The organization has generated controversy because it sells unused hair to commercial manufacturers.

The Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign provides wigs free to women undergoing chemo-



Amelia Lindsey, just prior to having her long tresses cut.

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Amelia's shorn hair was donated to Locks of Love.



Amelia Lindsey and her mom, Jennifer. Amelia cut her hair and donated it to Locks of Love.

therapy.

"When Amelia had her hair cut, she was so excited," said Jennifer Lindsey. "She floated out of the salon. She would definitely do it again."

As for Amelia, she is happy just to know that someone will benefit from her haircut. "I don't need to see the wig because I know that it will look like me," she said.

To learn more about donating hair to Locks of Love or Pantene Beautiful Lengths, go to their respective Web sites: [www.beautifullengths.com/en\\_US/index\\_home.jsp](http://www.beautifullengths.com/en_US/index_home.jsp) and [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org). See [www.naaf.org](http://www.naaf.org) for more information on alopecia areata.

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# SPORTS

## Grilliot's Homer, Pitching Prowess Pace Marshall

**Statesmen defeat Westfield in softball regionals before seeing season end with loss to South County.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**M**arshall High's pitcher-catcher battery duo of Christine Grilliot and Michelle Tilson were the impact players in the Statesmen's hard-fought 3-2 Northern Region playoff win over Westfield Friday evening, May 22.

The first-round, postseason contest took place on the ball diamond at Westfield High's Sports Complex.

The victory was an exclamation mark in what turned out to be an outstanding season for Marshall under first-year, head coach Laura Campbell. The team's season ultimately ended Monday afternoon at Falls Church High School when Marshall, on the Memorial Day holiday weekend contest, fell to South County, 4-0. The Statesmen, who two weeks ago advanced all the way to the Liberty District tournament finals, finished with a 13-10 record.

But Statesmen supporters will remember last week's first round region playoff win over Westfield for a long time. The victory came over a Bulldogs' team that is annually among the region's elite outfits.

Marshall jumped on top early in the game, and Westfield, playing under the pressure of having to catch up, never was able to tie the score or take the lead.

"I think we played them really tough today," said Campbell, of the win over the Bulldogs. "They're a good team and it feels like a great victory."

**LEADING THE CHARGE** for Marshall were Grilliot and Tilson. It was Grilliot who wasted little time in knocking what was perhaps the Statesmen's biggest hit of the season, when she sent a three-run homerun over the center field fence in the top of the first inning.

The homer, although well hit, barely cleared the fence. But it gave a charge to the Marshall dugout and the team's faithful fans on hand.

"I knew it was hit hard," said Campbell. "It was clutch."

Grilliot was pleased to give her team the early lead.

"When I first hit it, I thought I got under it. Then I saw it was a homerun. It felt good. Solid contact always feels good," said Grilliot, who also hit a double later in the game. "It got my adrenaline going."

It was awesome getting three runs in the first inning," said teammate Tilson. "It's hard to come back from that."



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**Marshall softball reached the district finals and the region quarterfinals during a successful postseason run.**



**Marshall pitcher Christine Grilliot pitches outstandingly in the Statesmen's 3-2 region playoff win at Westfield last Friday.**

With a three-run lead to work with, Marshall was going to be hard to beat, especially with Grilliot on the mound. The right-hander allowed a first-inning run, coming on an RBI triple from No. 3 Westfield hitter Frankie Martinez, but shut the Bulldogs down from the second through the fifth innings. During those four frames, Westfield managed just one single, which

came on a bunt in the fifth inning.

With one out in the sixth, Martinez reached after being hit by a pitch. Two batters later, she scored on a two-out single by Kacey McMahon to pull Westfield within 3-2. Grilliot retired the next batter, however, and the game moved into the seventh inning with the Statesmen holding onto the one-run lead.

Marshall did not score in the top of the seventh. In the bottom half of the inning, Westfield had life when Alex Burnham started things off with an infield single. But moments later, Tilson, from behind the plate, made perhaps the game's biggest defensive play when she threw out Burnham attempting to steal second. It was the second time during the game Tilson had nailed a runner trying to steal.

"She did a great job of reading the runner and knowing she was taking off," said Campbell.

The seventh inning throw-out play by Tilson took pressure off of Grilliot and the Marshall defense. Grilliot retired the next two batters, including a strikeout to end the game.

Grilliot, who had allowed just five hits while striking out three, pitched a gem.

"She's been throwing well all year," said Campbell.

"To hold down a team like this says a lot because Westfield is a powerhouse."

Grilliot was moving the ball around the plate well, making it difficult for the Bulldogs to zero in on her pitches.

"I felt confident and I was being careful to hit my spots because they're a good hitting team," said Grilliot.

Marshall had five hits in the game. The safeties came from leadoff hitter Elizabeth Stonehill (single, run scored); No. 2 hitter Olivia Ellis (single, walk); Grilliot (homer, double); and Lauren Sanata (single).

Winning the game to advance to the region's final eight teams was a thrill for the Statesmen.

"It's awesome, nobody expected us to get this far," said Tilson. "Every year, we're knocked out in the first round of districts."

Grilliot thought Marshall had the potential to make postseason waves this season, first at districts and then at regionals.

"I had confidence in our team," she said. "Our defense has really gotten strong. It's exciting to do something [in the postseason]. That's so new for us."

**"When I first hit it, I thought I got under it. Then I saw it was a homerun. It felt good. Solid contact always feels good. It got my adrenaline going."**

— Marshall pitcher Christine Grilliot

## 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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