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Violet, played by Stephanie LeBolt, argues with Mildred (Chelsea Casanave) and Angela (Esther Workman) during the Oakton High School premiere of 'A Tisket, a Tasket, Four Dames and a Casket.'

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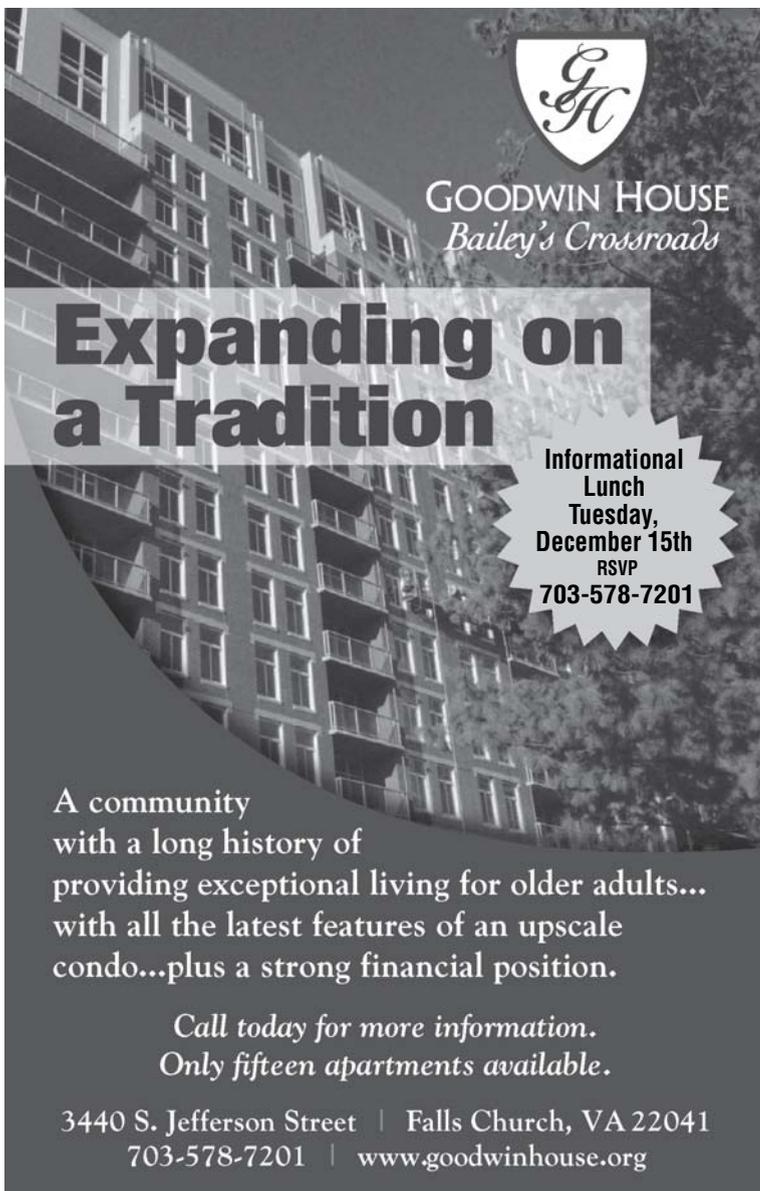
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American Legion members salute those who were honored with engraved bricks installed in Post 180's Walk of Honor.



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A group of World War II veterans sit together, sharing a common bond.

Bricks Honor Veterans

Vienna's American Legion Post 180 adds to Walk of Honor.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

In 2003, the first inscribed bricks, engraved with the names of veterans, were installed in the Walk of Honor at Dyer Gunnell American Legion Post 180 hall on Center Street. For more than six years, inscribed paver bricks replaced blank ones as the dedications grew to 210. On Saturday, Nov. 7, American Legion officers and members replaced eight blank bricks with engraved ones in a respectful program attended by 23 people. As bricks were identified by name, veterans saluted.

"You don't have to be a member of the Legion to order a brick," Post Commander Bob Hatter said. "Anyone is welcome to honor a veteran or loved one."

Post 180 accepts orders on a continuing basis.

The engraved brick installation was part of Post 180's week-long recognition of Veterans' Day. On Thursday, volunteers from the Auxiliary planted flags at the graves of veterans interred at Flint Hill Cemetery, from Civil War soldiers to Middle East veterans. Post 180 marks Veterans' Day with a program at American Legion Hall on Center Street.

MOST PEOPLE or groups buy a paver brick to commemorate the life of a personal hero, from the soldiers who waded ashore



Mike Paruti and Post Commander Bob Hatter Jr. pause at the emblem recognizing the sacrifices of U.S. service men and women.



Phil Hendrickson of Vienna and his son Jordan honor Homer Hendrickson's World War II service with a brick inscribed with Homer's name and branch of service.

Normandy beaches to the Post "Angel," a former Post bartender, a kind and loving woman killed by her husband. For many, it is a way to contribute financially to Post 180, as well as to honor a veteran or other hero. The paver bricks read like an epitaph, the honoree's name, service and battlefields.

"My dad was special to me and



Auxiliary member Jeanne Banks, front, purchased the paver brick to honor her father. Her sister Sharon Iddins kneels with her on the Walk of Honor.

special for what he did during the war [World War II]," said Phil Hendrickson of Vienna. Hendrickson honored his father Homer, a first lieutenant who served under General George S. Patton. Homer Hendrickson lived in Vienna at the corner of Beulah and Old Courthouse roads, and died at age 50 in a plane crash.

Sharon A. Sweeney's brick is next to that of her father, Myron Jones of the U.S. Army, who fought in Korea. Sweeney bought Jones' brick several years ago, and upon Sweeney's death from cancer, close friend Colleen Walsh bought one in Sweeney's memory. Sweeney served in the U.S. Army and was Post 180 commander from 1997-98.

Post Commander Bob Hatter's father joined the U.S. Army cavalry as a young man and was com

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American Legion Pays Tribute to Veterans

Post 180 commemorates Veterans Day.

The annual Veterans Day program at Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180 in Vienna carried on the tradition of solemnity and respect, paying tribute to the veterans who made it home safely and those who did not.

An empty chair sat at a table in memory of those missing-in-action. An Auxiliary member presented the ceremonial wreath. A firing squad shot off blanks into the air, saluting the veterans who freely gave of themselves during wartime.

"I think we've got Veterans Day covered," said Jim Flynn of Vienna, World War II Army Air

Corps. "People never forget what we did. When I wear my cap, some people will recognize it and thank me for what I did in World War II.

Post Chaplain Charles Nackos stood in for Post Commander Bob Hatter, inviting each veteran, from all U.S. wars, to stand and offer some words regarding his or her service. Some flew fighters or bombers; some supported aircraft on the ground and on ships. Others worked intelligence in the nation's capital, others in Europe and Africa. Some carried fallen comrades to ambulances, some strafed Berlin or landed in Iwo Jima. Some had Purple Hearts or the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Shirley Martin of the Auxiliary presented the ceremonial wreath in honor of Veterans Day, and lunch was served after the ceremony.

— DONNA MANZ



Post 180 Chaplain Charlie Nackos welcomes veterans to the Veterans Day program at American Legion Hall.



World War II veteran Jim Flynn of Vienna introduces himself to Del.-elect Mark Keam (D-35).

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Vienna Arts Society Turns 40

A weekend of Art and Music Nov. 20-22.

Vienna Arts Society promises the most gala Treasury of Art Show to mark its 40th anniversary: A weekend of Art and Music and all that Jazz begins Friday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. The highlight will be the best entries of regional artists, selected by a nationally recognized juror.

On Friday, the Serenata String Quartet entertains at the Awards Reception at 7 p.m., which honors the artist of the year, Jean Johnston, and awards prizes to winners chosen by the judge, Frederic S. Briggs, AWS. In addition, this year the George Dumas Award will be given for the artwork of Dumas' choosing.

The party swings into Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m., with artist demonstrations and door prizes throughout the day. The Lennie Cujé Jazz Trio will perform live from 6-9 p.m., and refreshments will be served. A display of album covers and jazz themed paintings by Patrick Conte includes early impressions of Lennie and his musicians. Additionally, young saxophonist Dean Mitchell, will sit in.

The event, featuring hundreds of original works of art for sale, continues through Sunday, Nov. 22, from 12-4 p.m. All are urged to vote for their own favorite entry for the Peoples' Choice Award, which will be announced as the show closes.

The Treasury of Art Show takes place at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., which is handicapped accessible. Show hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, see www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.



Jean Johnston

Jean Johnston Honored as Artist of Year

During the Great Depression, a family in Clarendon sent their 12-year-old daughter Eugenia to Saturday art class. That young artist has since signed many graceful and valued oil paintings with the name Jean Johnston and is now Vienna Arts Society's Artist of the Year.

The Hilleary family was struggling like many then, but actually sent two daughters to study on Saturdays with Harry Stuart Fonda, a world traveler, artist, musician and composer. Johnston's younger sister is Reston artist and lithographer Wanda Leister.

Looking back over decades of creating landscapes, still life, florals and portraits, Johnston can no longer count them. Her membership in the Vienna Art Society and her work has made her a mainstay of the group's exhibits and sales.

Johnston said that after the period of her childhood classes, art studies at Washington - Lee High School in Arlington and a year of formal training at George Washington University, many

intervening events occurred before her painting career began. "With World War II raging, I left school to work for Geological Survey, producing detailed aerial maps for the war effort. It was there that I met my husband, married and had three children." She did not return to art until her youngest was in high school.

Then her art continued. She studied for many years with Virginia Smathers and Janice Snerer and attended numerous workshops and continues painting on her own in her home studio in Vienna. Inspiration, she said, comes from many sources such as objects from her home and photographs from travel. "Or my imagination. Still life and florals are my favorites."

Currently an exhibit of her work is on display at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St. Johnston will be honored as artist of the year at the Vienna Arts Society 40th Annual Treasury of Art Show reception Nov. 20 at the Vienna Community Center.

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Engraved Bricks Remember Veterans

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missioned prior to World War II. Bob Hatter Sr. served his country for 37 years, through Korea and beyond. "He loved horses," said Bob Hatter Jr. "He spent most of his life in the army."

An Army brat who followed his father's footsteps into the Army, Bob Hatter Jr. served in Vietnam.

Father and son each have their own bricks next to one another.

Jeanne Banks, a member of the Auxiliary, works at the Post. She bought a brick to honor her dad because she cannot get to Arlington National Cemetery often.

U.S. Army veteran and Vienna Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Mike Paruti honored his father Alex, a 20-year-career man

who did two tours of Vietnam. Alex Paruti, still living, retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel, and his son thinks the paver bricks show appreciation to his dad and to veterans.

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OPINION

Children's Connection

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We will feature artwork of many kinds, photography, poetry, opinions, short stories, reflections and more. Artwork can include paintings, drawings or any media; photos of sculpture, ceramics or other works too large to submit are also encouraged.

We welcome contributions from public schools, private schools and students who are

home schooled. Past contributions have come from children from nursery schools through those preparing to graduate from high school.

Sometimes an art or English teacher will assign a project and submit the work of an entire class, but individual submissions from any young person in the community are welcome.

You can see last year's Children's Connections on our Web site. Go to www.ConnectionNewspapers.com, click on

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We prefer digital submissions, delivered on CD or via email. Please send in submissions as soon as possible. Our address is 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314. E-mail to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Please be sure to include the name of the artist or author, and include age, grade, school attended and name of the home town, along with address and phone number to be used for verification purposes only.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making a Case For Public Option

To the Editor:

Open Letter to Our Congressional Representatives: Senator Mark Warner, Senator Jim Webb and Representative Gerry Connolly:

We agree with President Obama's assertion to Congress that "now is the time to deliver on health care." Moreover, we strongly endorse the views expressed by many reform advocates, such as Dr. Howard Dean, that "the healthcare reform bill is not worth passing unless the American people have the choice of signing up for a public option — a real public option." And last but not least, we thank you, Mr. Connolly, for your vote on Saturday.

Some detractors argue that a public option would bring with it a bloated, inefficient, "big government" program, and that our hard-earned dollars should not be cavalierly siphoned into a taxpayer-funded, perpetual revenue sink that citizens end up regarding as their inalienable right. If you have a visceral reaction against federal taxes in any amount or for any purpose, we have no counterargument to convince you. But if you are open to a more nuanced assessment, we offer the following comments for your consideration as you debate, amend, reconcile, and vote on health care legislation over the next few weeks:

We also don't like paying taxes, and take personal offense when our hard-earned dollars are squandered on special-interest projects large and small. We are, however, prepared, indeed enthusiastic, to pay hard-earned dollars for programs that benefit the citizenry at large — tangibly or intangibly, now or in the future. We understand that the executive departments, from Commerce to Veterans Affairs, and the independent agencies must be funded, to administer and enforce federal laws. Thus, while we may quibble about this or that funding decision or

look askance at this or that mission priority, we shed no tear about our dollars invested in the likes of the EPA, FBI, FCC, FDIC, NASA, NEA, NIH, NOAA, NSF, SSA, etc., as well as the GAO that keeps tabs on them all.

Now, with respect to health care, we submit that such a nuanced assessment resoundingly affirms the need for a true public option. Would a public option slather a slippery slope to socialism? Of course not: one more agency added to the alphabet soup of agencies would not transform the underpinnings of this country. Is private industry inherently more cost-efficient than the public sector? Not at all: without generating income over expenses, a corporation ceases to justify its existence; and a corporate executive's compensation dwarfs that of the civil service counterpart, regardless of job description. Moreover, private industry shoulders expenses for advertising and lobbying that the public sector can largely avoid. Thus, the health care industry is currently spending well over \$500,000 of our insurance premiums a day to lobby your colleagues to abandon or dilute a public option. Is a public option redundant to the private insurance industry? Apparently not: the private insurance industry fails to enroll over 30 million citizens of this country. And many of the insured are denied coverage under any of a multitude of fine-print exemptions and exceptions, including lack of portability, preexisting conditions, deductibles, notification and claiming failures, etc. Estimates for the number of claims denied varies wildly, from around 20 percent by state agencies and public advocacy groups, to 2.36 percent by an insurance industry trade association in testimony submitted to Congress. In any event, well over 60 percent of this year's bankruptcies in the United States stem

from medical bills, even though over three-quarters of the bankrupt had some form of medical insurance. And this is no wonder: medical bills following a single auto collision can cost thousands, sometimes hundreds of thousands, of dollars; the cost for treating a typical breast cancer runs about \$50,000 to \$100,000 or more. This is not the sort of money that ordinary folks can set aside for a rainy day.

Thus, a respectable public option strikes us in many ways as analogous to our National Park Service. Just as we can choose between the Everglades and Disneyland for our Florida-vacation, we should be able to choose between a public option and private insurance for covering our health-care needs. Some of us can't afford Disneyland, and are happy to have "nationalized recreation" as a fallback. Others of us are simply put off by the rampant commercialism of the private sector and prefer the public, unadorned approach.

Like Great Falls, Gettysburg and the Grand Canyon, a public health insurance option would cost us some of our hard-earned dollars. But at Great Falls, Gettysburg and the Grand Canyon, we are amazed at how much our park rangers do with so little funding, and wish that more of our tax dollars were channeled in their direction. Our biggest fear regarding a public option would be chronic underfunding rather than rampant waste and abuse.

And finally, we note that our national parks are a source of national pride and actually weave into the fabric that defines us as Americans. That fabric would be stronger and even more precious with the added thread of a national healthcare option.

George, Christine and Karin Lehnigk
Oakton

Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow

To the Editor:

Please forgive the line lifted from the Fleetwood Mac song. But it's oh, so true.

Americans cannot stop thinking about the impact that enacting true healthcare reform will have upon our generations to come. Despite the doomsday prophecy fodder that the ultra-conservative, ultra-right wing is pushing, the reality of this legislation would simply be twofold: accountability mandated for the huge insurance companies and a cost-effective public solution for the 50 million plus citizens and permanent residents without healthcare.

That's it.

Let's revisit those lies again, shall we?

No, undocumented workers/illegal aliens would not be given access to this public program.

No, small businesses would not suffer from the public program. They are already paying through the nose for expensive private health insurance.

No, America will not become a socialist state because we do what every other country (count'em, every single one) in the developing world did decades ago — invest in the long-term health of their most prized possession, their human capital.

Why do you think medicine here costs a grossly more amount than in Canada or Cuba? Somebody's getting very, very rich, and it's not you or me. Or at least not me.

There's nothing unethical about stopping private insurers from denying care and discriminating against small groups based on an individual's health status, gender or age. There is something sickly, though, about leaving a fellow American to die because of money.

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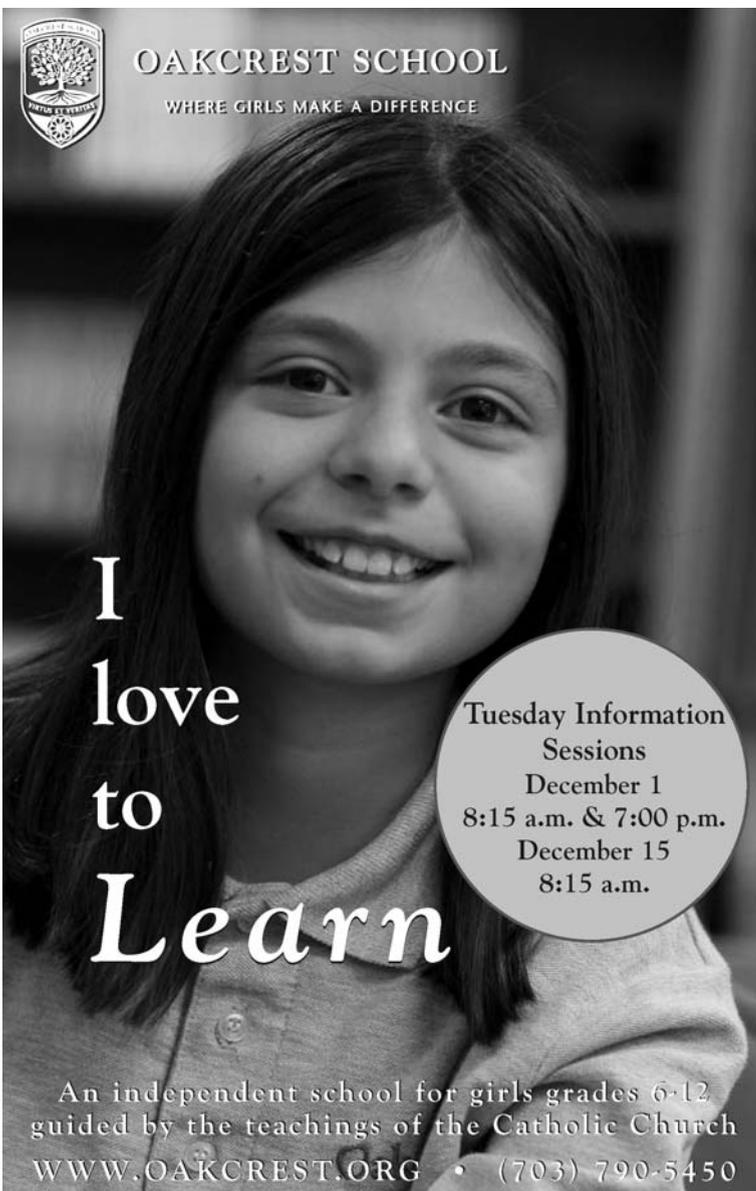
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NEWS

Holiday Bazaar Art and Craft Show in Oakton

Local artists and craftspeople share their talents.

Every year, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax [UUCG] reaches out to its own community to create a holiday fund raiser. This year, on Nov. 21 and 22, the church hosts an art and craft show featuring some of the area's most respected artists and craftspeople. From oil paintings and pottery to hand-painted silks, from Christmas ornaments to fused glass jewelry, the 30th annual bazaar features work from Vienna, Oakton and Reston artists.

The 15 participating vendors are donating 20 percent of their sales to UUCF. All contributors have had their work juried before a committee to gain participation.

"We're not a co-op or guild," said fused glass artist Mary Ellen Larkins. "We're just a bunch of cre-



JIM GOODRIDGE

Mary Ellen Larkins' wedding plate, two circles of individual lives melding into the greater sphere of togetherness, will be for sale at the holiday art and craft show.

ative artists doing this to help fund-raise for the church and to showcase our arts."

Larkins said she always loved glass because glass is a product of the earth. "Each time I go into my

30th Annual Holiday Bazaar: 2009 Art and Craft Show

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Hours are: Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-4p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.

studio, the beautiful glass will let me know what to do with it ... either making plates, candle holders, tiles, sculpture or jewelry."

UUCF member Shari MacFarlane creates acrylic paintings and art embellished accessories. She and Larkins coordinated the bazaar. Both MacFarlane and Larkins live in Vienna and work out of at-home studios.

MacFarlane teaches art in Vienna. Larkins crafts fused glass into jewelry, plates and sculptures.

Painter Steve Myles of Oakton, working in oils, and jewelry crafter, Patricia Moore, are among the Vienna-Oakton artists.

Prices are expected to range from under \$10 to \$1,000.

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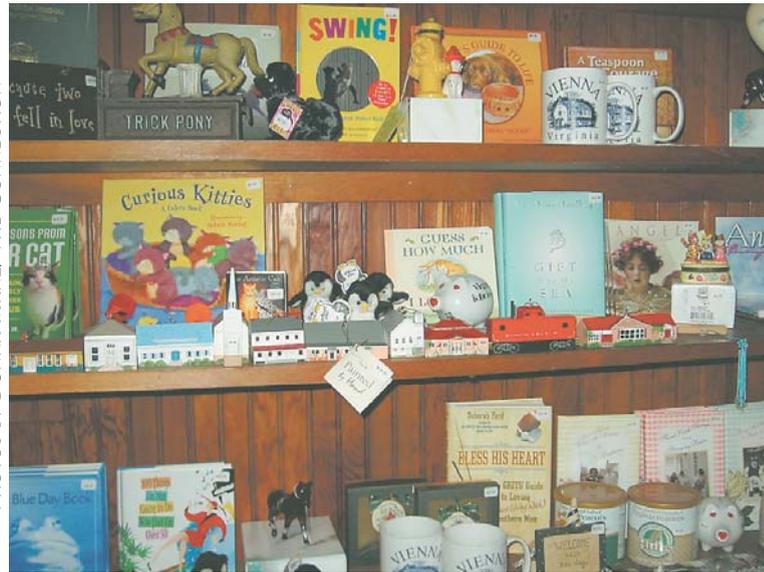
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HOLIDAY GIFTS



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The shelves at the Freeman Store recall the toys and games of an earlier time.

Once Upon a Time stocks a large selection of limited edition Madame Alexander dolls.

Vienna's Holiday Treasures

Toyland to Winter Wonderland around our corners.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

From toys made in Europe and Vermont to nuts and brandied peaches produced in Virginia, ethereal angels, Vienna-designed holiday cards and original hand-painted wooden ornaments depicting Vienna icons, Vienna offers an array of gifts for holiday shoppers. Shopping in town, particularly along Church Street where shops are housed in real houses, is an exploration of local flavor and color.

ONCE UPON A TIME is childhood wrapped up in storied playthings. Regionally, the shop-in-a-house is the only place a shopper can find an extensive collection of European-crafted Playmobil, German-made Steiff stuffed animals and large-scale real wood doll houses made in Vermont. Playmobil figures, playsets and

accessories start at \$3.75 for a piece to over \$200 for a complete re-creation of castles and pirate ships.

"Playmobil is great because these toys let kids play using their imaginations," said store co-owner Laurie Saddlemire. "It's escape into another world without playing video games. The Playmobil Specials make great stocking stuffers." Identified by the pink lettering in the lower corner, Playmobil Specials are single-piece figures with accessories, made in Malta. Each one is priced at \$3.75.

Original German-made ear-tagged Steiff stuffed animals begin at \$33 and go up to several hundred dollars.

Once Upon a Time also stocks a selection of Madame Alexander dolls, hand-crafted miniature dolls and Melissa and Doug life-sized stuffed animals and toys.

The elaborate doll houses produced by Real Good Toys of Vermont range in price from several

hundred dollars to more than \$1,000.

Little boys love construction vehicles and Once Upon a Time introduces to the local public trucks manufactured from 100 percent recycled plastic. "Green Toys" are made in California.

The miniature character dolls, most crafted by hand, start at slightly over \$50 and range up to approximately \$175. Geppetto, holding a stringed Pinocchio, is \$150.

Once Upon a Time will be giving out 600 coupons, each good for one 20 percent off a shopping spree, during the month of December.

Once Upon a Time is located 120 Church St. N.E., 703-255-3285.

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HOLIDAY GIFTS



Founder of Karin's Florist Bill Dukas and his daughter Maris Angola, president of the company, display a decorated boxwood tree.



Nancy Stringfellow of Vienna could not resist the red flannel Santa pants wine holder and the origami tree ornaments at Karin's Florist.



Michele Borlock of Terra Christa says that gemstones have their own personalities and properties.

FROM PAGE 9

Vienna, Inc. (HVI), is a one-stop shop for Virginia-made products and for Vienna logo gifts. During the holiday season, the store brings in pure canned goods, holiday cards photographed by shopkeeper Alla Fiore, and collectible hand-painted Rachael Peden ornaments that memorialize Vienna landmarks. This year's ornament features Bowman House, the original Vienna Elementary School.

The 2009 holiday cards, at \$8.50 for a package of 10, focus on Freeman Store in holiday dress. The store sells scented candles from Williamsburg, pottery decorated with a Vienna logo, toys, books and puzzles. A replica of the Flying Yankee Streamliner trains is priced at \$10, half the selling price advertised in the Smithsonian catalog. Virginia peanuts, roasted by the Hubbard Company of Sedley, Va., sell for \$7 for a 12-ounce tin. A jar of branded peaches, canned by Graves Mountain Lodge of Syria, Va., is \$10.

Penny candy jars, filled with new and old-time sweets, line the counter.

HVI is the exclusive distributor of This Was Vienna, a pictorial of early Vienna. The coffee table book is priced at \$26.50.

On Dec. 2, Freeman Store's holiday sale begins. Virginia peanuts will be reduced to \$6 a 12-ounce tin and everything in the store will be on sale at 10 percent off. HVI members get 20 percent off. "We know people's budgets are tighter this year," said Sarah Jane Brady, Freeman Museum and Store administrator. "We're helping by discounting prices in December."

The Church Street Stroll is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 30, from 6-9 p.m. Festivities include the arrival of Santa Claus on a vintage firetruck, the lighting of the holiday tree, a petting zoo, strolling musicians and live stage entertain-

ment. Decorated by the Ayr Hill Garden Club, the Caboose and the railroad depot will be open for the evening. The Freeman Store and Museum will be open from 6-9 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive and visit with children from 6:30-9 p.m.

For a special gift for a special child, consider a leisurely visit with Santa Claus. Santa returns to the Freeman Store on Sunday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 12. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

Freeman Store is located at 131 Church St., N.E. Store and Museum Hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 12-4 p.m. and Sundays, 1-5 p.m., 703-938-5187.

KARIN'S FLORIST turns itself into a winter wonderland in mid-November, with shimmering trees and colorful decoration. Festive floral designs, gourmet food and wine, trappings of the season and custom gift baskets propel Karin's Florist beyond the typical florist's shop.

Karin's Florist stocks an eco-friendly gardening kit whose pot is made of rice hull. The kits come in holiday amaryllis, holiday tree, paper whites and tulips. The small kits are priced at \$20, the larger ones at \$35.

At the open house on Nov. 12, the \$8 red flannel Santa pants wine holders were flying off the shelves. Origami holiday ornaments are priced at \$15 each. Dark chocolate sea salt caramels are \$20 for an elegantly packaged box. From Colonial Williamsburg come Chowning's Tavern salted-in-the-shell peanuts, 12 ounces for \$8.

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TERRA CHRISTA is a cross between old-world and new age. Each room of the house on Church Street is dedicated to a different

theme: angels, healing stones and spiritual books, Tibetan, Native American, and bath and wellness.

"People come in searching for things to help them on their journey," said Michele Borlock, daughter of owner Ruth Van Landingham. "Everything in the store is designed to inspire and help people."

Stones have different healing properties, Borlock said. "Every stone has its own personality and properties." The gemstones range in price from \$1-\$4, up to over \$200. A large shimmering amethyst, a crystal said to promote healing, is \$210.

Borlock said "everyone loves angels," and in the angel room are statuettes of angels and fairies. According to Borlock, most angel shoppers buy the statue of the Archangel Michael. "He's the angel of protection," Borlock said. "Many people come in to buy Michael for soldiers overseas."

Terra Christa is located at 130 Church St., N.W. 703-281-9410.

NICHE INTERESTS

Take gift certificates to the next level. For fitness buffs, consider membership in Evolution Fitness or anytime fitness.

Winter fitness for children? Try Mountain Kim Karate or Enshin Karate. Dance classes are offered at Cuppett, Vienna Dance Academy and at the Vienna Community Center.

Looking for live performance for theatre or music fans? Buy some tickets to the Barns at Wolf Trap or 1st Stage Theatre at Tysons Corner.

Animal friend on your gift list? See Pro Feed on Maple Avenue for treats and gifts.

Give a day or rejuvenation with a gift certificate to a spa.

Finally, but not lastly, to focus on the spirit of the seasonal celebration, Christmas, stop by the gift shops of Vienna-Oakton's many churches.

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Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Lunch at the Piccadilly by Clyde Edgerton. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Joe Purdy and Julie Peel. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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Oakton Church of the Brethren's 16th Annual Christmas Craft Show. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the church, 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. A wide variety of hand-made items and craft supplies for purchase, plus a soup and sandwich lunch and bake sale. No admission charge. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Jean-Luc Ponty and Clara Ponty. 8 p.m. at the Barns at Wolftrap Center for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. Wolftrap.org.

Jason Killian Meath signs Hollywood on the Potomac. 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. 703-506-6756.

Meet Me in St. Louis. 7 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Theater, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. \$10. TJ.TheatreBoosters@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 20

Vienna Arts Society's 40th Annual Arts Show & Sale. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. Music by the Serenata Quartet. Free and open to the public. 703-319-3971 or

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

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Nation Coalition of Black Women 25th Anniversary Luncheon. 12 p.m. at the McLean Hilton in Tysons Corner. Speaker will be Joe Madison of WOL-AM. Music by David Cole & Main Street Blues. \$70 per person. 703-920-1626 or tsirleyanderson@yahoo.com.

GMU Saxophone Ensemble. 3 p.m. at the George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Robbie Fulks. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance/ \$15 day of show. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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Vienna Town Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher, Mayor Jane Seeman and Council Member Laurie DiRocco display the silver certification award presented to the Town in the Virginia Municipal League's 2009 Green Government Challenge.



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Vienna Receives 'Green Certification'

The Town of Vienna has earned "green certification" in the Virginia Municipal League's 2009 Green Government Challenge, a friendly competition among local governments to encourage reduction of carbon emissions. Awards were presented Oct. 20 at the annual VML conference in Roanoke.

Vienna was one of seven local governments in the state awarded silver certification for achieving scores of between 125 and 149 out of a possible 200 "green points."

In addition to the silver certification award, Vienna received a \$2,000 cash award from Moseley Architects and Trane for achieving the second highest green score in the under 15,000 population category.

The Town's efforts included the Vienna Green Expo, which took place last spring at the Vienna Community Center, where local organizations and businesses provided citizens with information on energy efficiency, purchasing local organic products, creating green

gardens, and recycling options. Town employees have also implemented a number of on-the-job green programs such as office paper recycling, use of earth-friendly cleaning products, and purchase of hybrid vehicles. Employees Linnea Fechter, Cathy Salgado, Michael Miller and Matthew Randall make up the "Green Team," which routinely reviews Town policies and procedures and looks for ways to improve efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of Town operations.

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I would have thought – or expected, that after nearly eight months since I received my cancer diagnosis and six months since I've been column-writing my thoughts on the subject, that I would (perhaps even, should) be able to actually talk about it. And in talk about it, I mean, actually say the word cancer out loud in response to a friendly inquiry about my appearance, my hair (or lack thereof), my water-drinking, my diet, my work schedule, etc. But I can't, apparently, at least not without a lot of stammering and stuttering, and hemming and hawing, anyway.

And here I thought I was so well-adjusted, so comfortable in my cancer-affected skin; Mr. Positive, Mr. What-A-Great-Attitude, Mr. I-Can-Handle-This, that a simple question asking the obvious wouldn't illicit such a verbal vacuum. I know silence is supposed to be golden, but this silence seems so awkward, so inappropriate, sort of, that I find myself trying, occasionally, to avoid the conversation/situation altogether. Sometimes it feels better to be simply left alone with my own unspoken thoughts rather than struggling to express them in public to a sincerely interested person but one who is not, quite frankly, someone who my life is not dependent upon (the kindness of others notwithstanding).

And not that my life is dependent upon anyone right now, thank God! And not that cancer patients in general, or anyone with serious medical issues, are not dependent in some way on said kindness and queries – and prayers of others, because I've certainly come to realize that we are. Moreover, it's not that I'm a private person fearful of the invasion of that privacy. Hardly. I'm comfortable writing about it (obviously) and comfortable having people know about it. But in the past few weeks, social situations have presented themselves that have made it clear that I'm not nearly as comfortable talking about it as my writing would have lead me to believe.

I don't think I'm in denial; I think I'm in reality. Heck, when they stick a needle in your arm every three weeks for chemotherapy and every week for lab work, there's not a minute (make that second) that goes by when you're not keenly aware that you're "Not in Kansas anymore," unless of course, you're a cancer patient who actually lives in Kansas. I know exactly where I am, what I'm doing and more importantly, why I'm doing it. I don't know the outcome, yet. However, if I were to guess as to why my words are more easily written than they are spoken, I would bet that not knowing my future may be the cause of some of the verbal problems I'm having in the present.

It's that uncertainty that ties my tongue, I believe. And in recounting various conversations I've had with my oncologist, my oncology nurse and miscellaneous other health care professionals with whom I interact (and who know my diagnosis), my prognosis is so interdependent on variables impossible even to predict and/or anticipate that receiving a definitive assessment/scenario/future summarizing them and in turn comforting me, is unrealistic, apparently.

Therefore, when I ask the existential question, "What does it all mean, doctor?" the answer I usually receive is unsatisfactory. But at least I'm alive to ask it (and to hear the answer, too).

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Ivy, played by Nyah Collier, confronts Mildred (Chelsea Casanave), about the horrible condition of the hotel in Oakton's premier of 'A Tisket, a Tasket, Four Dames and a Casket.' The play was written by Oakton senior Haley Herrinton.

World Premiere at Oakton High

School presents play written by Oakton senior Haley Herrinton.

'Rehearsal for Murder'

Oakton's season of productions has only just begun. They will produce "Rehearsal for Murder" Nov. 19-21, at 7 p.m. at Oakton High School. A whodunit mystery set in the 1950s, "Rehearsal" revolves around the death of a famous Broadway actress and her fiancée's search for the truth. Was it the stage manager, the young ingénue, or the aging comedian? Only time will tell.

BY CHRIS PAPAS
OAKTON OUTLOOK

Oakton High School's drama department has put on shows before. "A-Tisket, A-Tasket, Four Dames, and a Casket," was a whole new experience, however. The play still had all the usual trappings, but it was written entirely by Oakton senior Haley Herrinton.

woman, was originally written to be played by an actress, but after an entertaining audition, the role was given to Zak Goldberger, who played the part in drag.

"It was hard to take the role seriously sometimes," Goldberger, a junior, laughed, "because it's kind of funny being in drag and sometimes I'd even crack myself up because it was weird."

Set in 1920s New York, "Tisket" is a farce and revolves around a group of con artists led by Tommy Steinham (played by Albert Anderson) out to sell a casket full of stolen jewels in the middle of a hotel lobby. The cons' arrival coincides with the news that the hotel's manager (Carlie Robbins) must marry or lose her hotel. When the two cross, chaos reigns.

The enormity of taking on an untested show provided a challenge. Herrinton described the difficulties of writing a script.

"Writing the script was actually a really fun, often stressful effort because as I was writing it I would get ahead of myself and I'd be like, 'Oh my gosh. I have so much to write left.' It was pretty ridiculous."

Gelinas had worried about the time constraints of the production. However, all involved were happy with the outcome; Goldberger was ecstatic.

"It couldn't have gone better in my opinion. Even the mistakes that were made ended up enhancing the show, and everyone did a fantastic job."

Herrinton, too, was thrilled seeing her show come to life on the stage.

"I've never seen so many people come together for such a cause. Everyone did such a good job with it. It went above what I ever could have expected."

Gelinas warns that surprises await the audience.

"I think the audience will be very surprised at the twists and turns the plot takes."

Having the playwright at their disposal was an interesting experience for the company. The role of Mrs. Carroll, a senile old

SPORTS

Cougars' Football Season Concludes With Playoff Loss

Oakton falls to red-hot Woodson in Division 6 quarterfinals.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Oakton High football coach Joe Thompson paid credit where it was due following his team's season-ending, 31-16, Division 6 Northern Region playoff loss to host W.T. Woodson Friday night, Nov. 13.

"Woodson didn't make any mistakes and played very well," said Thompson. "Offensively, they moved the football. They made more plays than we did. Our kids hung in there."

Oakton, which finished 5-6 this season, was less experienced than last year's 2008 Cougars' squad that captured the Division 6 region championship. This fall, Oakton started well, winning three of its first four games. But the Cougars won just two of their final seven games.

Thompson said his team's effort was solid all season long. Oakton simply could never put things all together on the field.

"I think we performed inconsistently," said Thompson. "We couldn't get the consistency in practices or in games. We just had a tough season. These are great kids. We just had a tough season. We should have been able to win a couple more games. Our kids played hard with a lot of passion and intensity."



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Jimmy Boone, Oakton's junior quarterback, completed 21 passes for 246 yards and a touchdown against the Woodson defense.

Woodson (10-1), which will host South County in a Division 6 semifinals game this Friday night, won the battle of field position against Oakton. On three different occasions, the Cougars began drives inside their own one-yard line. Meanwhile, the Cavaliers were regularly beginning possessions at around the midfield area.

Oakton had a poor night on special teams, especially in punting situations. The Cougars struggled in their punt return efforts

and also had one scenario where they were not able to get a punt down field following a bad snap.

"We made some big mistakes on special teams that cost us," said Thompson.

OAKTON, which trailed 17-3 at halftime and 24-3 in the fourth quarter, showed resilience by fighting back with two fourth quarter touchdowns to get within 24-16. But the Cavaliers iced the game with a late

touchdown.

Oakton junior quarterback Jimmy Boone, completing his first season as the Cougars' starting signal caller, had a busy night throwing the football. He completed 21-of-39 passes for 246 yards with a touchdown and an interception. The scoring strike was a 46-yarder to Luke Willis in the final quarter. Boone also ran the football 13 times for 47 yards.

Oakton's leading ball carrier was senior running back Alvaro Cabal, who rushed for 66 yards on 20 carries and scored one touchdown from a yard out.

Oakton's lone first half points came on a 25-yard field goal by senior Ray Goins in the second quarter, which got the Cougars within 7-3. Goins, a team captain, was Oakton's top receiver for the game, grabbing seven balls for 64 yards. Other big receiving nights for Oakton came from Willis (four catches, 86 yards), Tuck Masker (five for 70) and Matt Chandler (four for 23).

Woodson quarterback Connor Reilly (nine-of-18, 84 yards) threw a touchdown pass and ran for a touchdown as well. The scoring pass was a 22-yard hook-up with running back Jonathan Stokes. James Johnson (88 yards rushing) was the Cavaliers' leading ball carrier.

Woodson's only loss this season came in a week three road setback at Lee, 27-7. Since then, the Cavaliers have won eight in a row. Oakton's wins this season came over Madison, West Springfield, Annandale, Herndon and Chantilly.

Madison To Face Stone Bridge in Football Semis

Warhawks accounted for Bulldogs' lone regular season loss.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Madison was not considered a true Division 5 Northern Region football contender midway through the fall season. But when the Warhawks upset two-time defending region champion Stone Bridge, 28-14, in Ashburn on Oct. 19, that all changed.

Madison, which had lost to South Lakes a week earlier on its own homecoming to fall to 3-3, shocked the region with its bounce-back victory over the Bulldogs. Thereafter, Madison, under coach Gordon Leib, won two of its final three regular season games to finish with a healthy 6-4 record. Then, in its first round Division 5 playoff game against visiting Edison Friday night, Nov. 13, the Warhawks defeated the Eagles, 31-10.

Now, wouldn't you know it, Madison is set to travel to Ashburn once again for a second meeting against the same Stone Bridge team it upset last month. The semifinals game will take place this Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Stone Bridge (10-1) has just one loss this fall, that coming to Madison. Under coach Mickey Thompson, the Bulldogs were 28-7 winners over South Lakes in their playoff opener last week.

Madison, in last week's playoff win, bested an Edison team that is annually one of the top teams in the region. The win was the third in a row for the Warhawks (7-4). Behind an 11-yard scoring run by quarterback Eric Roland and a 29-yard field goal by James Devens, Madison held a 10-7 halftime lead over the Eagles. But Madison scored two touchdowns in the third quarter, a 1-yard run by Tavin Thomas (138 yards rushing) and a 44-yard passing strike from Roland to Ryan Mcguire, to take control of the game and a 24-10 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

A 2-yard scoring run by Thomas accounted for the game's final touchdown in



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Madison will travel to Ashburn this Friday night to take on powerful Stone Bridge.

the final quarter. Along with Thomas' strong rushing game, the Warhawks also received good production from back Tyler Wilkinson (78 yards).

Now, it's Stone Bridge. In Madison's win over the Bulldogs during the regular sea-

son, Thomas had a solid game with 89 yards rushing. Meanwhile, the Warhawks' defense held Bulldog standout running back Marcus Harris to 31 yards on 13 carries. Madison will need big games on both sides of the line to prevail over Stone Bridge again.

SCHOOLS



Marshall Burgart (Hero) and Megan Stolp (Ursula-Hero's waiting woman).



Andrew Barat (Claudio)

Madison High Drama Presents 'Much Ado About Nothing'

The students at Madison High School have put on award-winning productions and this time they will present a Shakespearean Comedy "Much Ado About Nothing" on Nov. 19, 20, and 21, at 7:30 p.m., as well as matinee performance on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 online at madisondrama.com or \$8 at the door. The Madison Drama Department has won several Cappie Awards.

Directed by Marshall Henderson and managed by Taylor Cullen, the production has a cast and crew

filled with talent: Marshall Burgart as Hero and Andrew Barat as Claudio; Noah Lubert and Jordana Sapiurka as Benedick and Beatrice; Petie Adame does a first-rate portrayal of the villain, Don Jon; Emily Stern plays Margaret, Hero's promiscuous waiting woman. The set, designed by Chris Lui, is simple and quaint, adding to the overall charm of the play. The music and dancing animates the production.

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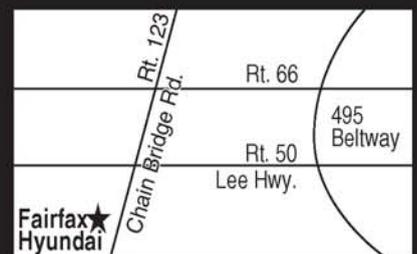


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