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# Peepers in Vienna

Sisters publish children's book series.

By DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Last summer, art teacher Sandy Pugh of Vienna got a "zany" idea.

In her 2008 July art camp, Pugh taught her students that ink splatters can be transformed into cut-and-paste creatures with enormous peeping eyes and colorful striped legs. A Peeper does not have so much a body as it does a ziggety-zaggety head with legs attached to it.

She liked three of her own designs so much that she framed each one, making an 8-by-10 inch piece of art and presented them to a newborn's mother.

When Pugh's sister, Dana Clerkin, got a peep at the creatures, she was hooked. "I just loved them. I told Sandy, 'We've got to do something with these,'" Clerkin said. So, they did, and the ink-splatter creatures, with their "prominent and appealing" eyes, became "Peepers," spawners of children's books, baby onesies, toddler T-shirts and baby towels.

The first Peeper book was a "Peeper in My Pocket, a Zany Peep at the ABCs," made available in June. That was followed in July by "I Say, You Say, A Zany Peep at Opposites." They are geared to pre-schoolers and pre-readers.

Pugh started writing the first "Peepers" book last winter. Hand-drawing and scanning to computer each illustration was an arduous process, motivating Pugh to buy and learn to use an e-drawing pad. It was, said an acknowledged tech newbie Pugh, a "huge learning curve."

"I Say, You Say" went much faster with the new program, she said.

"I started learning the fun-pad last Christmas. Although I'm still not tech-savvy, I can do this. Drawing on the computer significantly improves the ease of illustrations and text and the quality of the drawings."

The Peepers books have already begun to garner praise for their instructional value and appeal. One such fan is Chicago-area reading specialist Leslie Murphy.



Illustrator/writer Sandy Pugh, left, and her sister, wethepeepers CEO Dana Clerkin, have published two zany Peepers books since December. A third, 'Meet Me at the Masterpiece,' is scheduled for publication this fall.

"I work with a lot of students with autism," Murphy said. "I think the Peepers book describing opposites gives those children a good visual of what opposites are. The bright colors, the illustrations, really present a clear description of the concept of opposites, such as 'up' or 'down.'"

**PUGH IS** the creative element while Clerkin, also of Vienna, handles the business and Web site end of the company the sisters co-own. Both, however, make editing choices and investment decisions jointly.

Their most far-reaching decision to-date was to self-publish the "Peepers" books. They note the lag-time in third-party publishing and a diminishment of control over the final product.

Since the inception of their business late last fall, Pugh and Clerkin have learned Web design, blogging, finance, computer graphics, business development, copyright and trademark laws and "tweeting."

Pugh continues to produce the copy, poems and sketches by hand initially. It's still "old-school" in that regard, she said.

The third Peepers book in the series, "Meet Me at the Masterpiece, A Zany Peep at Art," will have more substance to it and be

more interactive, the business sisters said. Pugh is creating questions that a parent or teacher can ask the reader ages 4 to 8. They will have the book available for purchase by December.

"We'll run the book by others in the field and in focus groups before publication," said Clerkin.

They are taking more time to market the books now, looking into options of distribution, including packaging the books as learning DVDs.

When Pugh and Clerkin designed their business model, they considered good neighbor principles, teaching their young readers the importance of being good citizens.

"We wanted to make sure we give back to children," said Clerkin. "We partnered with the Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children Foundation to donate

a portion of the proceeds from the sale of our products to them. Giving back is important for kids to learn."

The sister team hopes to partner with PTAs in the future at fairs and events. "Everybody needs some help in these times," Clerkin said.

**THE TWO-WEEK** art camps that Pugh conducted at Colvin Run Elementary School this summer focused on a fish theme, but Peepers, with their never-the-same designs, piqued imaginations.

"You start with a little puddle of ink," said Pugh. "You blow through a straw to scatter the ink, making the Peeper's body. We practiced quite a bit, making sure the kids breathed out, not in."

Pugh teaches art at three Fairfax County elementary schools: Sunrise Valley in Reston, Great Falls and Haycock in Falls Church/McLean.

Peepers books are sold at [www.wethepeepers.com](http://www.wethepeepers.com), [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and at local book stores. The books purchased at [www.wethepeepers.com](http://www.wethepeepers.com) sell for \$7.99 each, plus \$2 shipping charge.

"These books are a great teaching tool overall, as well as effective one-on-one work," said Murphy.



From left to right: Chief Robert A. Carlisle, Officer Michael Finelli, and Former Councilwoman Maud Robinson.

## Police Department Honors Maud Robinson

Former Councilwoman Maud Robinson was honored on July 15 by Town of Vienna Police Chief Robert A. Carlisle on behalf of the Vienna Police Department. While typically the person giving the praise, accolades, and recognition to others, that evening the tables were turned on Robinson as she was the award recipient.

Carlisle presented Robinson with a framed letter written on behalf of all the officers and staff of the Vienna Police Department thanking her for her years of support.

Robinson is a vocal supporter of the Town of Vienna, its employees, and most specifically the police department.

"The Town of Vienna is such a great place to live because it is a safe place to live," Robinson told the Optimist Club members and guests at the Marco Polo Restaurant.

Robinson was on hand as the presenter at the annual Optimist Club Charles A. Robinson Respect for Law Enforcement awards banquet. Each year one Town of Vienna police officer and one Fairfax County police officer from the Fair Oaks District Station are honored for their commitment to law enforcement. The award is named in

honor of Robinson's former husband and longtime Vienna Mayor Charles A. "Charlie" Robinson.



## Pear Tree Cottage Presents Gardening Seminars

Pear Tree Cottage celebrated its one-year anniversary in July by offering free weekly gardening seminars that were lead by professional landscape designers. On July 26, Amy Strunk, landscape designer with Merrifield Garden Center, presented a container gardening seminar.



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**Mary Bedell, mother of brain cancer victim, Brian Bedell, with Jim Steinbauer, sponsorship director of the Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation.**



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**Brian Bedell of Vienna died of brain cancer at age 35.**



**Keith Fimian**



**Gerry Connolly**

## Fimian Runs Against Connolly Again

Local businessman Keith Fimian announced that he will run for Virginia's 11th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives again in 2010.

Fimian, a Republican, lost to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D) by about 11.5 percentage points in the 2008 election. Connolly replaced Republican Tom Davis, who decided to retire after 14 years in the office.

The 11th Congressional District includes most of central and southern Fairfax County as well as part of Prince William County.

Even though Davis had held the seat as a Republican, Connolly was thought to have a significant advantage over Fimian in the political race two years ago.

Connolly had served Fairfax County chairman, the highest elected office in local government, for five years and had been a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 1995.

Fimian had never run for or held elected office before.

But Fimian outperformed Republican presidential candidate John McCain in the 11th Congressional District. President Barack Obama (D) beat McCain by about 15 percentage points in the district compared to Connolly's 11.5 percentage points over Fimian.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

# Play Ball! for the Cure

## Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series honors memory of Vienna man.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**A**fter a 20-month battle with brain cancer, 35-year-old Brian Bedell died in 2005, leaving behind a young wife, family, friends and a Golden Retriever who loved him. On Aug. 8 at Waters Field, where Brian played Little League, his friends and family came together for the fifth year to honor Bedell's memory and to raise money for brain cancer research. The nonprofit Brian Bedell 2-

Young Foundation hosted the Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series, a family-oriented tournament of Wiffle Ball games, children's activities and baseball park fare.

"At this event, everyone comes together to remember Brian," said Jim Steinbauer, raised in Reston and Bedell's friend since 1992. "He was very inspiring, just an ordinary guy, but inspiring. When he was diagnosed, he didn't say, 'why me?' Instead, he said, 'why not me?'"

"When Brian was diagnosed, we never thought it could happen to a young person.

It changes your perspective."

Bedell was one of two of Mary Bedell's children, a boy and a girl born just a year apart. "Brian and Kristin were very close," said Mary Bedell. "Brian was my wonderful, strong, handsome son. I never heard him say anything negative about anyone."

Brian Bedell, his wife Amy and sister Kristin established the Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation to advance the search for a cure for brain cancer. Upon diagnosis, Brian Bedell was optimistic he could beat the disease, and determined to use his time to make a difference. His friends and his mother say he did.

"He was an ordinary man," said Mary

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# Dogs Making Miracles Happen

## Therapy dogs practice crisis response in Vienna.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**F**or five days last week, Vienna went to the dogs ... therapy dogs, that is, 16 of them.

Certified Animal Assisted Crisis Response (AACR) dogs and their human volunteers, who were also certified, from across the U.S. converged in Vienna at the first-ever national conference integrating therapy dogs into Critical Incident Stress Management [CISM].

The brainchild of Northern Virginian AACR volunteers, the three-day series of workshops, conducted from Aug. 6-8, focused on tools and techniques that volunteers and their working therapy dogs use to provide psychological support during

times of local, regional or national crisis. Twenty-four volunteers registered for the conference, 16 of whom attended with their therapy dogs.

"I've witnessed the healing power of a dog," said Laurie Brandt, a Vienna AACR volunteer. Her dog Dakota, shortened to Kota for training purposes, works well with quadriplegics, Brandt said, adding that Dakota is a "big, black dog" that sometimes looks a bit scary to strangers but is the "sweetest" thing.

"Just about three months ago, at Inova Fairfax Hospital, I watched Kota make a miracle happen.

"We were invited to meet with a 14-year-old girl who had broken her neck," said Brandt. "She was paralyzed completely. When we got there, I put Dakota in a chair

near her bed. Dakota will do anything if you're holding a laser pen. She thinks laser pens are the greatest thing.

"I handed the laser to the patient; she turned her hand over. She tried to make the laser work, but had trouble holding it. Every time she dropped it, Dakota kept putting the laser back in her hand.

"By the end of the hour, she used both hands. It was a magnificent moment, beautiful, really. After only three days of work, she was able to be sent off to a Baltimore spine clinic."

Brandt said that the American Red Cross, which operates the therapy dog program at Walter Reed Hospital, has decided to ban certain breeds of dogs, a decision that would

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**Anne Gavin of Reston thinks her therapy dog, Robbie, a rescued Cavalier King Charles spaniel, is 'gifted.'**

## Public Hearing on Dogwood Street Sidewalk

One of the Priority One sidewalk projects recommended to the Vienna Town Council by the Sidewalk Task Force is Dogwood Street, S.W., between Center and Cottage streets. A 4-foot wide sidewalk is proposed for the north side of the street.

The Town Council will conduct a public hearing on the project at its Aug. 17 meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, 127 Center St., S. Project drawings will be posted and Department of Public Works staff will be available to answer questions beginning at 7 p.m.

Interested citizens may review project information at Town Hall or online at [www.viennava.gov/projects/projects.htm](http://www.viennava.gov/projects/projects.htm). For more information call the Department of Public Works at 703-255-6381.

## Bikeway Plan To Be Discussed

At its Aug. 17 meeting, the Vienna Town Council will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Vienna Bikeway Plan (Town Code Chapter 21) concerning riding on sidewalks. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, 127 Center St., S.

Unlike some other jurisdictions, the Town of Vienna permits children under 11 to ride a bicycle on a sidewalk at any time, and bicyclists of all ages may ride on the sidewalk wherever it is hazardous to ride in the roadway. With the overall increase in traffic in Northern Virginia, pedestrians are having to share the sidewalks with more bicyclists.

Bicyclists sometimes seem to forget that while riding on a sidewalk they must follow the duties and obligations of a pedestrian when crossing a roadway or a crosswalk. The proposed Bikeway Plan amendments clarify the legal duties and obligations of bicyclists riding on sidewalks and bike paths.

## Vienna Residents Win Eakin Award

The Fairfax County Park Foundation Board has established the Eakin Philanthropy Award. This annual honor recognizes visionary financial and material contributions to Fairfax County parks.

The award is named for the Eakin family, which has been a benefactor of Fairfax County parks for four generations. In 1951, LeRoy Eakin Sr. donated 14 acres of land in the Accotink Stream Valley that became Fairfax County's first park. Since then, the Eakins have donated 240 acres of park land and established a trust that provides matching funds for improvements to Accotink Stream Valley park land.

The first recipients of the Eakin Philanthropy Award are Robert and Paola Pizzano, residents of Vienna. They are the founders of the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund (JPMF), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with special needs and their families. The Pizzanos established this charitable organization following the tragic drowning of their 6-year-old son Joey, a developmentally-delayed child who touched many lives with his bright smile and love of life.

The Pizzanos have recently committed to the donation of Our Special Harbor Spray Park, Fairfax County's first aquatic playground, to be built in Lee District Park as part of a family-focused outdoor recreation complex. To learn more about the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund, go to [www.jpmpf.org](http://www.jpmpf.org).

## Area Students Win NWFCU Scholarships

The Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation (NWFCU Foundation) awarded more than \$87,000 in scholarships at its annual scholarship awards ceremony and luncheon, honoring the 2009 scholarship winners. Fifteen students were recipients of the \$5,000 Ben DeFelice Scholarship and included Gyan Das of Langley High School and Aleksandr Vandalov of James Madison High School. Additionally, five students received the \$2,500 Central Intelligence Retirees CIRA Scholarship-sponsored by the Central Intelligence Retirees Association.

# Giant Celebrates Grand Re-opening

Up-to-date inventory, greater open spaces mark new store.

Vienna's Giant Food celebrated its grand re-opening on Aug. 7 with a ribbon-cutting, free gifts, scattered food sampling around the store, balloons to children, a raffle and self-tours, and that was just day one of a week-long celebration.

"We feel like this is the store the people in Vienna have deserved for a long time," said Will Overton, Vienna Giant manager. "I really want to be the store to sell you your groceries."

The remodeled property is open and wide-aisled, with bright lighting and creatively-designed sections. The Starbuck's kiosk is gone, and from the entry way, consumers can look out over the store.

It has visual diversity and a new, large natural foods department set aside near the entrance. Overton noted that the deli, seafood, bakery and meat departments are all new with greater selections. The meat case is a 24-foot full-service department. Only two Giants in the chain have a meat case of that size.



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**Will Overton, Giant Food of Vienna, oversees the grand re-opening festivities. The weeklong celebration lasts through Aug. 14.**

Customers have the option of toting hand-held price scanners and pricing their items as they take them off the shelves. When they've tallied the purchase, they pay with a credit card. Shoppers expressed satisfaction using the devices.

"I think the model we're going with is to keep everything consist-

ent from store to store," Overton said. "We understand our customers are still learning their way around it, and we're looking at that as an opportunity to interact with them."

— DONNA MANZ

### VIEWPOINTS

## Residents reflect on new Giant

**Gwyn Capozzi, Vienna**

"It's great. We tried the new scanners. My grandson, he's 4, would love to come here and scan. He's going to love this. I like the half-carts, too.

"I'm still figuring out where everything is."



**Bob Peterson, Vienna**

"I like it, but I don't like all the changes. I've been shopping here for many years. I like the store a lot, wider aisles and brighter lighting, but finding things has been a problem."



**Eileena Miley, Vienna**

"I love a lot of things. It's much easier to entertain children now. I like the scanner, the mini-carts. I haven't quite figured out everything that's new, though.

"We do a lot of produce-buying. The scanners speed up shopping, and anything that speeds up shopping with kids is good."



**Liz Sablik, Vienna**

"I think it's great. Things are in a logical place, but I'm still trying to learn the lay-out of the store. There's more choices, too."



# Brian Bedell Remembered

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Bedell. "He wished he had more time to make a difference and he did make a difference in the time he had. When he couldn't work any longer, he volunteered at a food bank. He was worth knowing."

Brian Bedell's brain cancer spread to his brain stem, and on May 12, 2005, he was released from the hospital when it was clear his time was running out. His mother said he was told to "go home for hospice care."

On May 21, at the old Redskins' training park in Ashburn, Brian Bedell said goodbye to his friends. In no pain, he slipped off in a light coma, and, with just a sigh, Mary Bedell said, died on May 23.

"For him, it was peaceful," she said. "He just went to sleep."

"He said he was going to a place without time, and he had faith he'd see us all again. He had wonderful, wonderful friends."

**BRIAN BEDELL'S FRIENDS**, a tightly-knit group of about 30 who get together regularly, occupy positions, all unpaid, in the nonprofit

Foundation. They raise money in Brian Bedell's memory and they disburse those funds to Vienna-area families suffering from the impact of brain cancer and to the institution at which he was treated, the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University. At Duke, he went through four craniotomies, radiation and participation in experimental trials.

"This is truly a labor of love," said Michelle McCann, long-time Bedell friend and public relations director of the Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation. "Brian was one of my husband's best friends. We all banded together in Brian's memory to honor him, raise funds for brain cancer research and have fun."

Brian Bedell was the best man at Mike Ryan's wedding, and today, Ryan is president of the Foundation. Ryan said the purpose of the Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series is dual-fold.

"One, it's to keep the spirit of Brian alive in the community here," Ryan said. "Two, we leverage that to make a difference in the lives of others."

Forty-two teams participated in the 2009 tournament, each team paying \$250 to enter.

Local businesses supported the Wiffle Ball World Series with cash and services. The Vienna Inn supplied the food that was for sale and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department loaned the use of its facility to sell the hot food. Wheat's Landscaping prepared Waters Field and L.F. Jennings construction donated cash, as it has since the program's inception. Ken Tully, a Vienna/Oakton resident, contributes individually every year.

Brian Bedell's Indiana University fraternity, Kappa Sigma, donated \$2,500 to the Foundation and is trying to double that amount by fund raising.

Mary Bedell said she is overwhelmed by the energy, time and caring that goes into planning the Wiffle Ball World Series, and she is so appreciative of all they do. "They take the time to remember Brian, and I am forever grateful," she said.

For more information on supporting the Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation, go to [www.brianbedell.org](http://www.brianbedell.org).

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## Seeking More Information from Police

Candidates for Attorney General, General Assembly should encourage more openness from police.

In Virginia, police are entitled to hold virtually all information from the public. Broad exemptions for police in the state laws pertaining to freedom of information requests leave it to the police themselves to decide what information from police reports of incidents and arrest can and cannot be released. The result is that the public has virtually no access to actual police reports.

Jody Donaldson, spokesman for the Alexandria Police Department, sums up succinctly: "We have a blanket policy to use the exemption in all cases."

This does not serve the public good.

In most states, the public and the press can access the actual reports filed by the police on the scene of an incident, with narrow excep-

tions — to protect the names of victims of sexual assault or undercover officers, for example.

In Virginia, the public, the press and even defendants facing charges based on those reports have no rights to see the actual reports.

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Instead they can request a "summary" of the report. There are few requirements or standards for providing information in these summaries. The summary of the suppressed document, known as "criminal incident information," includes a "general description" of the criminal activity, the "general location" and "general description" of the injuries.

There is no reason for this level of secrecy and obfuscation. Law enforcement agencies that serve the public would be well advised to

be open with the public and the press, providing direct access to police reports and documents unless there is a specific compelling reason to redact some information to protect a victim, witness or law enforcement officer. No one would argue to release documents that might endanger someone.

"The exemption for police reports is overly broad, and it should be narrowed," Ginger Stanley, executive director of the Virginia Press Association told Connection reporter Michael Lee Pope. "But police and sheriff associations have very powerful lobbyists, and they do not want this to change," Stanley added.

— MARY KIMM,

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## Let's Get Virginia Moving Traffic situation at a tipping point: failure is not an option.

BY BARBARA COMSTOCK

More than 25 years ago, when my husband, Chip, and I first moved to McLean, our area commuters sat in traffic on average for 16 hours a year. Now, the average commuter sits in traffic for 62 hours, almost a four-fold increase, the largest in the nation. Working men and women, and moms and dads trying to get to work, school plays, soccer or Little League games, probably aren't surprised to learn that the Washington metropolitan area ranks second only to Los Angeles in traffic congestion. They live it every day.

When it comes to solving our traffic problems, Richmond is broken. For over a decade now, the bipartisan failure on transportation solutions results in the current system facing near bankruptcy. Year after year, relieving traffic congestion is not the priority it should be in Richmond. Even when federal transportation stimulus money was being handed out this year, Virginia was the absolute last state in the nation to apply.

**SOLVING** the legislative gridlock on transportation has to be a top priority. When everything is a priority, nothing is a priority. For example, shouldn't transportation spending take precedence over weatherizing homes, which got a budget increase from \$4 million to \$94 million courtesy of the federal stimulus? We were sold the stimu-

lus as infrastructure spending in our states but only an estimated 6 percent of stimulus funds went to meeting infrastructure needs. Yet, why not push for flexibility to actually meet our state's needs? The extra \$90 million in funds for weatherizing a limited number of homes could have been far better utilized in Virginia for our crumbling infrastructure and keeping our rest stops open. And a tax credit would be a more efficient way to weatherize homes rather than creating new programs subject to fraud, waste and abuse.

Traffic congestion costs the average commuter \$1,207 and the region \$2.7 billion annually according to the 2009 Urban Mobility Report from the Texas Transportation Institute. That figure is based on a salary of \$14 a hour. For those in our area with higher salaries and dual incomes, the family costs are thousands — even tens of thousands of dollars — more.

We are reaching a tipping point on our traffic situation in Northern Virginia and failure is simply not an option.

First, we need to make relieving congestion our top priority so that we do not stall our economic recovery and growth. To that end, I support and will champion legislation to establish a bipartisan commission tasked with developing a comprehensive transportation plan that reprioritizes transportation funding to address traffic congestion and economic growth, and is committed to

changing the state transportation funding formula. Northern Virginia must get more than the estimated 17-20 cents on every transportation dollar we send to Richmond.

Second, I support utilizing Virginia energy resources and having a comprehensive energy strategy in Virginia that encourages wind, solar, alternative fuels, clean coal, nuclear power and offshore drilling. With appropriate safeguards to protect the environment, drilling for oil and natural gas off the coast of Virginia should be part of a comprehensive energy policy to lower our energy costs and create jobs in Virginia, with the royalties from drilling being largely dedicated as a new revenue stream to finance our depleted transportation fund. And nuclear power is another source for new jobs and new energy. Even though nuclear power only provides 20 percent of nation's electricity, it produces 70 percent of the carbon free electricity.

Third, I support an amendment to Virginia's constitution to prohibit raiding of Virginia's Transportation Trust Fund.

Fourth, I will push for accelerated use of the \$3 billion in bonds authorized for transportation improvements.

Fifth, I support increasing the use of innovative public private partnerships and promoting additional research into Intelligent Transportation systems to make our transportation system more

efficient. Right now with our uncertain economic situation, large amounts of capital are sitting on the sidelines. We need to tap into those resources and provide incentives to have the private sector help us solve these problems.

**FINALLY**, I will be a strong advocate for telework and I am committed to the goal of having 20 percent of the workforce taking advantage of telework options. In the 1990s, when I worked for U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), we were early pioneers on this front. Not only is this a solution for traffic congestion, but it also is a family friendly solution that provides more flexibility for today's working men and women.

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*Barbara Comstock is a McLean resident and the Republican candidate for the 34th District House of Delegates seat.*

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# CRIME

Activities reported by the Vienna police department through Aug. 7.

## ARRESTS

**300 Block Glyndon St., N.E.** Aug. 3, 11:04 p.m. As Officer Lyons was patrolling Glyndon Park after dark, he found three individuals lying on the ground. After investigating, he found that the subjects appeared as though they had consumed alcohol and two of them appeared intoxicated. Officer Lyons arrested an 18-year-old male of Bird Road in Vienna and an 18-year-old male of Centennial, Co. for Drunk in Public. They were both transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The third subject, an 18-year-old female of Rockport Road in Vienna was issued a summons for Underage Possession of Alcohol. Her mother responded to the park and drove her home.

## BURGLARY

**100 Block Park St., S.E.** Between July 31 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 2 at 6:01 p.m. An employee of a business reported that during the listed times an unknown subject forced entry into their offices and stole computer equipment. This case is still being investigated.

**1000 Block Westbriar Court, N.E.** Aug. 2, 8:42 a.m. A homeowner reported that he heard subjects inside his home and chased them out. There were no signs of forced entry and it does not appear as though anything was taken. Fairfax County Police responded to assist Vienna Police officers in an area search using K-9 and the helicopter. No subjects were found as a result of the search. This case is still being investigated.

## DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

**100 Block Moore Ave., S.W.** Between Aug. 2 at 10 p.m. and Aug. 3 at 6:30 a.m. A citizen advised that between the listed times unknown subjects cut her phone lines on the outside of her house.

## GRAND LARCENY

**100 Block Glyndon St., S.E.** Aug. 2 1:43 p.m. A citizen reported that she left her cell phone unattended on a counter while she did her grocery shopping. When she finished and returned to retrieve the phone, it was gone. Forensic evidence was recovered at the scene and this case is still being investigated.

**Dominion Road at Ayrhill Ave., N.E.** Aug. 5 between 3-3:41 p.m. A citizen reported that her visible laptop computer and various other items of value were stolen from inside her vehicle while she jogged on the W and OD Trail. The driver's side window was smashed out to gain access to the items. This case is still being investigated.

## MEDICAL ASSIST

**Amphora Restaurant, 380 Maple Ave., N.W.** Aug. 1, 6:57 a.m. MPO Shaver responded to the Amphora Restaurant to investigate a person acting strangely. The individual initially refused to pay his food bill but then began showing signs of possible impairment. The mother of the individual was contacted and advised that her son is known to ingest large amounts of over the counter cold medicine and has other medical issues. The individual eventually agreed to pay his food bill. Fairfax County EMS responded and transported the subject to an area hospital for treatment.

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# CALENDAR

## Rick Beck Exhibits Glass Sculpture

Habatat Galleries show open until Sept. 12.

BY JORDAN CLARK  
THE CONNECTION

Rick Beck has spent the last year preparing for his new exhibit of cast glass implements and sculptural groupings for the Habatat Galleries in Tysons Corner. "I was a bit of a nervous child growing up, and one day I realized that it was easier to make something then sitting around fidgeting all the time," said Beck, who is originally from Canada and now lives in Spruce Pine, N.C. "That's when I picked up my first paint brush and realized I was actually pretty decent at what I was doing."

He spent years mastering and changing his artistic style until he settled with his current artistic passion — glass. Since 1978, Beck has devoted his time



Rick Beck, with wife Valerie, who is also an artist, at the exhibit opening at Habatat Galleries in Tyson Corner.

to altering and perfecting the art of glass.

"With glass, you can make something plain into something beautiful," he said. "With my art, you can see my moods — happy, pensive, wonder, creative, playful. All of my art means something different and

### More

The Rick Beck exhibit will be on display Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., until Sept. 12, at the Habatat Galleries, 8020 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 125, Tysons Corner, VA 22182. For more information, go to [www.habatatgalleries.com/va](http://www.habatatgalleries.com/va) or call 703-989-7110.

through it I am able to show the audience what I was feeling when it was created."

Beck and his wife Valerie, who is also an artist, consider each other their artistic muses. "If it wasn't for her and of course our beloved dog, my art would be much darker, but they make it all worth it," said Rick Beck.

"His exhibit at the Habatat Galleries is filled with beautiful, captivating glass implements that makes all eyes wander," said on-looker Sarah Bennajma. "It truly is a mesmerizing exhibit that I just couldn't take my eyes off."

Send announcements to [vienna@connectionnewsletters.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewsletters.com). Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit [www.connectionnewsletters.com](http://www.connectionnewsletters.com)

### THURSDAY/AUG. 13

**The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington**, with dance music of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs. Free. If there is a threat of bad weather call 703-324-SHOW after 6 p.m. for cancellation updates. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance).

**Erik Mongrain and Jimmy Robinson**, 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Kaydee Puppets with the "Princes and the Pea"** and the "Little Red Hen's Wacky Week." 2:30 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. All ages. 703-356-0770.

**Kaydee Puppets with the "Princess and the Pea"** and the "Little Red Hen's Wacky Week." 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All ages. 703-757-8560.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 14

**Crosby, Stills & Nash**, 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$25-\$45. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**The Vienna Youth Players present the musical "Children of Eden,"** 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna.

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**Classic Rock to Motown with the Sunny Daze Band**, 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. At 6:30 p.m. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. 703-255-6360 or [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

**Mid-Atlantic Band Battle Finals**, 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**English Conversation**, 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for non-native English speakers of all levels. Call for details. Adults. 703-938-0405.

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

### SATURDAY/AUG. 15

**Civil War Weekend**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and children; or two-day ticket \$12 adults, \$8 seniors and children. 703-437-1794 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully).

**Family Fun Weekends at Colvin Run Mill**, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 12-3 p.m. Hand-crank ice cream then sample your efforts for \$1.25 a cup. Watch grinding, take a mill tour, \$6 adults, \$4 children and seniors. Visit the farm animals and play old-fashioned games. 703-757-2771.

**The Temptations & The Four Tops**, 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$22-\$38. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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**Niki Barr Band, The Chuck Shaffer Picture Show and Cinema Cinema**, 10 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association**, at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance lessons 8 p.m. Open dancing begins 8:30 p.m. Members \$10, nonmembers \$12, ages 16-20 \$5. [www.nvcwdo.org](http://www.nvcwdo.org) or 703-860-4941.

**Fairfax Saxophone Quartet**. Classical favorites, Broadway hits, and jazz. 6-8 p.m. outdoors at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

**Miss Belle's Sing-Along**, 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Enjoy old favorites and original songs. Birth-5 with adult. 703-938-0405.

**Read to a Pooch**, 11 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Read aloud to a therapy dog and practice reading skills. Dog and handler from the R.E.A.D. literacy program. 703-757-8560.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic**, 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 16

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**Angel Taylor and Megan McCormick**, 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Dagmar and the Seductones**. Roots rock at 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E. Vienna. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. 703-255-6360 or [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

**Bonnie Raitt and Taj Mahal & The Phantom Blues Band**, 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$30-\$48. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**American Legion Auxiliary Breakfast Buffet**, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., Vienna. \$7 adults, \$3 age 12 and under. Janet Renner, 703-625-5736.

### MONDAY/AUG. 17

**Eddie Jobson 'Ultimate Zero Project'**, 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### TUESDAY/AUG. 18

**Paul Burch**, 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-

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### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 19

**Face of America: Glacier National Park**, 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$10-\$38. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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**Teddy Bear Picnic**, 12 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket and listen to Peter McCarty's One-Man Band. 703-356-0770.

**Fun With the Creature Teacher**, 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. A variety of animals from different habitats with Bar C Ranch. Age 6-12. 703-757-8560.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 19

**Book Discussion Group**, 6:30 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Call for book title. Adult. 703-356-0770.

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**Book Discussion Group**, 7:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Love Walked In by Marisa De los Santos. Adults. 703-242-4020.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 20

**Todd Wright**, 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Model Investment Club of Northern Virginia**, 7 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. This group will meet on the third Thursday all year. Adults. 703-356-0770.

**V.I.P. Vienna**, 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket and listen to Peter McCarty's One-Man Band. 703-356-0770.

**Matinee With Mommy**, 11 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a movie. Call for title. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-242-4020.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 21

**The Splinters**. Rock music at 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E. Vienna. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. 703-255-6360 or [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

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**Wimpy Kid Summer Ice Cream Tour**, 2 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Children can get a free ice cream bar courtesy of ABRAMS - Books for Young Readers. The truck will be in the parking lot of the library. First come, first served. 703-938-0405.

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**CRIME**

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**PETT LARCENY**

Magruder's, 100 Block Maple Ave., West. Aug. 5, 7:13 p.m. An unlocked bicycle was left in front of Magruder's while the owner went inside to shop. Upon returning, the bicycle was gone.

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**POLICE SERVICE**

**400 Block Park St., S.E.** Aug. 6, 11:01 a.m. A homeowner reported that some renters had vandalized walls inside his home prior to moving out.

**SUICIDE ATTEMPT**

**600 Block Hillcrest Drive, S.W.** Aug. 1, 3:35 a.m. An individual was found to have ingested a large amount of over the counter medicine. Fairfax County EMS responded and treated the individual. He was then transported to an area hospital for further treatment.

**SUSPICIOUS EVENT**

**1000 Block Pickett Place, S.W.** Aug. 1, 2:58 a.m.

A woman reported that an individual known to her unlawfully entered her home and assaulted her. There are conflicting accounts of what transpired. MPO Evans investigated the events and determined that no charges needed to be filed.

**TRESPASSING**

**Southside Park, 1317 Ross Drive, S.W.** Aug. 5, 9:38 p.m. An alert citizen reported that she observed several individuals in Southside Park after dark, in violation of law. Officer Ruddy found the subjects, all juveniles, seated near the baseball field. The juveniles were counseled by Officer Ruddy and their parents were notified. They left the park without incident. No charges will be filed.

**VANDALISM**

**Vienna Woods Swim Club, 109 Harmony Drive, S.E.** Between July 31 at 8:45 p.m. and Aug. 1 at 7 a.m. An employee reported that during the listed times an unknown subject drove a vehicle into the security fence surrounding the pool area. It appears that the individual gained access to the pool area and entered it unlawfully.

**ABANDONED VEHICLE**

**400 Block Nutley St., N.W.** Between Aug. 1-5. A citizen reported that a vehicle has been abandoned in front of their home for several days. MPO Oliver tagged the vehicle for further enforcement should it not be moved in 48 hours.

**ANIMAL CASE**

**1100 Block Fairway Drive, N.E.** Aug. 4, 1:44 p.m. ACO Barker investigated a report of a dangerous

**dog living at a home. This case is still being investigated.**

**CRASHES**

**Maple Ave. near Beulah Road, N.E.** July 21, 7:16 p.m. A legally parked vehicle was struck by another unknown vehicle while in a shopping center lot. The striking vehicle's driver left no contact information.

**Maple Ave. near Lawyers Road, N.W.** July 29, 7:30 p.m. Two vehicles were travelling along Maple Ave. in a side by side manner. The vehicle in the left hand through lane made a sudden right hand turn into a driveway and was struck by the other vehicle. The driver of the turning vehicle was charged with Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

**Park St. at Dominion Road, S.E.** Aug. 1, 10:10 a.m. One vehicle had stopped on Park St. to wait for the opportunity to make a left turn into a driveway. Two additional vehicles stopped behind the first. A fourth vehicle approaching from the rear did not stop in time and struck the rear of the third vehicle in line. This caused a chain reaction crash event involving all four vehicles. The driver of the fourth and striking vehicle was charged with Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

**Maple Ave. near Center St., N.W.** Aug. 2, 4:43 p.m. One vehicle was travelling along westbound Maple Ave. near Center St. A second vehicle was pulling out from a shopping center lot and attempting to make a left turn on Maple Ave. The second vehicle pulled out in front of the first vehicle and was struck. The driver of the vehicle pulling out of the lot was charged with Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

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**Karen Kaufman** was the top producer with a sales volume of \$4.4 million at the Falls Church Long & Fos-

ter office. She was also the top Lister and the agent with the most new listings (seven). John Nguyen was the top seller.

**Luis A. Lama**, CRS, GRI of Long & Foster Real Estate in Falls Church was awarded the eighth annual Virginia Housing Development Authority "Service to Virginia Award" at the Virginia Association of REALTORS Legislative and Education Conference in Richmond.

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# Fimian Runs Against Connolly Again

Local business man Keith Fimian announced that he will run for Virginia's 11th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives again in 2010.

Fimian, a Republican, lost to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D) by about 11.5 percentage points in the 2008 election. Connolly replaced Republican Tom Davis, who decided to retire after 14 years in the office.

The 11th Congressional District includes most of central and southern Fairfax County as well as part of Prince William County.

Even though Davis had held the seat as a Republican, Connolly was thought to have a significant advantage over Fimian



Keith Fimian



Gerry Connolly

in the political race two years ago.

Connolly had served Fairfax County chairman, the highest elected office in local government, for five years and had been a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 1995.

Fimian had never run for or held elected office before.

But Fimian outperformed Republican presidential candidate John McCain in the 11th Congressional District. President Barack Obama (D) beat McCain by about 15 percentage points in the district compared to Connolly's 11.5 percentage points over Fimian.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Amy Kyleen Lute** of Vienna has graduated from Boston College with a bachelor of arts in economics and Islamic civilizations and societies. Lute was a member of the University's Presidential Scholars Program. She will attend Georgetown University's Summer Arabic Language Institute in Washington, D.C. and plans to pursue a career in economic development with special interest in the Middle East

**Elaine Singerman** of Oakton was named to the spring 2009 dean's list at the University of Chicago. Singerman is a 2008 graduate of Oakton High School.

**Lucy Bain** of Vienna, a junior, has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg.

**Grace Thomas** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2009 honor roll at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn.

**Wesley James Roberts** has been selected for honors admission by the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg. Roberts is the son of Gary and Barbara Roberts of Oakton, and the grandson of Wade and Betty Roberts of Wise. His great-aunt, Lona Roberts, also of Wise, is a UMW alumna. Roberts is a graduate of Oakton High School, an

advanced placement scholar and a three-time recipient of the Virginia Northern Region Scholar-Athlete Award. He received letters in lacrosse and indoor track and plans to play lacrosse at the University of Mary Washington.

TD Bank has announced the recipients of its annual American Dream Scholarship program, which awards \$1,000 to local graduating seniors who achieve both academic excellence and serve the community. Scholarship winners include:

♦**Emily Ale** of Oakton, a graduate of James Madison High School. Ale will attend the University of Virginia. She was active in the National Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, student government, Spanish club, and played lacrosse.

♦**Monica Choudhury** of Vienna, a graduate of James Madison High School. Choudhury will attend the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and major in international relations. She was captain of the volleyball team, president of Girls Learn International, and received the Girl Scouts of America Gold Award.

♦**David Ramish** of Vienna, a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Ramish will attend Yale University in New Haven, Conn. He received the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award, the Gold Congressional Award, and an award in the Junior Achievement economics essay competition.

**Laura Anne Bell** of Vienna has graduated from the University of Scranton. Bell received an Outstanding Student award in educational administration.

Several Vienna residents have graduated from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg:

♦**James Newbold**, master of science in environmental engineering.

♦**Paul Dolenc**, master of arts in education.

♦**Matthew Harry**, master of business administration.

♦**Cameron Miller**, master of business administration.

♦**Tom Sun**, master of business administration.

**Keith Senglaub** of Oakton has graduated with a master of business administration from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

**J. Ethan Helander** of Oakton has graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy. The son of Patrice Helander McGinn of Oakton plans to attend Averett University.

**Joseph Canova** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Md.

**William Parrott** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Ma.

**Anthony Song** of Oakton has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Ma.

**Keri Linn Milliron** of Oakton has been awarded an associate in science in nursing degree from Excelsior College of Albany, N.Y.



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# SPORTS



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**With an 18-round score of 76 on Monday afternoon, Aug. 10 at International County Club for the Cougar Classic, Oakton's Amanda Steinhagen finished tied for sixth place.**

**Despite difficult weather conditions for the annual Cougar Classic on Monday, Aug. 10, Madison senior Joe Maloney finished tied for seventh with a 79.**

## Hot Start at Cougar Classic

### Local golfers return to action with Oakton's annual tournament.

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

**L**ightning-fast greens and duffed tee shots left Oakton's Amanda Steinhagen shaking her head in frustration at International Country Club in Chantilly on Monday, Aug. 10.

Steinhagen, along with golfers from 11 local high schools, faced near 100-degree weather, sporadic wind gusts and challenging pin placements for the season-opening Cougar Classic golf tournament, which was hosted by Oakton High.

In 2008, Steinhagen won the Cougar Classic, but a string of bad luck and a double bogey on the fourth hole — a 192-yard par-3 — put repeating the tournament's champion out of reach.

"[The day] just started out rough and I had bad luck on hole four," the 17-year-old senior said. "I just couldn't do anything to save myself."

Steinhagen finished 7-over-par on the front nine but managed to salvage her rough start on the back, turning in a total score of 78. As a former champion, Steinhagen said that she wanted to repeat but ended up creating unnecessary pressure for herself.

"I think I put more pressure on

myself because it's my home course," she said. "I didn't have pressure from anyone else. Things just happened that you can't really control."

Despite the early setback this season, Steinhagen is confident that she can recover and continue to be one of the top golfers for Oakton's team.

"I want to try and take the team as far as we can go," said Steinhagen, who finished third in the Concorde District and fourth in the Northern Region last fall. "I want to try to get to [the state championship]."

**OAKTON FIELDED** two teams at the Cougar Classic. The group featuring Steinhagen finished third overall in the tournament with a total team score of 339. The second Oakton team, consisting primarily of younger players, finished seventh with a score of 349.

"I'm very impressed with my second team," said Jack Masich Oakton's head coach. "We had a round in the 70s and one in the 80s, I'm very happy with that."

Many coaches used the Cougar Classic as a way to gauge their potential. Masich said he believes his team has what it takes to compete for a top spot in the Concorde District.

"My expectations are high," he said. "I think we can be one of the top two or three teams in the conference this year."

Aside from a chance to look at the team's progression, Masich said he enjoys hosting the Cougar Classic because of the quality of International Country Club's course.

**MARSHALL AND MADISON** also participated in the Cougar Classic. Marshall's Scott Henning, a 15-year-old sophomore, shot a 92 and fell victim to International's fast greens.

"I'm used to playing on slower greens," he said. "I just need to practice on the putting. I just never got a consistent feel for the greens."

Madison finished with a total score of 341 to tie for fourth with Lake Braddock and had two scores in the 70s, which were provided by Joe Maloney and Al Hubbard. Maloney, an 18-year-old senior, said the weather conditions provided an additional challenge to the already tough course.

Westfield finished first in team scoring with a 302. Westfield's Tim Ritter finished in first place individually with a 74 and Sarah Stanley, also of Westfield, took second with a 75.

Robinson Secondary School finished second with a 315, with Robinson's Alex Austin taking third overall with a 75.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP



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**The Vienna Wildcats celebrate their championship at the Mid-Atlantic Soccerfest.**

## Vienna Wildcats Win in Soccerfest

The Vienna Wildcats placed first in the girls' U-9 age group at the Mid-Atlantic Soccerfest in Poolesville, Md., on June 27. The Soccerfest is a four-on-four soccer tournament for youths ages 5-16 and adults within divisions based on age, gender, and ability. The tournament — designed to capitalize on a developmental program that MSYSA and VYSA have introduced to regional soccer organizations — is ideal because it enables younger players more opportunities to touch the ball than in regular games. The Wildcats put up a good fight and came out victorious, playing their best game of the season in the championship round.

## Site Determined

Beijing had the 2008 Summer Games. Vancouver will host the 2010 Winter Games and the 2015 World Police and Fire Games. They'll be right here in Fairfax County. A group of Fairfax representatives from the police, fire and sheriff's departments, Team Fairfax recently learned that it was awarded the right to host the event, which will include events at George Mason University, the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, various regional parks, the National Mall, Nationals Park, Reston Town Center and Quantico Marines Corps Base. In its 30th year of existence, the WPFPG brings together participants from more than 65 countries, and the event has been going on since 1985. This year will coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the Fairfax Police Department. The WPFPG include over 60 different sporting events, which range from soccer, basketball and tennis to stair climbing, shooting and SWAT exercises.

## Lange Booked

After headlining the previous seven professional boxing shows at George Mason University's Patriot Center, Great Falls native and Bishop O'Connell graduate Jimmy Lange will return to Fairfax on Saturday, Sept. 26 to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) U.S. National Boxing Championship (USNBC) 154-pound title against Jonathan Reid. Lange is familiar with Reid, too, as both spent time on NBC's "The Contender," a reality boxing show. Lange (30-3-2, 21 KOs) and Reid (34-11, 19 KOs) will meet in the card's 12-round Main Event. Tickets, which range in price from \$30-\$500, are available at the Patriot Center box office and through all Ticketmaster outlets. Lange last appeared at Patriot Center in May, scoring a fifth-round TKO of Frank Houghtaling.

## Joseck Shines

Hanna Joseck of the U-16 NOVA Blaze Blue was recognized as a Player of the Game at the 2009 Fast Nationals (fastpitch softball tournament) in Ocoee, Fla. Players of the Game are chosen by the opposing team's coaching staff. The Fast Nationals tournament brings the top travel softball teams and players in the country to one venue, where teams compete to become the 2009 Fast National Champions.



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's been nine consecutive weeks of cancer-columns and though I have every intention (and need, quite frankly) of continuing them, this week I will be deviating from that most recent norm. And the reason for this deviation is a sad one. After 14 years and nearly two months, and after careful consideration and consultation with our veterinarian, we made the extremely difficult decision to euthanize Bailey, our sweet, affectionate and loving golden retriever.

Purchased as an 8-week old, pure-bred puppy in Aug. 1995 (born June 10), Bailey was my constant companion. As is common with goldens, they tend to bond with one member of the family; I was that family member. I nurtured him, attended obedience classes with him, trained him, fed and watered him, "treated" him, played with him and slept with him. And for that, I received his loyalty and devotion, as only dogs can give.

His death, from complications from pneumonia (of unknown origin), a mega-esophagus, a cancerous tumor in his spleen which required major surgery, and hips which couldn't support his weight, were too much to overcome.

Trying not to be selfish, and trying to consider what would be in Bailey's best future-quality-of-life interest, given his age (88 on the relative-to-humans age chart), we all agreed that the medical demands on an old dog with limited life expectancy under ideal circumstances, let alone one needing anesthesia, surgery, post-op recovery and rehabilitation, multiple medications to treat his miscellaneous infections, all to be followed by weeks of chemotherapy, seemed excessive.

Three hours after the first phone call with our veterinarian when she outlined Bailey's multiple health problems, we decided to end Bailey's suffering and so we called back. A verbal authorization was needed. A second veterinarian came on the phone and asked me the necessary questions. With tears streaming down my face and my answers a jumbled, cracking mess, I got the words out to euthanize Bailey. And then it was over. We said we wanted Bailey's ashes and then they asked if we wanted a clay-mold paw print. Which of course we did; physical reminders we will always cherish. We'll likely bury Bailey's ashes next to his cat-brother Smokey, with whom Bailey was raised. They began their lives together (as kitten and puppy) and they now they will spend their after-lives together as well.

Bailey's demise seemed to happen so suddenly. Days before, he was trotting around the yard with a huge rock in his mouth (as usual). Then his eating slowed down, then he had trouble getting out of his bed, then he started throwing up; all in matter of days. I called the vet that morning and got an appointment later that same day. After an initial examination, the vet asked if he could take x-rays of Bailey.

With my help, we lifted Bailey on to the x-ray platform. A few minutes later, the vet showed me Bailey's x-rays. There was a huge mass/blockage in his throat, which explained why Bailey hadn't been eating. He had a temperature as well. The doctor's mood was grim. He recommended that to get Bailey the immediate medical care he needed (rather than waiting weeks to see a specialist; they're all so busy, he said) I should take Bailey to the Emergency Veterinary Hospital in Bowie, one with specialists, that night, for an immediate assessment, which I did. And the rest you've read. The end came approximately 20 hours later.

Bailey was a great dog. He was the center of our lives for more than 14 years. We loved him and miss him terribly. We think we see him and hear him all over the house. The last thing I did with him was hug him and kiss him on the mouth. We know he's at peace now and out of pain.

I imagine that soon we will be as well. Time is all we need.

*Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.*

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**MARY JO HOFFMAN**

Mary Jo A. Hoffman, 44 of Sioux City, IA and formerly of Arlington, VA died July 31st in Rochester, MN.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, at Heartland Community Baptist Church in Sioux City. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. at a later date. Condolences may be sent online to [www.meyerbroschapels.com](http://www.meyerbroschapels.com). Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel is handling arrangements.

Born in Centerville, IA, on April 5, 1965, Mary Jo graduated from Chariton (Iowa) High School in 1983. She received her B.A. from the Univ. of Northern Iowa in 1987. During a distinguished career, she put her faith in action through teaching and public service. She worked on Capitol Hill for many years, serving proudly on the staff of Senator Chuck Grassley. She also earned an M.A. from George Mason University, Arlington, VA. While living in Virginia Mary Jo (Archibold) met and married Brent Hoffman. In 2004, they returned to Sioux City.

Survivors include: children, Silas and Lydia; husband, Brent; parents, Ron and Karen Stein, of Mason City, IA; sister, Malinda Hiltzer, of Des Moines, IA; and many other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, D.W. Archibold, and her grandparents.

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# Therapy Dogs Meet in Vienna

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ban dogs such as Dakota.

CISM is an intervention protocol developed by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. to help people deal with traumatic events. It is a professionally recognized process first developed for use with military combat veterans and, then, civilian first responders, from police to rescue workers. CISM is now accepted almost everywhere to help people deal with trauma and crises.

The workshops are an opportunity to explore how Animal Assisted Crisis Response dogs can be incorporated into CISM teams, said Tina Brookes, CISM instructor and licensed clinical social worker. It's using the human-animal bond to build communication bridges that will introduce a new component into the CISM intervention system, adding a valuable support tool that will result in greater service to those in crisis, she said.

"It's a beautiful marriage of what dogs are doing as crisis responders and how it fits beautifully in the CISM framework," said Brookes.

Brookes and AACR protocol founder Cindy Ehlers presented the concept of harnessing the abilities of certified dog teams, in CISM responses, at the 10th World Congress of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. (ICISF) in Baltimore, Md. earlier this year. A group of AACR teams from Northern Virginia, representing two national working dog organizations, National and Hope, were present at the Congress and took steps to develop a conference merging CISM protocols and AACR. The CISM-AACR Workshop materialized.

ANNE GAVIN of Reston, a Microsoft state public affairs director, has worked with her Cavalier King Charles spaniel rescue dog Robbie since 2007, taking him to Inova Fairfax Hospital. "I think Robbie's gifted," said Gavin. "He has the ability to give people in crisis, not just the patient but the family, too, an opportunity to step back, pet the dog, find peace for a few minutes. We got involved with AACR because I know he has the ability to bridge despair from crisis to calm."

Robbie's forte is engaging people with autism or those developmentally-disabled. Especially with autistic children, one sometimes has to find what it is that brings them out of their shells, Gavin said.

"It's a lot of work for the dogs," said Gavin. "Robbie comes home exhausted. He loves going to Inova. He's ready to work. I would be remiss if I did not find him an opportunity to do his thing. I'm just the driver."

Northern Virginia has more CISM teams than any other place in Virginia. Law enforcement, fire and rescue, and disaster responders such as the American Red Cross in Virginia and throughout the country reach out to CISM teams whenever an opportunity exists for them to provide psychological first-aid.

McLean's Nagwa Aziz does not own a dog, but she's team leader of the Animal Therapy Ministry at McLean Bible Church, called Paws 4 Hearts. Two members are AACR-certified.

"When we visit people with the dogs, they've been through grief and loss situations. CISM is teaching us how to talk to them and how animals could work for them," said Aziz.

"Years ago, a coworker [at Department of Defense in Arlington] was raising a pup for Canine Companions, and she had permission to bring the dog to work with her. She kept him in her cubicle. Anytime I was so stressed out and couldn't work, she would let me visit with the dog, pet him, give him treats," she said. "That helped me to relax. It was first-hand experience with the healing power of dogs."

**AT THE WORKSHOPS**, Brookes led discussions on crisis intervention and instructed volunteers and their dogs in role-playing situations. When not working, the dogs rested quietly alongside their owners. A mobility-challenged therapy dog that lives in Arlington with volunteer Julie Palais is a role model in himself. The large fluffy dog has only three legs, hip problems and moves in the dog stroller that Palais pushes. Yet, he is spirited and does his job.

AACR volunteer Laurie Brandt hosted a welcome meet-and-greet one Wednesday at her Vienna home. The dogs laid around placidly as their owners got to know one another. Chateau Morrisette of Virginia donated six cases of its service-dog labeled wines for sampling at the reception.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church extended the use of its great hall at no charge to the conference. "It's hard to find places willing to accept that many dogs at one time, but OLGC stepped up, and gave us the space for free," said Brandt. "That was big."

The Comfort Inn at Tysons Corner not only allowed the dogs into their guest rooms, but shuttled participants to OLGC for the workshops. Anita's New Mexico restaurant and Clyde's restaurant welcomed the dogs and volunteers into their dining rooms. The dogs needed a place to run free and Christie Phillips of Vienna provided her 2 acres of fenced-in land to them.

"I worked for the American Red Cross for more than 10 years, and I understand the importance of disaster assistance and how difficult it is for disaster victims. And I understand the role animals could play in helping people cope with their situations," said Phillips. "Animals need relief, too, and if these AACR dogs could come to my house, be outside and relieve their stress, that's my way of making a contribution to disaster assistance."

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