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## NEWS

### Ribbon-Cutting at Talahi Road

Several residents of Talahi Road in southeast Vienna joined in a ribbon-cutting March 22 for recently completed improvements to the 200 block of the street. Mayor Jane Seeman, holding the giant scissors, was assisted by, from left, Arthur Construction Co. General Manager Tony Araujo, Town Engineer Dennis Johnson, Town Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher, and, far right, Department of Public Works Administrative Assistant Jennifer Sigler and Director Holly Chu. The joint Town-VDOT project, recommended by the Vienna Sidewalk Committee, includes sidewalk, storm drains, curb and gutter and street repaving.



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## Intensity Map

Fairfax County planning staff recommended that sites closest to the future Metro stations in Tysons Corner have the greatest amount of development potential. But several landowners that own property farther from the planned Metro stations are also lobbying for a greater amount of building density.



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## Tysons Debate Centers on Density

Planning commissioner proposes a more cautious approach to Tysons growth.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**D**on McIlvaine's family has owned his Tysons Corner property on Tyco Road between Spring Hill Road and Leesburg Pike for decades.

Though he is pleased to see four new Metro stations coming to the area, he is unhappy with the planning language proposed by Fairfax County staff that could govern how Tysons Corner develops over the next half century.

The draft regulations call for landowners to contribute parts of their property for new streets, playing fields, urban parks and the Circulator, a bus or tram system that would provide a transit connection to the Metro stations. Those who want to redevelop must also comply with aggressive storm water management standards.

"Without that private-private partnership, we won't achieve the public facilities we need," said James Zook, director of Fairfax County's Department of Planning and Zoning.

But McIlvaine said the county is expecting too much of local landowners, especially when so many commercial developers are already facing financial woes.

"The perception of the staff is that since the federal, county and state governments have no money, the private sector should finance it all," he said.

"The burden placed on landowners is staggering," said McIlvaine.

**SEVERAL TYSONS LANDOWNERS** shared McIlvaine's view at a public hearing before Fairfax County Planning Commission's Tysons Corner committee March 11 and 17.

The committee is scheduled to discuss potential changes to the Tysons land-use plan proposed by staff March 23. The full Planning Commission will vote on the new Tysons Corner plan language May 12, which must also be approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at a later date.

Most Tysons Corner property owners who testified urged the planning commissioners to increase the building density allowed on their sites, in part to

make up for the amount of money they were being asked to spend on new public infrastructure.

"For landowners, the decision to redevelop is an economic one, and there must be a real balance between the numerous community-wide benefits sought from developers by Fairfax County and the corresponding density necessary to help provide real risk adjusted financial returns," said Brenda Krieger, representing Dweck Properties, which owns 17 acres in the Tysons area.

As an example, Kreiger said restraints on her clients property included in the staff plan — like property taken for a circulator route, street widening and 1.5 acre park — would make the land redevelopment financially impossible.

"Given the current language in the draft plan, we cannot afford to redevelop. We would have to squeeze all of our redevelopment into a much-reduced space," she said

**IN GENERAL**, the staff proposal for Tysons calls for those with property closest to the Metro stops to be able to build larger, more intense developments.

For example, those with parcels within one-eighth of a mile of a Metro station entrance would be able to build at least 475,000 square feet of building for every 100,000 square feet of land they own. Those with property located a quarter mile to a half mile from the Metro start with less, 200,000 square feet of building for every 100,000 square feet of land.

Some landowners complained that their properties had not been designated in the correct density tier for development and they should be able to build more by right.

At the hearing, Bob Stoddard said Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, which owns a property at 7900 Westpark Drive, is closer to a Metro stop than reflected in the staff report and should qualify for a higher building density.

Stoddard also asked the planning commissioners to consider an alternate circulator route that did not have such an impact on his company's land.

Another company, Post Properties, which owns a parcel between International and Jones Branch drives, objected to the 2-acre park it would have to host on its property if the staff plan went forward.

"Why should someone not redeveloping their sites get [that park] for free?" said Sara Mariska, representing Post Properties at the hearing.

**SEVERAL TYSONS LANDOWNERS** also did not

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PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

The IB Advisory Board baked sweets for the Hope Haiti: We Are the World bake sale on March 18.

## Marshall High Helps Haiti

Student groups work together in fund-raising campaign.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**O**ver two weeks, three George C. Marshall (GCM) High School groups joined forces this month to raise money for Haiti earthquake relief. From "penny wars" to a variety show on March 18, the students hope to raise awareness in the community, as well as funds. Hope Haiti: We Are the World realized their mission.

After the Jan. 12 quake in Haiti, several of Marshall's student clubs were trying to raise money individually. "We thought, if we all got together, it would be more effective if we collaborated to make the most money possible," said Lavanya Yeleswarapu, co-president of the International Club and Hope Haiti coordinator.

"I think it's important that Marshall, as a community, comes together to help another community, one in need," she said.

The International Club, National Honor Society and the IB (International Baccalaureate) Student Advisory Board organized the food sale, speaker presentation and variety show for the fund-raiser finale called Hope Haiti: We Are the World.

For two weeks in early March, the National Honor Society

(NHS) ran a Change for Haiti fundraising campaign. NHS members solicited contributions during lunchtime, raising a little more than \$500 during that time. Teachers participated in fund raising by performing acts that the students called embarrassing. One teacher dressed up 80s-style. NHS raised \$108 by selling pieces of duct tape with which to tape a teacher to the wall, explained David Dziedzic, IB Advisory Board member and Hope Haiti National Honor Society representative. Dziedzic said the duct tape was a big hit with students.

"IB schools are very focused on getting involved internationally, not just locally," said Dziedzic.

**THE VARIETY SHOW**, a stew of dance and song, featured a dual competition.

The audience voted for its favorite acts by donating money in a bowl designated with the name of each participating act. The act that generated the most revenue won that component of the competition.

In a parallel judging, a panel of judges independently voted on winners.

"Marshall is a talented community," said Taruna Purihella, variety show co-coordinator

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# Sticker Shock Warns Adults

Stickers a reminder that it's illegal to provide alcohol to underage youths.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**E**ighteen James Madison High School and four George C. Marshall High School students spent a sunny, warm Saturday sticking warning labels on alcoholic beverage packages. It was an outreach to adults, reminding them it is illegal to purchase alcohol for underage youths or to allow underage teens to consume alcohol at a party hosted by an adult.

Sticker Shock, a community awareness campaign, was released statewide by the Education Section of the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in 2003. A year earlier, James Madison High School participated in the department's pilot program.

**IN GROUPS** accompanied by a police officer and an adult, the Vienna-area students stopped by

Vienna businesses that welcomed them and their campaign. First stop for Master Police Officer Bill Murray's group was Giant Food on Maple Avenue where store manager Will Overton greeted them personally. Next stop was the Maple Avenue 7-Eleven.

"It's important to remind the community about its roles and responsibilities, like parents who host parties where alcohol is served," said Madison SGA junior class officer Belle Tunstall. "These stickers will remind parents not to allow underage kids to drink."

Madison students from Students Against Drunk Driving and the student government contacted local businesses selling alcoholic beverages, describing the Sticker Shock program. Bright red stickers which read "Know the Law," were affixed to beer and wine cooler cartons.

Penalties for the Class 1 misdemeanor include fines, which go up to \$2,500, and/or a year in jail.



**Adrienne Euler thinks it is important for teens to rise above stereotypes of drinking and being lazy.**

Teens possessing alcohol are subject to loss of license, as well.

Junior class officer Adrienne Euler used her day off to participate in Sticker Shock because she believes it is important for teens to rise above stereotypes of drinking and being lazy. "I hope this will

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PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

**The Sticker Shock team, lead by MPO Bill Murray, SADD sponsor Scott Neeley and VMCC board member Edythe Kelleher, stand for a group photo. In the front row are Hannah Frick, Belle Tunstall, Adrienne Euler, Kelly Tyroler and Michelle Barrett; and, back row, Will Horan, Bethany Hartt, Julia Toro and Alexa McMahon.**

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## Two Arrested in Vienna Bank Robberies

On March 16, Fairfax County Police arrested two individuals believed to be responsible for several area bank robberies to include the recent HSBC and Burke and Herbert bank robberies in Vienna. Subsequent to those arrests Vienna Police detectives interviewed both

subjects regarding the two recent bank robberies in the Town of Vienna.

As a result of those interviews, Vienna Police detectives have charged 21-year-old female resident of Rapidan, Va. with one count of robbery for her involvement in the HSBC robbery on March 13. A 26-year-old man of no fixed address was charged with two counts of Robbery as it is believed that he was involved in both the HSBC and the March 15 Burke

and Herbert Bank robberies.

Both subjects are being held without bond at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

## Former Pastor Charged with Sex Offences

On Tuesday, March 16, Tommy Shelton, 64, of Marion, Ky., turned himself into Fairfax County Police

detectives. Shelton was charged with two counts of aggravated sexual battery, two counts of indecent liberties with a minor and sodomy.

From 1995 to 2000, Shelton was the pastor for the Community Church of God at 2500 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. In March 2008, a 27-year-old man contacted police to report that Shelton had molested him when he was 12-14-years old. In November 2008, a 22-year-old man con-

tacted police to report that Shelton had molested him when he was 8-9-years old.

Following an extensive investigation, detectives secured warrants for Shelton in February 2010.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail [crimesolvers@www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](mailto:crimesolvers@www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

# 5 Tax Tips That Could Save You Thousands

AMY MCANARNEY



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TAX INSTITUTE AT H&R BLOCK

Each year many taxpayers miss out on thousands of their own hard-earned dollars, simply because they are unaware of the many tax deductions and credits they are legally eligible to receive. Here are some of the recent tax law changes you need to be aware of, courtesy of Amy McAnarney, Executive Director of The Tax Institute at H&R Block.

**Capital Assets:** Thinking of selling an appreciated capital asset such as stock or a vacation home? You may even want to consider giving the asset to a child or grandchild who is in a lower tax bracket. He or she may be able to sell the property and have all or most of the gain taxed at 0%. However, be careful of "kiddie tax" rules which may tax some of your child's income at your rates.

**New Vehicles:** Did you know that you can deduct the sales tax paid on up

to \$49,500 of the purchase price of a new vehicle bought in 2009? This is helpful particularly if you do not itemize and instead take the standard deduction on your tax return. In that case, remember you can add the sales tax to the standard deduction. In order to deduct the sales tax paid on the purchase of a new vehicle, the auto must have been purchased between Feb. 17, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2009.

**Business Vehicles:** If you own a small business that bought an SUV or other vehicle that weighs over 6,000 pounds in 2009, and it's used

for business, you may be able to deduct up to \$25,000 of the cost this year, plus take a 50% depreciation deduction on the remaining cost of the vehicle. For example, if your new SUV cost \$75,000, you may be able to take a tax deduction of \$52,000 on your 2009 business return.

**New Homebuyers:** If you bought a home in 2009 or plan to in 2010, you may get some tax relief. First-time homebuyers can get a tax credit of up to \$8,000, and repeat homebuyers may be eligible for a credit

of \$6,500. Existing homeowners must have lived in their current home for five of the last eight years to be eligible in 2010 for the \$6,500 homebuyer credit.

**Virginia Residents:** Finally, in Virginia, there's a deduction for 20% of the sales tax paid on certain energy efficient equipment or appliances, up to \$500 per year for those who are married filing jointly. Visit an experienced Tax Professional to ensure that you are getting all of the credits and deductions you deserve.

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# OPINION

# Connection Wins Awards

The Connection Newspapers won more than 30 news awards — Virginia Press Association announced at the annual news conference held in Roanoke on Saturday, March 20.

Honors included multiple awards for business and financial writing, education writing, investigative reporting, election coverage, breaking news, public safety writing, editorial writing, photography, design, sports, special sections.

Political and education reporter Julia O'Donoghue won first place for her education writing, in particular three stories which appeared in the Connection's new special section,

A-plus. O'Donoghue also won multiple awards for business and financial writing and investigative reporting.

Reporter Michael Lee Pope won 11 awards in all, including first place for his breaking news coverage of the arrest of Alexandria's police chief for DUI. Pope also won awards for investigative reporting, election coverage, business and financial writing, education writing, government writing, feature writing and in-depth obituaries.

Photographer Louise Krafft won nine awards, including pictorial photo, picture story/essay, news photo and for her contributions to two special sections, HomeLifeStyle and A-Plus

Education, Learning, Fun.

Reporter Mike DiCicco won four awards, including first place for his coverage of a burglary spree that targeted local South Asians' gold jewelry. DiCicco also won for feature writing and education writing.

Mary Kimm won second place for editorial writing for a group of five editorials about education in Northern Virginia.

The Connection's design team also won awards, two for special sections HomeLifeStyle and A-Plus Education, Learning, Fun.

The Alexandria Gazette Packet also won second place in general makeup, a measure of overall excellence.



## Winners

The Connection award winners include Mike DiCicco, Mary Kimm, Louise Krafft, Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue and Michael Lee Pope.

Here is a partial listing of stories, photos, special sections and more that won awards in the Virginia Press Association news contests. For a full listing, see [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com), or [www.vpa.net](http://www.vpa.net).

**Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue**, first place, Education writing. Public School Art Programs, private school facilities and what community college has to offer. Stories written for our A-plus, Education, Learning, Fun section. *Judges' comments:* Good range of sources, including students, in stories, sidebars on transfer data and private school timetables provide good information outside of narrative. Strong story openings focus on individuals. Springfield Connection

**Michael Lee Pope**, first place, Breaking news writing Police Chief Busted for DUI. *Judges' comments:* "Amazing coverage, lots of voices and comment." Alexandria Gazette Packet

**Michael Lee Pope**, first place, Feature series or continuing story, Missing Children, Alexandria Gazette Packet

**Michael Lee Pope**, first place, Personal service writing. Three obituaries, an officer, a gentleman and a savior. *Judges' Comments:* Michael offers a new spin on the obituary by offering the reader an in-depth profile of the deceased. He goes to great lengths to provide an accurate portrayal of his subject, including interviewing family far and wide as well as former colleagues. His work amounts to a tremendous reader service. His writing is exemplary, and he uses skillful techniques to share a complete picture of the person. Alexandria Gazette Packet

**Michael Lee Pope**, first place, Business and financial writing. *Judges' Comments:* "What a joy to find heavy subjects - unemployment

benefits, obligation bonds, stimulus money - explained in such a way that reader understands the issue. Such clarity, background, I was enticed to read it all." Arlington Connection

**Louise Krafft**, first place, Pictorial photo, May Dance Recital, Alexandria Gazette Packet

**Louise Krafft first place** Pictorial photo, Arlington Connection

**Robbie Hammer**, first place, General news photo, Clinton on the campaign trail, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection

**Mike DiCicco**, first place, General news writing, Burglary Spree Targets South Asians' Gold Jewelry *Judges' Comments:* "Well written, with strong narratives in every report. Good balance of sources, and well-rounded examination of a public safety issue." Oak Hill/Herndon Connection

**Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong, Louise Krafft, Jean Card, Michael Lee**

**Pope**, second place, General makeup. *Judges' Comments:* "Elegant typography; clean, consistent pages. Well organized & easy to use." Alexandria Gazette Packet

**Michael Lee Pope**, second place, Education writing, Alexandria Gazette Packet

**Michael Lee Pope second place** General news writing, Election 2009. *Judges' Comments:* "This reporter's coverage of an ongoing news event - the pending elections - kept readers well informed of the issues and circumstances that affected them, and the nuances of the various local races. Leads are strong and stories show a depth of reporting. Great job of preparing the community for critical election decisions." Alexandria Gazette

Packet

**Michael Lee Pope second place** Feature series or continuing story, Quackgate, Mount Vernon Gazette

**Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue second place** In-depth or investigative reporting, local discussion of race and politics. *Judges' Comments:* "Good choice of timely enterprise topic with statistical presentations to show underlying patterns. Story had varied viewpoints and multiple sources for quotes - nice to quote to tie up story at end." Mount Vernon Gazette

**Mary Kimm second place** Editorial writing, Five editorials about education. *Judges' Comments:* "Crisp writing, well thought through."

**Laurence Foong, Louise Krafft, Mary Kimm, Julia O'Donoghue, second place**, Specialty pages or sections, A-Plus, Education, Learning, Fun. *Judges' Comments:* "Solid reporting, good writing and a variety of subjects offer readers insights into education issues in their community that any parent would appreciate." McLean Connection

**Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue**, second place, Business and financial writing, Impact of economic downturn and construction on local business. *Judges' Comments:* "Very comprehensive report on what is going on, especially Tyson Corner story. Well written, well organized. I don't live in McLean but this gave me a good overall picture of the business climate."

**Mike DiCicco**, second place, Feature writing portfolio, *Judges' Comments:* "Wonderful topics of human interest - making them even better are stories well told. The Groveses seemed like old friends by the article's end - and I was sure I could smell the leather in their

shop." Great Falls Connection.

**Ken Moore, Bonnie Hobbs second place** Public safety writing. Stories of embezzlement, murder, rampage, and more. *Judges Comments:* "We get a pretty good idea of how the victims of Jeffrey Koger have been impacted by his actions. Their comments give the readers eerie details of what it's like to be shot and survive as well as what difficulties they faced in the aftermath. The Nathan Jones story also reinforces the mental [health] aspects. The wide-eyed Koger mug shot is chilling." Fairfax Connection.

**Jason Mackey**, second place, Sports writing portfolio *Judges' Comments:* "Any reporter can go to an event and file a story. The good ones have a knack for spotting not-so-obvious stories and developing them. That's what Mackey did with his smartly-reported article on the lengths - literally - families will go to have a child seen by college recruiters. That story was bolstered by a nice feature that tells the story behind a scholarship and an in-depth look at an office manager who, at age 47, still gets in the ring as a regional wrestler." Centre View.

**Louise Krafft**, second place, Pictorial photo, Arlington connection

**Michael Lee Pope**, second place, Government writing, Arlington Connection

**Michael Lee Pope**, third place, Government writing, Perks Pitfalls and Plastic, Alexandria Gazette Packet

**Michael Lee Pope**, third place, In-depth or investigative reporting, City Misses Potential Threat, *Judges' Comments:* "Clearly written story

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# Landowners Ask for Greater Density

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think the trade off for offering affordable housing or constructing an environmentally-friendly building was worth the effort, under the county staff plan.

In the draft proposal, developers receive a 20 percent density bonus for allocating 20 percent of its units to affordable housing. A few property owners who already offer affordable housing would also be required to replace those units on a one-to-one basis if they redeveloped their property.

"It does not differentiate between 'for sale' and rental units ... and penalizes owners of existing affordable housing," said Timothy Smith, whose client, LCOR Incorporated, owns a Tysons Corner apartment complex.

Chris Brigham, of the Dittmar Company, argued more density should be awarded to residential projects than commercial projects who meet the standards set by LEED, which certifies most "green buildings." Brigham, whose company owns property near the intersection of Westpark Drive and Route 7, said it is significantly harder to build a residential building to LEED's qualifications than a commercial building.

**IN GENERAL**, Tysons property owners wanted the staff recommendations to more closely reflect those put forth by the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force, an advisory group that presented its broad vision for an urbanized Tysons to the Fairfax County supervisors last year.

The task force, made up of stakeholders including several Tysons Corner landowners, had laid out far more ambitious development plans than the county planning staff included in its own draft.

For example, the task force called for properties within one-eighth of a mile of the Metro station to be able to develop to a ratio of at least 600,000 square feet of floor space per 100,000 square feet of land. The county staff recommendation is far more modest, at 475,000 square feet of floor space to 100,000 square feet of land.

Many of the staff recommendations appear to reflect the concerns of the local residents, who had worried about the effects such development in Tysons, could have on nearby neighborhoods in McLean and Vienna. They were especially concerned about what intense development might mean for the local road network and environment.

Citizens have also made it very clear that they are not interested in footing the bill, which staff estimated to be \$15 billion last for transportation infrastructure alone, to redevelop Tysons Corner.

**DESPITE** the landowners' request, increasing the current density ratios in Tysons Corner allotted under the staff proposal does not seem like a prudent option, according to Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn (At-large).

"For Tysons, our current dilemma is that landowners are telling us that they require density levels that, if applied to all equally situated properties, would far overwhelm the most ambitious transportation plan to date," said Alcorn.

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## NEWS



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**Madison students work together to affix alcohol purchase warning labels on beer and wine cooler cartons.**

## Sober Warning

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bring awareness to the community about underage drinking," she said.

Madison representatives invited the Marshall Octagon club and Oakton High School to participate, as well. The Sticker Shock program requires an adult chaperone and law enforcement officer to accompany the participating students. A store representative is on-hand while the teens affix stickers to the packages.

"You hear about lots of accidents, kids getting themselves killed," said senior class SGA officer Will Horan. "It especially hits close to home when it's a classmate who gets killed. Pretty much, this is to help kids my age avoid those accidents."

**MADISON** SADD club sponsor Scott Neeley and Town Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher, a Madison High parent and Vienna-Madi-

son Community Coalition board member, accompanied Officer Murray and nine Madison students on their rounds of 11 stores. Another group, accompanied by Officer Mike Finelli and a Madison parent, worked other stores around Vienna. More than 20 Vienna-area stores participated in this year's Sticker Shock.

The Vienna-Madison Community Coalition (VMCC) coordinated the Vienna-area project.

Officers Murray and Finelli themselves are Madison graduates.

"It's important for the kids themselves to be involved in this," said Kelleher. "There are many cases where adults will purchase alcohol for underage kids. Maybe, the adults don't realize it's illegal for them to buy it or serve it to kids. Maybe, these stickers will make them aware it's against the law."

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## Louise Archer Student Wins State Chess Championship

The annual Virginia Scholastic Chess Championship took place March 12-14 in Blacksburg. Camden Wiseman, a third grade student at Louise Archer, finished in first place in the kindergarten-third grade section. He went undefeated with a perfect 6-0 record and won the 2010 individual state championship. Camden also participated in the Virginia Scholastic Blitz Championship and finished with an 8-2 record, earning him second place individually in the K-5 section.



# OPINION

## Award Winners

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about a problem many readers would not be familiar with." Alexandria Gazette Packet

**Louise Krafft**, third place, Picture story or essay, Halloween, Alexandria Gazette Packet

**Louise Krafft**, third place, General news photo, Mount Vernon Estate celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Gerald Fill**, third place, Public safety writing. *Judges' Comments:* "Good thorough coverage. Interesting material with details that inform readers of all aspects." Mount Vernon Gazette

**Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue** third place, Business and financial writing. *Judges' Comments:* "Interesting and well-written stories on often forgotten niche businesses. Especially liked the

story on the private school situation. Liked the sidebar on how to help non-profits." Laurel Hill/Fairfax Station Connection

**Louise Krafft**, third place, Picture story or essay, HomeLifeStyle, Garden tour of Domaine St Charles, Great Falls Connection.

**Louise Krafft, Laurence Foong, Mary Kimm, Julia O'Donoghue, Donna Manz, Mike**

**DiCicco**, third place, Specialty pages or sections, HomeLifeStyle. *Judges' Comments:* "Attractive and appealing home section. Nicely written and presented." Great Falls Connection

**Mike DiCicco**, third place, Education writing. *Judges' Comments:* "Slice-of-life stories about Japanese immersion and case day show what schools are doing. Quotes move stories along nicely." Great Falls Connection

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# Boosting Public Schools Through Private Donations

Private fundraising gives some public schools more resources than others.

By Julia O'Donoghue  
The Connection

Vienna resident Michelle Kohl has been helping to raise money for the Madison High School cross country and track programs for the past four years. Her son, now a senior, runs with a Madison team during all three sports seasons. Madison's running program needs the extra money, Kohl says. Some of the more selective events are held at locations several hours from Vienna. "Chartering a bus, the school system doesn't pay for that. Sports teams just take it on themselves to do the extra stuff,"

said Kohl. Last fall, the Madison cross country team was able to attend a meet in New York, in addition to a selective event they go to every year in Delaware, largely because its annual fundraiser was successful. Kohl said the team's local five-kilometer foot race – which benefits both the running program and Madison's All Night Graduation Party – brought in \$6,000 to \$7,000 this year. The road race generated revenue primarily through local businesses – who pay to be listed as a sponsor – and registration fees. "Most of the money we raise usually goes to the [Delaware] meet. This year, we did really

well with our 5K run and so our kids were able to do more invitational meets," said Kohl. "The amount of money we raise largely dictates what we can do," she said.

**FAMILIES** with children in local public school systems may not be getting an annual tuition bill but many will tell you their financial contributions to the school go above and beyond what they pay in taxes each year. In addition to paying for things like sports uniforms, prom dresses and musical instruments, parents contribute and help raise hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to fund everything from professional development for teachers to artificial turf fields. According to an audit of local school activity funds, 14 Fairfax County high schools brought in at least \$1 million in private

donations and outside money during the 2008-2009 school year to help pay for everything from sports team trips and equipment to guest speakers and teacher training.

"If you didn't have a child in school, you would probably be surprised [by the amount of money raised] but so many fewer things are being funded by the school system now. I am not faulting the school system because these are tough economic times but there are a lot of needs," said Lisa Walsh, a Great Falls resident whose children attend Forestville Elementary School and Langley High School.

**DETERMINING HOW MUCH** private money goes to schools can be difficult, since not all of it has to be reported.

In Fairfax, the amount of private money raised for schools is likely to be much higher than what is reflected in an audit, since many school fundraising organizations, including booster clubs, are independent and have their own bank accounts. As such, boosters and other independent non-profits can make some purchases for the school or sports teams themselves, without reporting it to the school system. For example, Thomas Jefferson High School already has one of most prolific fundraising efforts of any school in Fairfax. According to the audit, the science and technology magnet program deposited \$1.67 million into its local school activity fund for the 2008-2009 school year, thanks almost entirely to private fundraising efforts.

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## Fairfax County High Schools Money Raised:

An audit shows how much money flowed in and out of Fairfax County's local high school activity funds at the high school level in 2009. This figure reflects some, but not all, of privately-raised money that comes to the school from activities like selling tickets to sporting events, bake sales, charity auctions and business contributions and individual donations. It is used to pay for everything from photography equipment and new theatre lights to sports team travel and sending teachers to education conferences.

School	Population	Private Money Raised	Private Money Spent	Private Money Spent Per Student	Percentage of Student Population Considered Poor
Centreville High School	2,210	\$1.12 million	\$1.14 million	\$514	17.38
Chantilly High School	2,758	\$1.39 million	\$1.36 million	\$492	12.15
Edison High School	1,767	\$612,427	\$548,607	\$310	33.84
Fairfax High School	2,196	\$1.02 million	\$971,992	\$442	21.27
Hayfield Secondary School	2,289	\$1.01 million	\$998,542	\$436*	26
Herdon High School	2,120	\$1.01 million	\$1.03 million	\$487	23
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Lake Braddock Secondary School	3,811	\$1.38 million	\$1.41 million	\$369*	14
Langley High School	2,014	\$1.59 million	\$1.47 million	\$730	1.46
Lee High School	1,753	\$584,854	\$557,378	\$317	39.46
Madison High School	1,921	\$1.21 million	\$1.24 million	\$646	6.72
Marshall High School	1,386	\$775,905	\$764,969	\$551	17.6
McLean High School	1,746	\$826,678	\$788,725	\$451	7.79
Mount Vernon High School	1,756	\$730,045	\$740,900	\$421	42.31
Oakton High School	2,352	\$1.37 million	\$1.35 million	\$572	8.97
Robinson Secondary School	3,959	\$1.83 million	\$1.73 million	\$437*	11.28
South County Secondary School	3,010	\$1.46 million	\$1.33 million	\$433*	16
South Lakes High School	1,626	\$765,184	\$798,991	\$491	33
Thomas Jefferson High School	1,797	\$1.67 million	\$1.69 million	\$937	1.73
West Springfield High School	2,259	\$1.09 million	\$1.06 million	\$469	11.07
Westfield High School	3,173	\$1.66 million	\$1.72 million	\$542	14.4
Woodson High School	2,064	\$699,558	\$759,925	\$368	7.22

\* Spending per student might appear lower at secondary schools, since both middle and high school students are included



Louise Archer's Science Olympians display the trophies they won at the regional tournament.

## Top Finishers

Louise Archer Elementary science Olympians first overall among 16 teams.

By Maureen Cohen

On Saturday, March 13 Louise Archer's Science Olympians competed at the regional tournament held at George Washington University's Mount Vernon Campus. Competing in the Middle School division, the 6th grade team came in first place overall among 16 teams. Despite being the youngest team and having only five members, the 5th

grade team managed to compete in 12 out of 15 events and finished ahead of four middle school teams. The 6th grade team won medals in 11 out of the 15 events and earned Louise Archer the first place trophy. The 5th grade team included Owen Haines, Emma Nelson, Jayant Subramanian, Alex Sun, and Rohan Taneja. The 6th grade team consisted of Adina Anand, Rachel Cohen, Sam Desmarais, Perry Feng Jordan Ganley, Angela Goyal, Naomi Kane, Raymond Lee, Trentino Longhi, Aly Luckett, John Pell, Peter Rohrer, Nicole Shumaker, Clay Tondreau, and Julian Vallyeason. They are looking forward to the Virginia state tournament on April 24.



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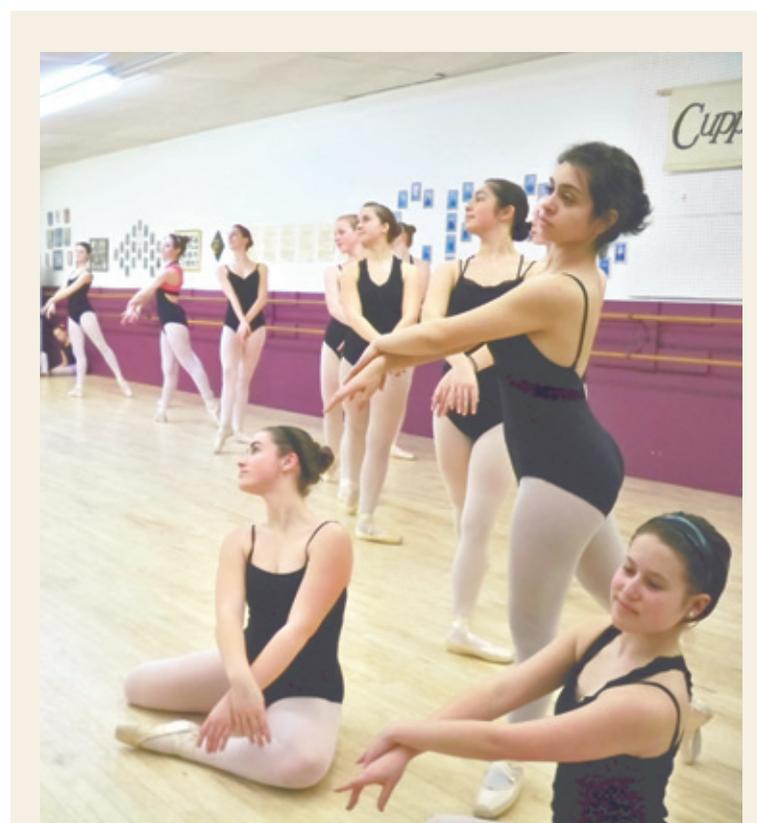
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- Patrick Henry Book Club.** 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Book discussion. Call for title. Adults. 703-938-0405.
- An Evening with Joseph Arthur.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).
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Spring Ballet will be presented on Saturday at Kenmore Middle School Theater on Carlin Springs Road in Arlington.

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- Snacking Turtles.** 11 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Bring a snack and enjoy stories and songs. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-938-0405.
- Gustafer Yellowgold.** 10:30 a.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Children's show with music and moving images. \$8. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).
- Cary Pierce (Jackpierce).** 7 p.m.

- Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).
- The D.R.A.M.A Kings and ReVel.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).
- Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.** 8 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Swing revival with the music of Cab Calloway. \$38, \$33 district residents. 703-790-9223.
- Slide Program on Piedmont EcoHistory.** 3:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. [www.ecostewardsalliance.org](http://www.ecostewardsalliance.org).
- George Mason University Dance Company's 2010 Gala Concert.** 8 p.m. at the GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$20 adults, \$12 students and seniors at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).
- Humble Boy.** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy about broken vows and bee-keeping. \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or [www.1stStageTysons.org/humble](http://www.1stStageTysons.org/humble).
- Celtic Music Concert.** 8 p.m. at Cherry Hill Farmhouse, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. An evening of Irish music by the band Poirt O' Call. \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. 703-248-5171.
- Cuppert Performing Arts Center Ballet, "Gayaneh & Swan"**

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**National Zoo**  
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**Hershey Park**  
Friday, April 2 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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# CALENDAR

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**Lake.** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 South Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$10 seniors and under age 12. 703-938-9019.

### SUNDAY/MARCH 28

**Music from Oberlin at Oakton: The Ninth Annual Concert by Oberlin Conservatory Students.** 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Holly Jenkins and Lauren Manning, violins, DJ Cheek, viola, and Mary Auner, cello, will perform Schubert Quartet No. 2. 703-893-9072 or www.uucf.org.

**Bill Emerson and Sweet Dixie Band.** 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Army of Me (acoustic) and Colleen McCarron.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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### MONDAY/MARCH 29

**Scout Day.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Outdoor stations will fill the grounds as Scouts earn badges or achieve electives for Tiger, Bear, Wolf and Boy Scouts, Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadets. Reservations required. \$15, Sully patch available for \$4. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully.

**Inova Blood Drive.** 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Photo ID required. Appointments preferred, call 1-866-256-6372. Adults.

**Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2 cover. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Children's Victorian Tea Party.** 12-1:30 p.m. at Cherry Hill Farmhouse, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. Dress in period clothing, enjoy parlor games and a tea party. Ages 8 and up. \$12. 703-248-5171.

### TUESDAY/MARCH 30

**Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in Virginia.** Reception at 8:15 a.m. before the 9 a.m. Fairfax County board meeting in the Conference Room at the Government Center, 1200 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. grunt69@gmail.com.

**Pink Jams Breast Cancer Benefit with The Dreamscapes Project.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 31

**American Life History Camp.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Discover the different lifestyles of the Lee family and the enslaved African Americans. Explore how textiles were woven and dyed. Cook in the 18th century kitchen and slave quarter. Bring a bag lunch. Lemonade and dessert provided. Ages 7-12. \$25 per day or \$70 for three days through Friday, April 2. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully.

**English Conversation Group.** 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for adult non-native speakers. 703-242-4020.

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 24

**Supervisor Cathy Hudgins** (D-Hunter Mill) will host a community meeting on the County's Proposed FY 2011 Budget, 7 p.m. at James Madison High School Warhawk Hall, 2500 James Madison Drive in Vienna. Residents are invited to hear presentations by County staff and provide their input on the funding decisions faced in this year's budget. For additional information, contact the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283, or [hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### THURSDAY/MARCH 25

**Beulah Road Al-Anon Group.** 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. [revku@cox.net](mailto:revku@cox.net).

### FRIDAY/MARCH 26

**McLean Art Society Meeting.** 10 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Jane McElvaney Cooce will present a program on painting night scenes in acrylics and oils. Guests welcome. 703-701-0123.

### MONDAY/MARCH 29

**BePeace Foundations Course.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday through April 2, at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The

40-hour experiential workshop offers easy-to-learn techniques to become a peacemaker. Registration deadline is Sunday, March 21. Register at [www.bepeacefairfax.org](http://www.bepeacefairfax.org).

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 31

**Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse.** 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A monthly peer support group for survivors and others affected. Free. Confidential. No registration required. 703-538-6128.

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### TUESDAY/APRIL 6

**Registration for St. Mark ESL for Adults.** 7 p.m. on the second floor of St. Mark Christian Formation Center (school), 9972 Vale Road, Vienna. There are seven proficiency levels, from Beginner 1 to Advanced 2. \$15 for the 9-week semester; classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. New students must also purchase the appropriate book. An optional basic computer skills class is offered to intermediate and advanced ESL students. Contact 703-216-4488 or 703-477-2389 for information in English or Spanish. For information in Korean, contact 703-994-8510 or 703-505-0123.

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7:30 p.m. Eucharist\*

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Izaak Clark and Tiffany May

## Tiffany May and Izaak Clark Engaged

Sue Anne May of Brookville is delighted to announce the engagement of her daughter, Tiffany May to Izaak Clark. Tiffany is also the daughter of Bruce May of Beaver Creek, Ohio. Zak is the son of Tom and Jane Clark of Vienna.

Tiffany May graduated from Brookville High and is an Ohio State "Buckeye" grad. She is happily working in production in the corporate office of J. Crew. Zak Clark grew up in Vienna, graduated from DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., and is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. He currently enjoys

employment with Lehman Brothers.

The couples covenant of Christian marriage will be witnessed by family and friends on May 1, at the Grand Ritz Palm along the Outer Banks of Duck, N.C. Following their mystery beach honeymoon, the couple will make their home in New York City. In July, they will extend their honeymoon to Oberammergau, Germany, where they will be entertained by the Passion Play of the decade, before heading to South Africa for the excitement of two quarterfinal world cup soccer games. While in South Africa, the couple will also go on a safari.

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**St. Leo the Great Catholic Church**, 3700 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax, presents 'The Virtuous Life: Challenging the Modern Culture' at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27. Fr. Paul Scalia, pastor of St. John the Beloved Catholic Church in McLean, will speak on the disintegration of both the Christian and secular cultures in the modern world. Admission is free. 703-504-8733 or [www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org](http://www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org).

**Korean United Methodist Church in McLean**, Lewinsville Road at Swings Mill Road, is performing the drama "I am Judas Iscariot," with 70 chorus members and 25 orchestra members on April 2 at 8 p.m. The church is inviting the public to attend the performance; the dialog will be shown on screen in English. Music includes Highlight of Mozart Requiem (4 selection) and Dubois "Last 7 words at Cross" (3 selection).

**The Antioch Christian Church**, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, will have a special week of celebration leading to Easter Sunday. The public is invited to all events, child care is provided. [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org)

❖ **11 a.m. Sunday, March 28.** The Antioch Church Choir with the musical cantata 'Walk Worthy,' directed by John Powell and Terry Wigglesworth.

❖ **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1.** A traditional Seder Meal in the church Fellowship hall. The Passover meal is known as the Seder, which means "order," because the meal and service are done in a prescribed sequence.

❖ **7:30 a.m. Friday, April 2.** Good Friday worship service and remembrance of the death of Christ.

❖ **7:30 a.m. Sunday, April 4.** Community Easter Sunrise Service in the Groves adjacent to the church. Dress is casual, bring lawn chairs. Breakfast will follow. Traditional Easter Celebration services will be held in the sanctuary at 11 a.m. Children's church will include special events for children.

**St. John's Episcopal Church**, 6715 Georgetown Pike in McLean, will have special music and liturgy at both Friday, April 2 services. The 12 p.m. service will include meditations on 'The Seven Last Words of Christ the Reverend Edward O. Miller Jr. and 'A Service of Darkness' sung by the St. John's Choir. The 7:30 p.m. service begins with a brief Good Friday Liturgy, and will include excerpts from the 'St. Matthew Passion' by Bach in English translation, with vocal soloists and The Sunrise String Quartet, oboe, flute, English horn, and organ. 703-356-4902 or [www.stjohnsmclean.org](http://www.stjohnsmclean.org).

**Charles Wesley and Chesterbrook United Methodist Churches** invite the community to a 20-minute weekly service of prayer and Holy Communion in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m. Thursdays. At the conclusion of the service, there is a time of individual blessing, anointing and healing prayer. Contact Charles Wesley UMC's office, 703-356-6336.

**Epiphany United Methodist Preschool**, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or [www.epiphanypreschool.com](http://www.epiphanypreschool.com).

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# Donors Keep Activities Going

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Because of its deep pockets, Jefferson was able to spend far more money per pupil, approximately \$937 for each student, from its local school activity fund than any other Fairfax high school.

The next biggest spender, Langley High School in McLean, topped out at \$730 per student and most high schools range between \$350 to \$550 per student.

But what shows up in the student activity fund does not even come close to reflecting the amount of corporate and individual donations Jefferson receives.

The Thomas Jefferson Partnership Fund, a non-profit that seeks financial support for the school, raised more than \$500,000 for the science magnet school last year, money that was not accounted for in the \$1.67 million student activity fund.

The considerable funding brought in by the partnership was used, in part, to buy a \$25,000 circuit board plotter for the school's robotics, optics, energy systems, prototyping and electronics labs.

"The county basically funds us at the same level as every other school and we require much more equipment in our labs," said Gary Bottorff, the partnership fund's executive director.

**ALLOWING TOO** much private fundraising for individual public schools raises questions about equity in school budgets.

While Jefferson may be the most successful high school at soliciting private money in Fairfax, the school also has one of the county's wealthiest student bodies.

Only 1.73 percent of Jefferson students are considered poor enough to qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch. In Fairfax County overall, 22.47 percent of the student body receives free or reduced-price lunches.

Approximately \$250,000 of the \$500,000 raised by the Jefferson fund last year came from parents directly. Just one family with a child at the school agreed to give the magnet \$50,000 over the next four years, according to an organization newsletter.

Fairfax's other schools with the largest local school activity funds – those that were able to spend the most per pupil from that fund last year — are also among its most affluent.

Langley, where 1.5 percent of students are considered poor, spent \$730 per student. Madison, where 6.72 percent of students are considered poor, spent \$646 per student. Oakton, where 8.97 percent of students are considered poor, spent \$572 per student.

"A very large portion of the money we raise comes from people who have some

sort of connection to the school," said Walsh, who is in charge of soliciting funds for Langley's "all night" graduation party this year.

**THE FAIRFAX COUNTY** school board does try to make sure a school's ability to raise money privately does not mean they have an advantage when it comes to instructional programs.

"You can't pay for certain things. People should not think that the PTA is going to be able to fill a \$100,000 difference in the school's budget," said Susan Wisseman, a Madison High School parent.

A booster club or local parent teacher association [PTA] is not allowed to raise money to keep their class size smaller or to implement a full-day kindergarten program for example. In general, private funds cannot be used to hire full-time teachers or coaches, said several officials.

"We are not going to have a situation where rich communities can buy more teachers," said Meir Zupovitz, assistant comptroller with Fairfax County Public Schools.

**STILL, MANY OF** the things that academic boosters and the local PTA pay for with private funding directly impact the classroom. Langley's parent, teacher and student association has created an entire professional development fund, which is used solely to pay for extra training or courses Langley teachers want to take.

The local parent organization at all three schools Walsh's children attended – Forestville, Cooper Middle School and Langley – has paid for extra SMART boards, which allow teachers to transfer information directly from their computers onto boards at the front of classrooms.

Pam Rawlinson, a Madison High School teacher, has worked with several Fairfax County schools on planning and funding the annual "all night" graduation parties for high school seniors. She said some schools could have an easier time raising money because they are located close to a large commercial district.

Madison, for example, is located right off Route 123 near downtown Vienna and has a very strong relationship with many of the local businesses in the area. Several Vienna business owners contribute to events like Madison's all night graduation party, even if they don't have children that attend the school.

"I think it is much easier for us to find donations from our businesses than, let's say, Marshall High School. We are so closely identified with Vienna by the local business community and close by. Marshall serves students from all over and it is kind of at the crossroads of Falls Church and Tysons Corner, in a no man's land," said Rawlinson.

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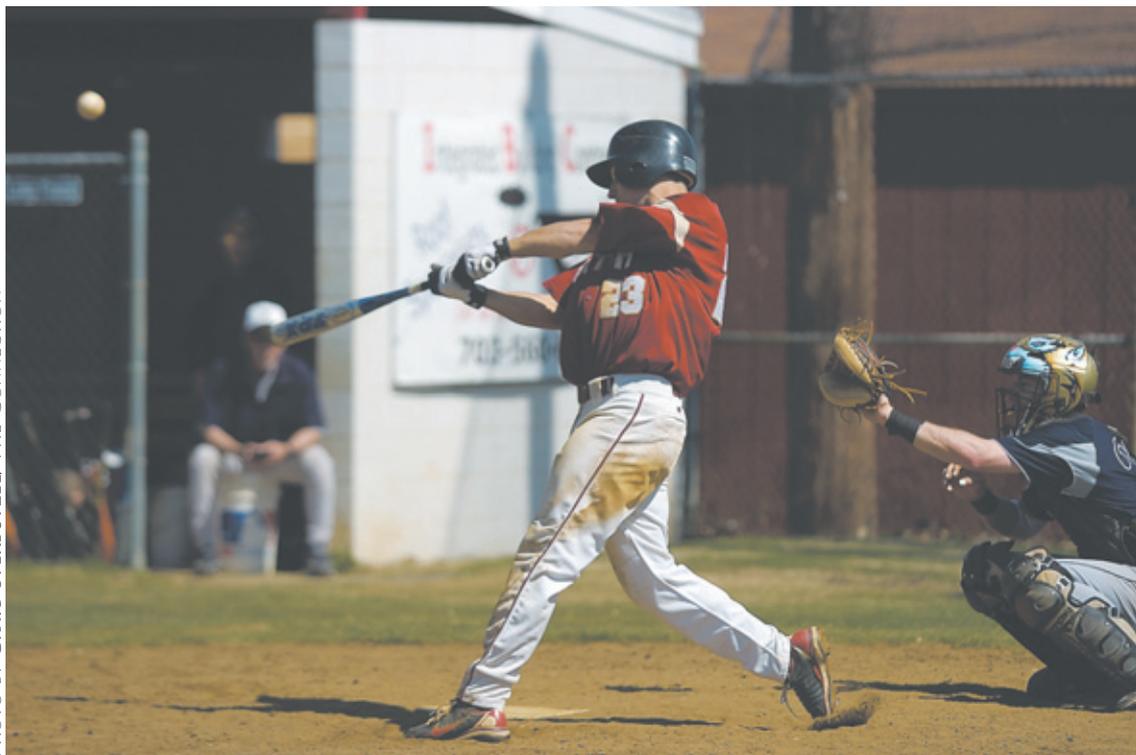
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# SPORTS

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**Luke Willis smacks his fifth inning grand slam home run in Oakton's season-opening win over visiting Washington-Lee this past Saturday.**

## Oakton Wins Season Opener

### Cougars participate in Woodson spring break tournament.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**W**inning the March 20 season opener was huge for an Oakton team that is coming off a 9-11 season in 2009.

"We have a younger team and some players without varsity experience at this point," said Justin Janis, the Cougars' second year head coach. "The pitching performance by Ty Prime was outstanding."

Prime, in the shortened, five inning game, went the distance in the shutout outing. His pitch count was just 54.

"He threw a ton of strikes and kept Washington-Lee off-balance," said Janis. "Washington-Lee is a good hitting team too. They can swing."

Willis' game-ending grand slam was hit to the opposite field over the right field fence.

"It was a well-hit ball and got out pretty quickly," said Janis.

Willis is just one of two returning starters back from last year's Oakton team. He was the team's starting

shortstop last year as a sophomore and earned second team All-District honors at that position as well as at designated hitter. This season, Willis was switched to center field position.

"He's such a good athlete and we're able to move him around," said Janis.

Oakton's other returning starter this spring is senior third baseman Matt Chandler, who was perfect in six fielding chances at the hot corner in Saturday's win. He, like Willis, earned All-District accolades last year.

Against Washington-Lee, Oakton accumulated eight hits for the game. The Cougars also ran the bases aggressively, stealing several bases in the game.

Janis likes the look of his team early on.

"We're a very solid team [batting], one through nine," he said. "We don't have any weak spots. We have a young pitching staff but don't have that one guy everyone in the region is talking about. But guys are throwing strikes and being effective. Defensively we can make the plays."

On Saturday, March 27, the Cougars are scheduled to play Falls Church at 10 a.m., at the Woodson spring break tournament. Following that will be a second early season meeting against Washington-Lee. Both games will take place at Woodson High School.

**"We're a very solid team [batting], one through nine."**  
— Oakton Coach Justin Janis

CONNECTION REPORTER RICH SANDERS  
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### Madison Girls' Lacrosse Edges Langley, 12-11

**In Liberty District girls' lacrosse** action in Vienna on Thursday, March 18, host Madison edged Langley, 12-11. This week, Langley was scheduled to play road games at Marshall on Monday, March 22, and West Springfield, on Wednesday, March 24. The Warhawks do not play again until Wednesday, April 7 when they travel to Mount Vernon.

**The pre-season Northern Region baseball** rankings, as voted on by the coaches, are as follows: 1. McLean; 2. Lake Braddock; 3. West Springfield; 4. Westfield; 5. Centreville; 6. Robinson; 7. Madison; 8. Stone Bridge; 9. Woodson; 10. T.C. Williams and South County (tied). Others teams receiving votes: Oakton, Marshall, Chantilly, Yorktown and Washington-Lee.

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**McLean sophomore Rummer Bershtein scored four goals in the Highlanders' 14-9 girls' lacrosse victory over Falls Church last Friday night.**

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**The McLean High girls' lacrosse** team opened its spring season with a pair of non-district games last week. The Highlanders lost at Yorktown, 10-2, on Thursday, March 18. But they came back strong the following day with a decisive 14-9 triumph over Falls Church.

Leading the Highlanders' offensive drive against the Jaguars was sophomore Rummer Bershtein, who racked up four goals. Two-goal games for the Highlanders came from Sam Lockhart, Hannah Kirby, Jacqueline Rose and Nina Zegler. Notching one goal each were Mackenzie May and Marielena Planas.

"[The girls] learned the value of possession and draw control first hand in their victory over Falls Church," said Anne Inzerello, the McLean head coach. "Rummer Bershtein had an explosive offensive game with four goals, mostly off of draw control fast break situations."

Defensively, McLean goalkeeper Hanna Longwell had six saves and two interceptions in the first half as the Highlanders built an 8-3 halftime lead over Falls Church. In the second half, senior Jessica Donnell posted five saves in her first regular season action in goal as a Highlander.

In the loss to Yorktown, McLean's goals came from sophomores Mackenzie May and Bridget Smith. Longwell, the Highlander goalie who is headed to Colgate University next school year, saw plenty of action with 10 saves, four interceptions and two caused turnovers on the night.

**Andie Romness** scored three goals and Fueller Overby netted two in McLean High's 9-0 girls' soccer win at Wakefield High School in Arlington on March 15. Single goals for the Highlanders in the non-district victory came from Abby Evans, Melissa Downey, Amy Kochert and Kristina Bettner.

Romness, along with her hat trick, also dished out two assists. Also earning assists were Downey, Kate Hansen and Amy Kochert. Three McLean goalkeepers saw action in the shut-out win — Logan Tapscott, Kaylin Stigall and Malalai Nawabi.

Coached by Tiffani Washington, McLean lost a tough 1-0 contest two days later in a non-district home game against Westfield. The game's lone goal came in the second half when the Bulldogs' Kirsten Miller found the net.

McLean will be home this Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. versus Centreville.

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8218 BUCKNELL DR	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$550,000	Detached		0.24	DUNN LORING WOODS
2061 PIERIS CT	3	2	2		VIENNA	\$539,000	Townhouse		0.04	HAHN PROPERTY
802 WARE ST SW	3	2	1		VIENNA	\$510,000	Detached		0.24	VIENNA WOODS
8318 2ND AVE	3	2	1		VIENNA	\$505,000	Detached		0.14	WEDDERBURN HEIGHTS
8522 PEPPERDINE DR	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$500,000	Detached		0.26	DUNN LORING WOODS
9652 MASTERWORKS DR	3	2	2		VIENNA	\$477,000	Townhouse		0.04	COUNTRY CREEK
211 HARMONY DR SW	3	2	0		VIENNA	\$475,000	Detached		0.34	VIENNA WOODS
322 OWAISSA RD SE	3	1	0		VIENNA	\$475,000	Detached		0.55	ONONDIO
2430 CEDAR LN	3	3	0		VIENNA	\$470,000	Detached		0.52	OAKDALE PARK
8128 LARKIN LN	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$432,000	Townhouse		0.04	TYSONS MANOR
8649 DELLWAY LN	3	2	2		VIENNA	\$427,000	Townhouse		0.05	DUNN LORING VILLAGE
2809 KNOLLSIDE LN	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$414,000	Townhouse		0.05	DUNN LORING VILLAGE
2957 PADDOCK WOOD CT	3	2	2		OAKTON	\$380,000	Townhouse		0.03	OAKTON COMMONS
1500 NORTHERN NECK DR #201	2	2	0		VIENNA	\$378,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			WESTWOOD VILLAGE
9934 LONGFORD CT	3	2	1		VIENNA	\$365,000	Townhouse		0.03	WATERFORD
10340 GRANITE CREEK LN	3	3	1		OAKTON	\$359,990	Townhouse		0.03	FLINT HILL MANOR
2791 CENTERBORO DR #76	2	2	0		VIENNA	\$350,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MARQUIS AT VIENNA STATN
2726 GALLOWAYS RD #419	2	2	0		VIENNA	\$330,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			WILTON HOUSE
10063 OAKTON TERRACE RD	2	2	0		OAKTON	\$300,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			THE OAKTON
10216 OAKTON TERRACE RD	2	2	0		OAKTON	\$272,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			THE OAKTON
2726 GALLOWAYS RD #304	1	1	0		VIENNA	\$262,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			WILTON HOUSE
9933 OAKTON TERRACE RD	2	2	0		OAKTON	\$252,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			THE OAKTON
3031 BORGE ST #112	2	2	0		OAKTON	\$250,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			TREBROOKE
3176 SUMMIT SQUARE DR #4-E2	2	2	0		OAKTON	\$243,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			FOUR WINDS AT OAKTON
2726 GALLOWAYS RD #613	1	1	0		VIENNA	\$224,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			WILTON HOUSE
218 LOCUST ST SE #147	2	1	0		VIENNA	\$213,400	Garden 1-4 Floors			PARK TERRACE
2765 CENTERBORO DR #350	1	1	0		VIENNA	\$209,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MARQUIS AT VIENNA STATN
10116 OAKTON TERRACE RD	1	1	0		OAKTON	\$187,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			THE OAKTON

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## Helping Those in Need

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and co-president of the International Club. "We thought we should put all this talent together for a good purpose."

The variety show was coordinated by the International Club, while the IB board ran the food sales. All IB Student Advisory Board members participated in the Hope Haiti: We Are the World program.

**SPECIAL-EDUCATION TEACHER** Julie Nation volunteered in Haiti earlier as a Hope Haiti volunteer. After the January quake, she spoke with the organization again and discussed helping out the country with the three groups that ultimately were engaged. Planning the fundraising campaign began in earnest a couple of weeks after the earthquake.

Yeleswarapu believes that more fortunate people should help Haiti in its trying times. "Be-

cause we have the ability to help them, we should," she said.

Dziedzic thinks that, as one of the wealthiest nations in the world, it is almost a responsibility of the United States to help others, "especially when they're in such great need."

Domino's Pizza discounted the cost of the pizzas that were sold at the Hope Haiti: We Are the World program. Sam's Club donated desserts to the fundraiser, and the IB board baked sweets for the bake sale. The Marshall organizers estimated they made approximately \$1,900 on the two-week fundraiser.

Guest speaker Lenny Teh, former Haiti Peace Corps volunteer and director of Friends of Haiti, spoke to guests in the cafeteria about life in Haiti. A slide show brought the island nation to life.

"The proximity of Haiti and its sheer poverty motivates and inspires a desire to help," said Purihella.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Show What You Know** - the annual student event to showcase learning and knowledge - returns to Flint Hill Elementary School on Wednesday, March 24. For the Expo, students call the shots and present topics that are interesting and fun to them. Some students present subjects they already know about, while others work on subjects they are interested in exploring.

Previous presentations have ranged from composting to animals, from rain forests to vampires, from calligraphy to cooking and from sports to coin collecting. The Expo runs from 7 to 9 in the school gym.

**Participants in the Hub Theatre's spring break camp**, March 29-April 3, for ages 7-12, will rehearse "A Thousand Cranes," by youth theatre author Katherine Schultz Miller, and perform with the cast of professional actors. 703-674-3177 for more

information.

The following Oakton residents have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Marymount University of Arlington: **Kathleen Carpenter**, liberal studies; **Melissa Dorey-Ferrera**, health sciences; **Karina Manoatl**, business administration; **James Poulsen**, business administration; **Devon Richardson**, nursing, accelerated BSN program; **Kim-An Tran**, psychology; and **Casey Trotter**, business administration.

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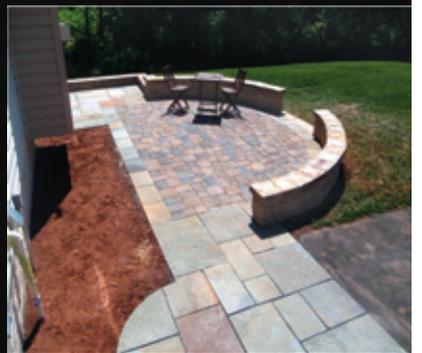
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