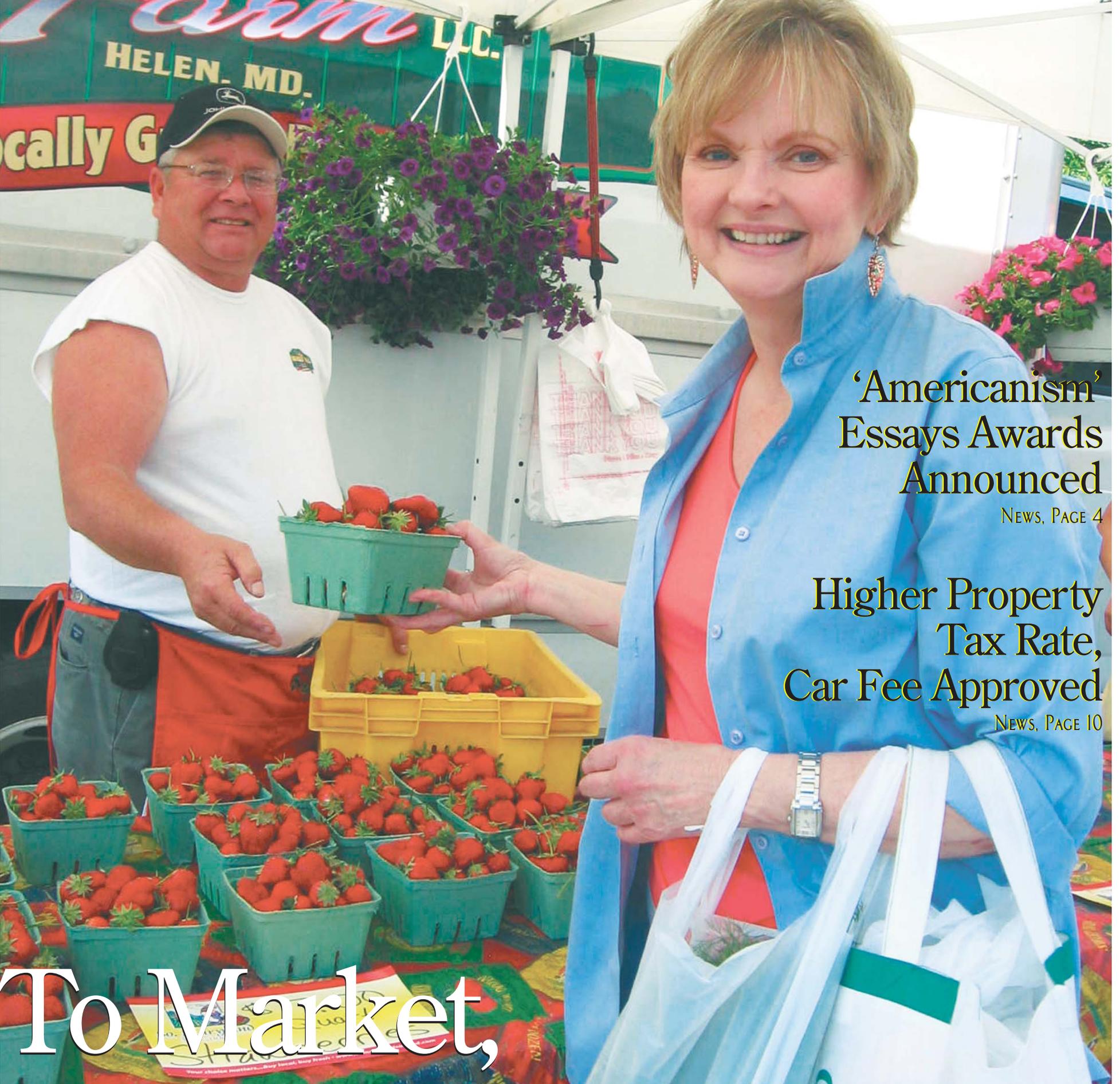


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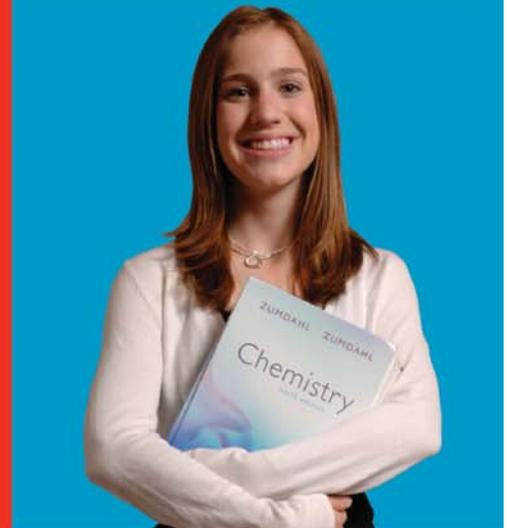


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Kayla Domschke doesn't mind following her mother Laura around the Vienna Farmers' Market as long as the 8-year-old gets a treat while there.



Ricarda Simenson and her mother-in-law Katy, both of Vienna, said they love the European-style breads at the Swiss Bakery.

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To Market, To Market

Vienna Farmers' Market opens to enthusiastic shoppers.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Opening day of the Vienna Farmers' Market was a page right out of Martha Stewart Living. Part commerce, part community gathering and part natural foods marketplace, the market opened on May 1 to lines waiting for the 8 a.m. bell to ring.

"I knew it (the market) was opening on the first Saturday in May, and I knew I had to come," said Vienna shopper Ricarda Simenson.

From newborns to seniors, Vienna townspeople were out in full-force on a blue-skied, heat-dense morning. Lines trailed at the hot food vendors and freshly squeezed lemonade stand.

Besides the community spirit of the marketplace, Simenson said she particularly likes the Swiss bakery. "I love their European-style breads," she said.

The Vienna Farmers' Market, sponsored by the Greater Vienna Optimist Club, is a producer-only market. Its 19 farmers and producers sell only what they grow, raise or prepare themselves. Vendors are considered local if they produce their products within 250 miles of Vienna. Most, however, come from within 150 miles.

"The Optimist Club works very hard to provide a market that offers community spirit that is devoid of commercialism," said co-marketmaster, Sarah Jane Brady. "We're here because we care about the community. We love the community we live in and we want to be a part of it."

THE SELECTIONS early in the season gravitate primarily toward early-spring fruits and vegetables, such as asparagus and strawberries, flowering plants, hot prepared foods, breads and pastries, herbs and

spices, and breads and sweets from local bakeries. Fresh eggs and humanely raised meats are available, as well.

By mid-May, peas will come to market, and by the last week in May, shoppers will see squashes.

Almost all-local produce will be available at the Vienna Farmers' Market by early to mid-June.

Shoppers' favorites, such as Becky's Pastries of Herndon and Friendly Hill Farm, returned this year. New faces and products appear in response to consumers' requests.

From Vienna entrepreneurs come Ole Pioneer's Kitchen pork and beef products and Gypsy Hill packaged spice mixes.

"We're the only sausage and bacon producers selling in Fairfax County that make and pack their own products," said Ole Pioneer's Kitchen co-owner Paul Brock. Brock's wife runs the outfit, Paul Brock said.

The aroma of sizzling herbed sausage permeated the air around the booth of Ole Pioneer's Kitchen. The kitchen prepares freshly made sausage biscuits for sale to shoppers.

Barbara McLeod stopped to look over the display of sausage and bacon. It was her first time at the Vienna market and she was enjoying the variety. "I like supporting local farmers, too," she said.

Donna Derus has been coming to the Vienna Farmers' Market since she moved to Vienna six years ago, before the market moved to the caboose lot. She was aware May 1 was opening day and was at the market early before the 90-degree sun melted shoppers. A routine Whole Foods shopper, Derus said she's "here" as soon as the market opens for the season.

She bought herbs, strawberries, spice blends, eggs and breakfast crepes. "I like the openness of the market, and I like the idea of purchasing produce locally," Derus said. "I run into people I don't see in the off-season, and I've gotten friendly with a lot of the vendors. The only thing I'm sad about is that

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'Americanism' Essays Awards Announced

Vienna American Legion Auxiliary reception honors all participants.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

What makes an American patriotic? Forty youngsters from Vienna schools each described "My Patriotic Role as a U.S. Citizen" in an Americanism essay competition sponsored by the Auxiliary of Vienna's American Legion Post 180. On April 28, the Auxiliary recognized the winners and participants in an evening reception at American Legion Hall.

"Helping one's country begins with helping one's community," wrote Louise Archer fifth-grader Raina Mittal. "People may think that helping their community is a small task and has nothing to do with being a patriotic citizen, but if everybody helps their community, it makes the country strong."

Mittal and Thoreau Middle School seventh-grader Josh Rubin came away with first place awards in their respective grade categories.

"I believe your patriotic duty as a citizen of the United States of America is to be willing to put the needs of your country ahead of your own," Rubin wrote. He cited, as examples, volunteering for the armed forces and voting in elections.

"This contest is important because it introduces younger kids to the Auxiliary and our education programs," said American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 presi-



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Honorable Mention recipients Kendall Langum and Sam Ressin, and first place winner Raina Mittal, pose for family, classmates and Auxiliary posterity.

dent Janet Renner. "It's an effort to help teach kids what patriotism is."

Education chair Edythe Kelleher contacted teaching staff at local schools during the winter. The contest opened in February and ran until March 1. A five-member judging panel, headed by Americanism chairwoman Ruth Decker, dedicated March to appraising the entries.

"When we all finished reading them, certain ones kept coming to the top," said Decker.

RENNER COMMENTED that the judges were amazed not

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More than half of the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism essay contest participants showed up at the reception on April 28 honoring them.

Vienna Students Named Presidential Scholar

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced the selection of Nicholas J. Loftus of Vienna, who attends Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, as a 2010 U.S. Presidential Scholar.

Loftus is one of 141 outstanding American high school seniors that have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, and service at school and in their community. The U.S. Presidential Scholars will be honored for their accomplishments in Washington, D.C., from June 19 to 22.

“These student leaders and scholars show that setting high expectations and striving for excellence pays off,” Duncan said. “Their academic and artistic achievements reflect a sense of purpose that we should seek to instill in all students to prepare them for college, careers, civic responsibilities, and the challenges of today’s job market.”

The 141 U.S. Presidential Scholars include one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large and 20 Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Pear Tree Cottage To Host Fund Raiser

Bake for Hope is a grassroots national event consisting of volunteer-run bake sales the week leading up to Mothers Day, May 2-8. Proceeds benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure local affiliates. This year Bake for Hope is hosting sales in over 33 cities nationwide.

Faith Boettger, a Vienna resident, is hosting Bake for Hope two bake sales in support of friends and family who have been touched by breast cancer. “This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in a local event with a national impact,” Boettger said. “Whether you are baking, eating or shopping, this sale will make a difference in our community through a donation to Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the awareness by promoting the event.”

The next bake sale will take place on Friday, May 7, at Pear Tree Cottage located at 130 Maple Ave., E. in Vienna, from 12-5 p.m. Pear Tree Cottage will donate a portion of the day’s proceeds to Bake for Hope. www.thepeartreecottage.com.

Local businesses can still join in and donate a percentage of proceeds for the day or the week or donate products to the Vienna bake sale. Local business should contact Bake for Hope to support their local areas. For more information on the sales at The Pear Tree Cottage, contact Faith Boettger at fablondon@gmail.com or 703-281-0349.

Bike Collection Drive

Bikes of the World will be on hand working with Colvin Run Elementary School’s fifth grade team to accept your donations of bikes and bike accessories (helmets, bike racks, extra tires, pumps, manuals etc). The donated bikes will be reconditioned and distributed overseas, where they will improve the lives of impoverished people by helping them get to work, school and health clinics. Receipts will be given for tax purposes.

Residents can bring the bikes to Colvin Run Elementary, 1400 Trap Road, Vienna on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sale To Benefit Animal Shelter

Friends of Homeless Animals, a no-kill shelter in Loudoun County, will host its annual Spring Variety Sale, with all proceeds benefiting Friends of Homeless Animals, on Saturday, May 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna.

Donations for the Variety Sale will be collected on Friday, May 7, from 1-9 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center. For information on acceptable donations, visit www.foha.org.

‘Needs-Based’ Staffing Proposed

FCPS may provide extra teachers to high schools with the largest number of poor students.

For the first time in several years, Fairfax County Public Schools may provide extra teachers to those high schools with the largest number of poor students.

Schools superintendent Jack Dale has proposed giving nine of the county’s 25 high schools more staff next year because they are perceived to have needier student populations. Fairfax already allocates extra staff to elementary and middle schools with larger percentages of poor students.

The Fairfax County School Board would have to approve “need based” staffing for high schools as part of the system’s overall 2011-2012 school year budget. The board votes on the budget May 20.

Fairfax defines students as poor when they qualify for free or reduced-priced meals at school.

Some “needs based” funding was put in place at local high schools more than a decade ago. But the current allocation was never adjusted to reflect shifts in high school demographics over the last 10 to 15

years.

According to officials, South Lakes, West Potomac and Annandale high schools – which all currently receive some money for poor students — would receive even more assistance under Dale’s plan. Lee High School, which doesn’t receive any extra help currently, would also get the equivalent of 3.6 extra teaching positions next year.

Less money would go to Stuart, Edison, Falls Church and Mount Vernon for “needs based” staffing if Dale’s program was implemented. Marshall High School, which currently receives an extra \$87,369 for needy students, would lose all funding for

needy students by fall 2012.

Overall, Dale has proposed increasing “needs based” staffing at high schools from \$2.17 million this year to \$2.42 million by the 2012-2013 school year.

— JULIA O’DONOGHUE

More on Schools’ Financing

For more information on challenges facing area schools under the new county budget, see The County Line story [Higher Property Tax Rate, Car Fee Approved, Page 10].

High School Funding For Poor Students

High School	Percentage of Poor Students	Total Student Population	Current Poor Student Funding	2010-2011 Poor Student Funding	2012-2013 Poor Student Funding
Stuart	56%	1,642	\$419,962	\$387,336	\$354,709
Annandale	46.2%	2,670	\$253,767	\$397,635	\$475,687
Falls Church	41.4%	1,565	\$392,064	\$320,915	\$249,766
Mount Vernon	41%	1,774	\$388,923	\$334,653	\$280,383
Lee	40.6%	1,794	\$0	\$187,427	\$281,398
West Potomac	37.9%	2,158	\$125,739	\$248,708	\$315,421
South Lakes	32.2%	2,073	\$107,526	\$204,734	\$257,472
Edison	32%	1,660	\$394,766	\$300,023	\$205,279
Hayfield	25.8%	1,941	\$0	\$0	\$0
Herndon	25.1%	2,180	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fairfax	22.3%	2,366	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marshall	21.9%	1,483	\$87,369	\$43,685	\$0

NEWS

Contest Promotes Patriotism

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only by the quantity of entries, but by the quality of those submitted. "It was a hard decision," Renner said. "Everyone was a winner judging by the quality."

Thoreau English teacher Eric Triche assigned the essay to one of his seventh grade classes. All students submitted one. Honorable Mention recipient Kendall Langum, one of Triche's students, referred to her father's Coast Guard service and the sacrifices he and his family makes. "I know what my dad does for our country," Langum said. "My sacrifices are worth it."

EACH PARTICIPANT was given a certificate of participation and first-place winners, and honorable mention winners received cash prizes, in varying amounts, as well. The essays of the first-place winners were forwarded to the state level for competition. State winners go on to national competition.

Although the national standards set up five categories, from primary grades through high school, the Vienna Auxiliary Unit 180 received essays in but two categories: Category II - fifth and sixth grade, and Category III - seventh and eighth grade. Renner hopes for participation from local high school students next year.

In addition to first-place awards to Raina Mittal and Josh Rubin, the Auxiliary presented honorable mention awards to Sam Ressin, a sixth-grader at Cunningham Park Elementary School, and Kaitlyn Bryan and Kendall Langum, both of Eric Triche's seventh grade English class at Thoreau.

Ruth Decker, Kelleher, Margaret Dellinger, Shirley Martin and Renner judged this year's Americanism contest.

Past president of the 17th District and Auxiliary 180 membership director Martha Hatter and Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman lent their support with their presence at the awards reception.

"Real patriotism means making a difference," Mittal said.

Auxiliary Unit 180 is accepting submissions for its annual poppy poster contest. E-mail rennerjl7396@verizon.net for more information.



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Vienna Farmers' Market Kicks Off New Season

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they don't allow dogs here.”
For some shoppers, such as 8-year-old Kayla Domschke of Vienna, the highlight of the farmers' market is not produce or flowers. It's the sweets and other treats. “We do this a lot after soccer,” Kayla said, walking alongside her mother, Laura. “She will get me doughnuts or I'll be mad at her.”

GIVE-AWAYS and promotions are new this year to the Vienna market. Brady said the Optimists are trying to reach out to new consumers who have yet to try shopping there. Prices are comparable to grocery stores in many instances.

Maryland-grown strawberries were selling for \$3.50 a pint, asparagus at \$4.50 a bunch. Friendly Hall Farm, with glistening red berries on display, sold out of lettuce early in the morning.

Herb plants were priced from \$1.25 each and flowering plants from several vendors started at \$5 per plant.

Turkish baklava was featured at \$4 for a four-pack. That vendor, Sofra, sells savory spinach-and-cheese filled filo pastries, as well. Goopy crepes oozing with savory or fruit fillings, priced between \$6 and \$10, were going like, well, like hotcakes.

Guest vendors coming throughout the

About the Vienna Farmers' Market

The Greater Vienna Optimist Club-run market is located in the caboose parking lot on Church Street, and operates from May 1-Oct. 30. It is closed on May 29 for ViVa! Vienna! and on Oct. 2 for Oktoberfest. Market hours: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-12 noon.

See www.viennafarmersmarket.org for more information on vendors. Nonprofits designated as 501(c)(3) may apply for one-time booth at no charge.

farmers' market season include an artisanal goat cheese maker, a made-from-scratch granola maker and a homemade-peanut brittle producer.

Each month, the Vienna Farmers' Market welcomes a 501(c)(3) to staff a booth at no charge. Qualified nonprofits may apply online at the Vienna Farmers' Market website at www.viennafarmersmarket.org.

On Sep. 11, American Legion Post 180 of Vienna will direct a 9/11 memorial program as part of the market services.

“In a nutshell, I come as often as I can,” said Simenson. “Most of the food here is grown by the sellers. The atmosphere is so much fun. The people are friendly, there are families walking around. I'm willing to pay a bit more for fresh local produce.”



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Barbara McLeod and her young friend Gwen Setia buy some sausage products from Ole Pioneer's Kitchen owner, Paul Brock, center. Ernest Carvalho helps out at the busy stand.

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CRIME

Activities reported by the Vienna police department through April 23.

ARRESTS

200 Block Maple Ave., East. April 23, 4:41 a.m. Officer Lyons observed a vehicle commit a traffic infraction and conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected signs of possible impairment. The driver, a 49-year-old female of Glengyle Drive in Vienna, attempted to complete a field sobriety test and was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. She was then transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for an analysis of her breath. She refused to provide a sample and was subsequently transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. There she was formally charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test.

700 Block Upham Place, N.W. April 27, 6:59 p.m. An alert citizen notified police regarding an unlicensed solicitor in his neighborhood. Officer Vazquez located the individual in question and identified him. After performing a wanted check a summons was issued for the violation to a 26-year-old male of Shaver Drive in Florence, New Jersey. He was released after signing the summons.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION

Park St. at Cherry St., S.E. April 25, 3:02 a.m. MPO Shaver conducted a traffic stop after observing the vehicle, a moped, commit a traffic infraction. Upon his interaction with the rider he detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person. Investigation revealed that the rider, a 15-year-old male, had consumed alcohol in violation of law. Further investigation revealed that the boy was going to go smash mailboxes and steal mail and packages. Petitions will be obtained charging the boy with Illegal Possession of Alcohol, Reckless Driving, and No Operator's License.

ANIMAL CASE

300 Block Glyndon St., N.E. April 25, 3:30 p.m.

A citizen advised that he was bitten by a dog at Glyndon Park. The victim was jogging and the dog bit him while still on a leash. The victim and the dog's owner exchanged information. The dog was placed under a 10 day quarantine and ACO Barker will follow up on this case.

ASSAULT CASE

300 Block Orchard St., N.W. April 25, 8:05 p.m. A family member called police to report that another family member had assaulted him. MPO Shaver investigated and determined that the victim and assailant were no longer in the area. As the officers were concluding their investigation the victim returned. Fairfax County EMS was summoned to treat the victim for a minor injury. The warrant obtainment process was explained to the victim.

COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY 10-3552

Shell Gas Station, 545 Maple Ave., N.W. April 23, 7:43 a.m. A gas station employee discovered a counterfeit bill in the day's receipts. This case is still being investigated.

CRASH AND SUSPICION OF DRIVING

WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS

400 Block East St., N.E. April 24, 10 p.m. PFC Lewis responded for a single vehicle crash in which a vehicle had travelled off of the roadway and in to a wooded area. Upon his interaction with the driver PFC Lewis detected signs of possible impairment. The driver was suspected of operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs. Fairfax County EMS responded and transported the driver to an area hospital where a blood sample was taken for analysis. No formal charges have been placed while awaiting the return of the blood analysis.

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Change for the 11th Congressional District

We write as concerned senior citizens of Northern Virginia. The "we" is a loose collection of seniors who have previously had little or no active role in the political process. Our concerns have been raised and discussed among us at church gatherings, business meetings, social events, etc.

What we are gravely concerned about is the future, both for our children and for this country. The recent passage of health reform legislation, with its secretive and anti-democratic process in the House of Representatives, has served as a catalyst for raising our voices. Our current congressman, Mr. Gerald Connolly, has trumpeted the Health Insurance Reform Law as an "historic achievement" that his constituents favored. We could not disagree more with this characterization. Here are just a few of the reasons why Mr. Connolly's justification for his yes vote is wrong:

- In passing the health care legislation, Mr. Connolly and others who voted in the affirmative, broke the covenant between those who govern and those of us who are governed. Mr. Connolly ignored the fact that he is a representative of his constituents and is in that position based on the consent of the governed. The majority of Americans (including those in the 11th Congressional District) is not opposed to health care reform, but does not want this specific health care bill. Regrettably, Mr. Connolly chose his own political self-interest over the majority view of his constituents.
- Mr. Connolly argues that the health insurance reform will bring down the budget deficit. This is political spin of which we have all grown weary. We know that this deliberately deceitful calculus is based on ten years of revenue and only six years of cost. We know that the \$500 billion that is to be stripped out of Medicare is a hot potato politically and will not likely be feasible to accomplish. But most of all, we know that the major entitlement programs of the U.S. Government in the past have all cost substantially more than originally claimed and have added significantly to our nation's deficit.
- We seniors are not selfishly concerned about the effect fiscal irresponsibility will have on us. It is our children that will bear the burden of health care legislation, the stimulus package, cap and trade, etc.; all pieces of legislation that Mr. Connolly has voted for. As Americans, we face unprecedented increases in our federal deficit. This year the federal budget deficit will exceed \$1.4 trillion, representing some 10% of our nation's entire GDP. Moody's credit rating service has begun to call into question the AAA rating for our country. Our children are facing the prospect of a lower standard of living as a result of higher and higher taxes tied to increasing growth in government and entitlements. What was once an unquestioned principle and goal for our country, "equality of opportunity," has now been repackaged by Mr. Connolly and others as "equality of income."
- Mr. Connolly states that health care reform will improve Americans' access to care. On the face of it, this is counterintuitive. The legislation is to add thirty million new people to the health insurance rolls without a commensurately proportional growth in physicians and health care facilities. The effect of this can only mean less access to care not more.
- Mr. Connolly believes that Medicare will be improved and protected. As seniors, we know that this is but another political ruse. The health care law reduces Medicare by half a trillion dollars. How can that be a good thing for all of us who have paid into Medicare all these years and are now told that we won't be getting what we thought we had paid for? Moreover, the changes imposed on what physicians can charge and how they must account for these charges, will lead to a much smaller number of doctors willing to accept Medicare payments for their patients. No doubt other unintended consequences will be a reduction in the number of those choosing to pursue a medical career and a dilution of the talent pool among those who do.
- Finally, Mr. Connolly is certain that the new health care law will bring down premium costs for families and small businesses. Presumably he is basing this on the Congressional Budget Office review. Sadly, however, this too is just so much political window dressing. During the debate surrounding passage of the health reform legislation, in-depth studies were done that showed that the bill would drive up premium costs. WellPoint, parent company to Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, did analyses that showed significant increases in cost for families, seniors and the young. As for small businesses, increases could occur depending upon the size of the company's employee population.

We believe it is time for change in the 11th Congressional District. We want to see more political balance in the U.S. Congress so that what happened with health care does not occur again. We want a representative who is more interested in supporting his constituents rather than supporting his political party.

No one political party should unilaterally wield power sufficient to subvert our democratic process. Our forefathers understood this and were wise enough to design a system of checks and balances. Mr. Connolly is a professional politician who has voted consistently in favor of large, costly and inefficient government programs that have contributed substantially to our country's huge and growing budget deficit. We believe he is out of step with his constituents. In November he should be "one and done."

Seniors for Change in the 11th Congressional District

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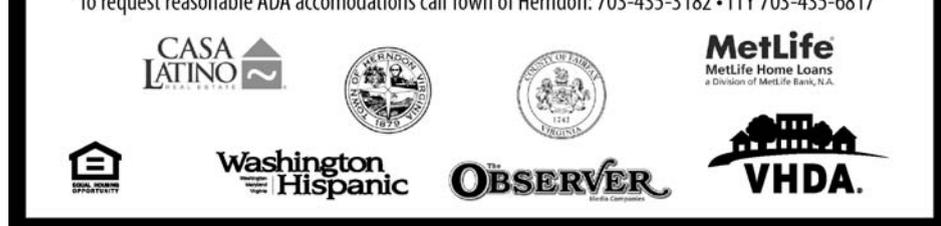
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Police in all communities also wield power unlike any other entity — the power to detain and question, the power to arrest, the power to respond with force when necessary, sometimes deadly force.

With that power, comes responsibility — the responsibility to operate openly and with transparency, the responsibility to make available the greatest possible amount of information, especially the responsibility to provide the public with a full picture of what happened when something goes wrong.

Somewhere along the way, police leaders in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax have gone astray in their control of information.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in the 1968, states that all public records “shall be presumed open.” But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold “complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.”

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a “blanket” approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any document they can. The actual reports filed by po-

lice officers about any incident, available to the public and the press in almost every jurisdiction in America, are never released in Northern Virginia.

“I don’t think we have to justify it,” said Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook.

A Fairfax County spokesperson asserted that it was only a few “individual reporters” who were interested in more information from the police.

“Conscientious and dedicated judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and law enforcement officers work in a system which is as transparent as it needs to be,” wrote Alexandria Commonwealth’s Attorney Randolph Sengel.

Sengel is mistaken.

“Incident reports like the ones the Virginia law enforcement authorities are saying can’t possibly be released across the country are being released across the country every waking minute of every day,” Charles Davis, director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, told reporter Michael Pope.

“In Florida, with the transparency level that we have, it helps law enforcement,” said Gerald Bailey, commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. “It’s made us better agencies simply because we proceed knowing that our work product is going to be reviewed by the press, by the public and by the people who are actually involved in the cases we are working.”

This isn’t an academic exercise.

In the extreme example, Fairfax County police shot and killed an unarmed motorist in

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November, and have said that the shooting was justified. But they have refused to release the name of the officer who did the shooting, refused to release video from the patrol car near the shooting, refused to release any document at all that might shed light on what happened or why.

In everyday examples, a scan of police incidents within a mile of a Tysons Corner address reveals multiple drug offenses and sex offenses. But that’s all the information that is available — the label of the offense, the time, date and block where it occurred. If you as a resident want information on crimes like this near you, you should be able to see for yourself if these are minor or isolated incidents or part of a more serious pattern.

Police should not use a “blanket exemption” from public information laws to refuse to provide specific information about any crime or police activity from the public.

Next week in this space, you’ll learn how to find incidents occurred in your neighborhood, and how to ask the police for more information.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Facing Mental Health Challenge

To the Editor:

Those of us in Northern Virginia who care about children have two excellent opportunities to speak out on their behalf at the upcoming community forums on children’s mental health, Wednesday, May 12 at Loudoun Mental Health’s Aspen Room from 7-9 p.m., and Thursday, May 13 at

Inova Fairfax Hospital Physicians Conference Center Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The forums are hosted by the Campaign for Children’s Mental Health, a major statewide advocacy initiative sponsored by Voices for Virginia’s Children, aimed at transforming the mental health system so that children get the services they deserve, regardless of where in Virginia they live.

As a psychiatrist, I am well aware of the many children in our region who suffer from mental health problems, as I see them in my [classroom, office, clinic, etc] every day. Too often, families are afraid to ask for help because of the stigma, or they do ask for help but get put on waiting lists. There are simply not enough mental health services available in our community to meet the demand.

The Campaign’s forums on May 12 and 13 are opportunities to share your views on how we can

do better by our children who suffer from mental health challenges. For more information and to sign up for the forum, go to www.lin5kids.org.

The addresses where the forum will be held are:

- ❖ Loudoun Mental Health, 906 Trailview Blvd., Leesburg
- ❖ Inova Fairfax Hospital Physicians Conference Center Auditorium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church

Thomas N. Wise M.D.
Medical Director, Behavioral Health Services
Inova Health System

Role Model At Madeira

To the Editor:

On April 24 students, faculty, alumni, friends and neighbors gathered for an afternoon tea to

bid a fond and appreciative farewell to Madeira’s Headmistress Betsy Griffith. For 22 years, Betsy has been not only a superb educator and administrator, but an inspiration and role model to over 1,500 young student ladies. The hundreds gathered on campus that day was not only a tribute to Betsy’s outstanding leadership, but a statement of how deeply her presence will be missed. We neighbors on the Pike thank her for what she has contributed to the community and wish her the very best in her future exciting plans.

John Adams
President of the Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Association

P.S. I will personally cherish Betsy’s humor as I wear an earlier gifted “Madeira Football” sweatshirt declaring “Over 100 and Still Undeclared.”

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

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McLean resident and Churchill Road Elementary School teacher Meghan Roman owns and operates Camp Kingsmont in Massachusetts, a residential weight loss camp for children.

Fit Is Fun

McLean teacher operates weight loss camp in Massachusetts.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Meghan Roman grew up in McLean, an overweight child with few friends and little self-confidence. At age 13 and 196 pounds, Meghan was teased and picked on by her peers and did not fit in with them. Her mother understood the importance of losing weight and gaining self-confidence before Meghan entered high school. The miracle Meghan's mother found was a camp in Amherst, Mass. that focused on both weight loss and building self-esteem. During that first summer, Meghan lost 35 pounds, gaining confidence to try new things and making long-term friendships. In high school, she

played field hockey, basketball and soccer.

Roman, now 26 and a teacher at Churchill Road Elementary School, said that camp saved her life.

"I had no confidence while I was in middle school," said Roman. "After this camp, I found who I was."

She spent four seasons as a camper, then a counselor and eventually a division director and operations director. In 2007, the then-owners decided to sell the camp and they approached Meghan who was, at that time, working as director.

"I couldn't imagine Kingsmont not being there for kids who needed it," said Roman. "In camp,

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Higher Property Tax Rate, Car Fee Approved

Even with more money, schools, libraries and parks will still make program cuts.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a higher real estate property tax rate, new vehicle registration fee and increase in the quarterly sewer service charges in order to avoid deep cuts to services next year.

The supervisors voted 7-3 on a final version of the budget at an April 27 board meeting.

The county spending plan will restore several programs that were initially cut by Fairfax County executive Anthony Griffin. The supervisors have added money back in to keep bathrooms open at several county parks and athletic fields for example.

The Board of Supervisors was able to avoid some of the more drastic budget reductions pro-

posed by Griffin because Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) and the Virginia General Assembly restored \$61 million in funding to Fairfax County Public Schools, according to county Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

"The process was helped tremendously by that additional state funding," she said.

But the supervisors were not able to restore all funding to county programs. Fairfax residents will still have to cope with some reductions to services, such as public libraries operating on a limited schedule.

ALL THREE SUPERVISORS who voted against the county budget were members of the Republican Party. They primarily object to the vehicle registration fee, which they said would increase the overall county tax burden on the average Fairfax resident.

And though all seven Democratic supervisors ended up supporting the budget, at least two considered voting against it because of disagreement with the school system over spending priorities.

Supervisors Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) were upset with FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale and the Fairfax County School Board's plan to eliminate Project Excel, Focus and the year-round school calendar from several elementary schools. The three programs provide extra funding, instructional time and staff to schools with large minority and low-income student populations that traditionally struggle with academic achievement.

Dale has said he intends to replace the current programs with another initiative aimed at improving academic achievement among at-risk students but he could not provide Hudgins or Hyland with many details about what the program might look like. Several supervisors were also unable to confirm whether the challenged schools that currently received

extra funding would get assistance through the new program designed by Dale.

"In all my years on the board, this was the first time I was prepared not to vote for the budget," said Hyland, who wanted more details about how challenged schools were to be assisted after

"At the bottom of a recession, you hold the line on taxes."

— Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock)

the programs were eliminated.

At the request of Hyland and Hudgins, the supervisors passed a resolution April 27 indicating that the county might be willing to give the school system more money to help cushion the impact of losing Excel, focus and the year-round calendar. The supervisors and School Board members will discuss why the School Board chose to eliminate the programs at a joint meeting in May.

"These programs or an alternative should have been the school board's first priority, not its last priority. These are core programs," said Hudgins.

AS PART OF the overall budget package, the Fairfax supervisors voted in favor of a five-cent increase in the local real estate property tax rate from \$1.04 per \$100 of assessed property value to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed property value. The stormwater service district tax will also increase from \$0.01 per \$100 of assessed property value to \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed property value.

The two rate increases have been offset in a decline in home values for many Fairfax residents. The average property tax bill in the county is still expected to be \$26.93 less than it was last year.

As part of the budget, Fairfax would also charge a new vehicle registration fee, \$33 for most cars annually. County residents would also pay an increase on sewer service fees from \$4.50 to \$5.27 per 1,000 gallons used, raising the average sewer bill by \$60.

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Cindy Dwyer, associate with Weichert, Realtors Vienna office was recently recognized by REALTOR magazine and the Good Neighbor Society as a recipient of the Volunteering Works grant and mentoring program for her work with wounded warriors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. In 2004, Dwyer started a clothing collection and distribution program for the warriors and their families. She collects quality clothing that is gently-used and transports it to Walter Reed approximately every two months.

Dwyer's dedication also was displayed through other charitable services including a golf club collection and distribution of over 30,000 pounds of golf equipment in 2009.

Additionally, Dwyer and her husband have opened their home to the wounded soldiers as an escape from the frustration of the recuperation process and the day-to-day living in the hospital environment. She has also been actively involved for the last four years in an annual formal, black tie fund raiser that is sponsored by the Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation. This event, held in Washington, D.C. raises funds for the wounded and their families.

Contact Cindy Dwyer to see how you can get involved with this cause. She can be reached at (703) 938-6070 and at Weichert, Realtors Vienna office located at 156 East Maple Avenue.

Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced J.D. Callander of the McLean/Dolley

Madison office was recognized for outstanding results in March. A neighborhood specialist, Callander led the company for dollar volume and resale dollar volume. Additionally, she led the region for resale dollar volume. The region comprises offices located throughout Virginia.

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Keller Williams Realty International announced at its annual "Family Reunion" Conference in New Orleans that the McLean office won top honors nationally among more than 30 new Keller Williams offices for 2009, with \$6.5M in gross commission income. McLean was named the #1 Launch in the nation for 2009. The McLean office launched 18 months ago with 30 agents and today has nearly 100. Keller Williams International also surpassed Re/Max to become the #3 largest real estate company in the U.S. by agent count. This is the first time in 20 years that the order has shifted.



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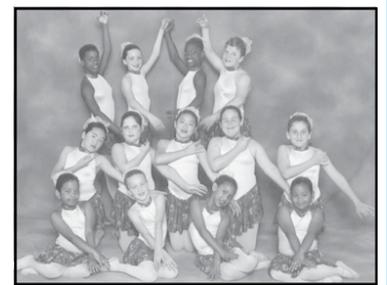


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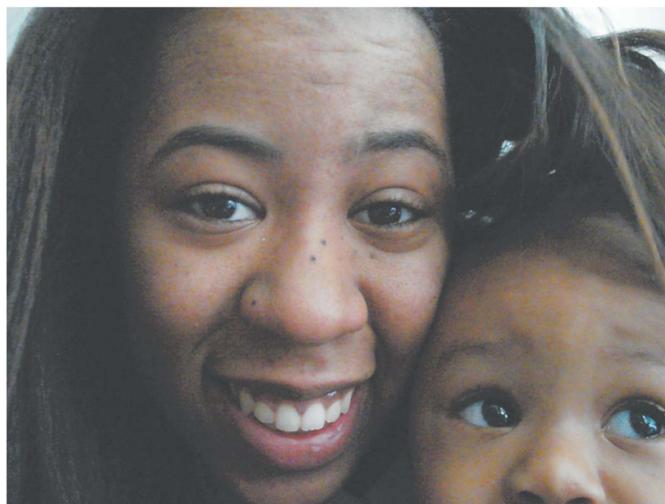
Eric Maroyka submitted this photo of his wife Monica, a mother of their two daughters, Juliann, 10, and Allyson, 9. Picture was taken during their travel with Royal Caribbean cruise at the Coliseum in Rome, Italy, in June 2009, after his redeployment from Iraq.



Vienna-born Ellen Klemm Feeney spends a great day in Stowe, Vt. In August 2009 with some of her favorite Feeneys: husband Brian; son Neil, 13; and daughter Quinn, 8.



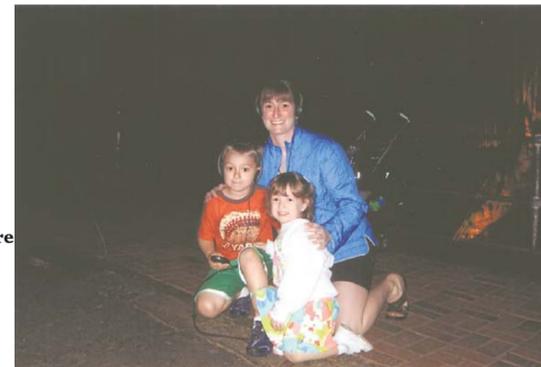
Auntie Dana, Grandma Linda, Great Grandma Grace, Proud Daddy David, Proud Grandpa John, and of course 3-day-old Avery Lynne, celebrating baby Avery's homecoming on Feb. 14. Momma Georgia took the picture.



Frankie Russell sent us this photo of daughter and her son: After about 10 minutes of taking pictures, mom is continuing to enjoy the moment, but little Jaidyn, 1, starts to look at everything except the camera. He obliges his mother and doesn't cry, but he is really ready to stop taking pictures.



Joan Hendricks and daughter Samantha, 5, enjoying a 'great big hug.'



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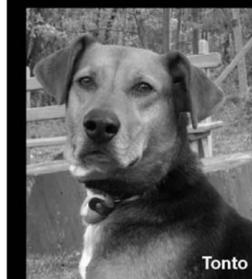
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THURSDAY/MAY 6

Pyramid Concert. 7 p.m. at James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. The JMHS Wind Symphony in concert with Thoreau Middle School bands. b.klim@cox.net or 703-242-8724.

FRIDAY/MAY 7

Jerry's Girls. 8 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Music by Jerry Herman from 'Hello Dolly,' 'Mame' and more. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-790-9223 or www.ticketmaster.com.

A Grand Night for Singing. 8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A revue of hit Broadway show songs. \$14, \$12 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Michelle Shocked and The Roadworks All-Stars. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. jamminjava.com.

Luuu at the Teen Center. 4 p.m. at Club Phoenix Teen Center, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. For Vienna area 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Free. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

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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SATURDAY/MAY 8

McLean Orchestra Concert: Reformation. 8 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Brahms, Tragic Overture in D minor Op. 81; Mendelssohn, Violin Concerto in E minor featuring Concertmaster Nurit Bar-Josef of the National Symphony Orchestra; Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 5 "The Reformation." 703-893-8646 or www.mclean-orchestra.org.

Pleasant Grove 24th Annual Spring Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Historic Pleasant Grove Church, 8641 Lewinsville Rd., McLean. Food, fun and history including a plant sale, live music, antique treasures and homespun crafts for sale, museum tours, barbecue and homemade baked goods. 703-893-9075 or www.historicpleasantgrove.org.

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Boys Will Be Boys, The Love Light and The Five One. 5:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

Olympia Dukakis performs a concert version 'Rose.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Playwright Martin Sherman's portrait of an 80-year-old Jewish woman on a park bench. Pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, on the Center's Grand Tier III at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$22-\$44, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Asian Fair. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Dragon and Lion dances, Asian foods, workshops on Asian cooking and Chinese language, craft and business booths, children's world, parade and more. Free admission. 703-868-1509 or www.AsianFairDC.org.

Virginia Land To Sea. 2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. A tour of Virginia through song and story with CShells music. All ages. 703-293-6227.

Demystifying the Naturalization Process. 2 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Gloria Williams-Brevard of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in partnership with Senator Mark Warner's office will discuss and answer questions about naturalization. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension will answer gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Bob Brown Puppets. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Stories and puppets. All Ages. 703-790-8088.

'The Last Five Years.' 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A contemporary song cycle about a marriage, from meeting to breakup. \$30 adults, \$20 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/years.

The Grandsons. 5-7 p.m. outdoors at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Mixed rock. Free. 703-288-9505.

Yard Sale and Bake Sale to support Boy Scout Troop 1539. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Vienna Aquatic Club, 625 Marshall Road, Vienna. Sue.Newman@qinetiq-na.com.

Church-family Yard Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. Household items, electronics, books, pictures,

furniture, glassware, and jewelry. No clothes or automotive equipment. www.CharlesWesleyUMC.org.

The Smart Split: Legal Aspects of Separation & Divorce. 10 a.m. at McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. \$45 nonmembers, \$35 members. Register at 703-281-2657 or www.thewomenscenter.org.

Mother's Day Workshop for Children. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Create a special gift for mom. Age 3-5 at 10 a.m., age 6-8 at 12 p.m. and age 9-12 at 2 p.m. \$35 per child. Register at 703-319-3971 or www.viennaartsociety.org.

Friends of Homeless Animals Variety Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. Antiques, clothing, jewelry, art, china and crystal, silver, luggage, books, movies, small appliances, small furniture and more. Donations for the Variety Sale will be collected on 1-9 p.m. on Friday, May 7. www.foha.org.

Vale Art Show and Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Historic Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. More than 120 works by nine local artists. www.valearts.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 9

Washington Symphonic Brass in the Wild West. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Music from Dances with Wolves, Copeland's Rodeo and Grand Canyon Suite, John Williams's Cowboy, and more. Adults \$20, seniors \$15, under age 18 free. 866-962-7277 or www.wsbrass.com.

Aqualung and Krista Polvere. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. jamminjava.com.

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Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel. 7 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A free Young Artists Musicales will be at 6 p.m. in the Concert Hall lobby, with piano students grades 3-12, and winners of the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association Honors Recitals, performing short pieces. \$19-\$38. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or at cfa.gmu.edu.

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2010 MCC Governing Board Election
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Our Daily Bread Charity Golf Tournament. 1 p.m. at South Riding Golf Club, 43237 Golf View Drive, South Riding. \$125 registration fee includes a full round of golf, driving range, golf cart, drink cart, hors d'oeuvres and dinner and a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit Our daily Bread's programs to assist low-income families in Fairfax. Contact 703-273-8829 or www.our-daily-bread.org.

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Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2. jamminjava.com.

Estate Planning Workshop. 10 a.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss wills, trusts, taxes, and probate. Free. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Lighters and Matches are for Grownups Only. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. A puppet show by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department on fire safety. Age 4-7 with adult. 703-938-0405.

Woof, and Paws: Read to a Dog. 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Read with a reading therapy dog. Call to sign up. Age 6-12 with an adult. 703-938-0405.

In My Backyard. 10:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Stories and activities. All ages 703-790-8088.

TUESDAY/MAY 11

Joey Ryan, Ian Axel and Matt Duke. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 at the door. jamminjava.com.

Vienna at Your Service Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. S., Vienna. Vienna native Ted Thomas will discuss African-American history in the community and the five historic cemeteries within the town limits. Participants are asked to register with the Parks and Recreation Department. 703-255-6360.

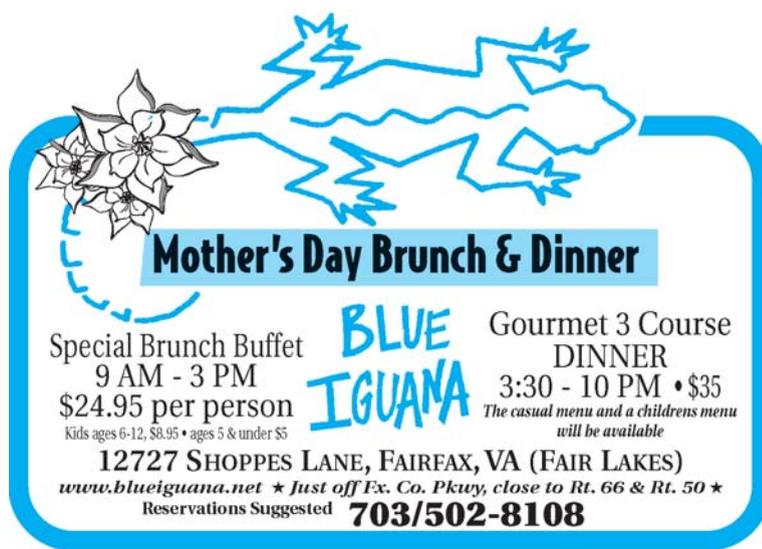
James Madison High School Chamber Music Concert. 7 p.m. at JMHS, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. A variety of pieces for solo and small ensembles. b.klim@cox.net or 703-242-8724.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 12

The Mick Taylor Band. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. jamminjava.com.

Kite Flying at the Teen Center. 4 p.m. at Club Phoenix Teen Center, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. For Vienna area 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Free. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Rock-a-Bye Baby. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Rhymes, stories and songs. Birth-12 months with adult. 703-938-0405.



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Cinco de Mayo Festival
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Macdonald Scholarship Competition
 Tuesday, May 18, 8 p.m.
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COUNTY BRIEFS

Fairfax Housing Market Update

❖ There were 715 foreclosures in Fairfax County in February, down from 725 the month before. The county reports that 115 properties came out of foreclosure in February but 105 additional properties went into foreclosure during that month.

A foreclosure in Fairfax stays on the market for approximately four and half months before selling.

❖ The number of active home sales listing in Fairfax dropped approximately 25 percent from February 2009 to February 2010, when there were 4,456 homes on the market.

❖ During the first two months of 2010, a newly built townhouse sold, on average, for more than a newly built single-family home. The median price of a new townhouse during this time was \$738,073

and the median price of a single family home was \$723,567.

❖ New townhouses have seen a 30 percent increase in price during the first two months of 2010 when compared to 2009 figures. New single-family homes have continued to sell for less, dropping 8.6 percent at the beginning of 2010 when compared to 2009.

❖ The number of previously owned single-family homes and townhomes that have sold has increased more than 10 percent since 2009 while the number of newly constructed homes and townhomes has decreased.

Fairfax homes that sold in February spent, on average, half as many days on the market as those that sold during the same month a year earlier.

Parents Facing New Expenses

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According to Bulova, the increase in the sewer service charge is largely to help the county come into compliance with federal government mandates regarding clean water.

IN GENERAL, people and organizations have not objected to the increase in the property tax rate, especially since the average Fairfax taxpayer would owe less than they did last year. Even Republican supervisors supported a hike in the rate, though Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) has objected to the amount of money dedicated to stormwater management in the past.

Where critics of the budget have focused their energy is the vehicle registration fee.

"At the bottom of a recession, you hold the line on taxes and you reduce what you need to reduce," said Cook.

Most Fairfax residents have at least one vehicle, the new \$33 fee will offset the \$26.93 savings the average homeowner will see on their property tax bill, according to Cook.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce also objected to the vehicle registration fee, saying it would hurt local businesses.

"It will have a huge impact on businesses that have a large fleet," said chamber chairman Stuart Mendelsohn, a Republican who used to represent the Dranesville District on the Board of Supervisors.

DEMOCRATS who supported the new fee said the county needs to diversify its tax base. Real estate taxes generate 62.1 percent of the funding for Fairfax's budget and several supervisors said renters and other residents should have to share the local tax burden with property owners.

"I don't think all of our revenue

should be derived from property taxes. Cars are also an expense to the county. For example, police have to take time to deal with car accidents and car-related thefts," said Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence).

But at least one Democrat, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), also criticized his former colleagues on the Board of Supervisors for bringing back the vehicle registration fee. As county chairman, the congressman led the effort to abolish the fee a few years ago.

Fairfax County does not intend to bring back the decal that was attached to the vehicle registration fee, so there is no justification for the payment, said Connolly.

"There is no rationale for this fee. Without the decal, it is a fee on nothing. Why not tax us for the air that we breathe?" said Connolly, who is running for reelection this fall.

In public meetings and through e-mails, Bulova said Fairfax residents were overwhelmingly interested in expanding the county's sources of tax revenue.

"We heard from the public and they expressed support for bringing back the vehicle registration fee," said Bulova.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS may need to brace themselves for more out of pocket expenses.

The supervisors allocated approximately 53 percent of its \$3.3 billion general fund to Fairfax County Public Schools leaving the school system with about \$16 million less from the county than it received last year.

"It would have been my preference to at least get level funding, especially when we have seen an increase of 1,000 students this year," said Fairfax School Board President Kathy Smith (Sully).

The School Board is likely to vote to keep the elementary band and strings programs and not to increase the average class size at

a time when some elementary school teachers are coping with groups of 30 or more children.

But the School Board, which will finalize the schools' budget in May, is also likely to implement a \$100 athletic fee per student per sport in high schools and a \$75 fee for each Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam a student takes. An exception will be made for low-income families who cannot afford the extra charges, said Smith.

Parents who choose to enroll children in elementary school gifted and talented centers, when they have classes for gifted students — called "local level IV services" — offered at their base school may also lose transportation services, said Smith.

THOUGH FAIRFAX received an unexpected \$61 million in extra funding from Virginia, the money can largely not be used to cover school programs that are facing reductions this year.

Smith said \$45 million of the extra funding from the Commonwealth will have to be put aside to address future payments into the Virginia Retirement System for teachers and staff. McDonnell and the Virginia General Assembly managed to balance the state budget — and allocated Fairfax schools the extra \$61 million — largely by foregoing payments to the public employees' retirement fund over the next two years.

The governor has said the Commonwealth, as well as Fairfax County Public Schools, should expect to "make up" for the two years of missed payments by paying the owed money back into the system over the next decade.

"We have to put that money in a reserve because we get the great opportunity to pay that money back over the next 10 years at 7.5 percent interest. We are going to need the revenue to pay for that," said Smith.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/MAY 6

Training on Personal Care for Older Adults. 7 p.m. at Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. Family caregivers can learn the proper way to provide physical and emotional care to an older adult from a nurse educator including bathing, turning, assisting with movement and feeding. \$30. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. 703-324-5432 or caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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.

MONDAY/MAY 10

Vienna Town Council Public Hearing on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, 127 Center St. S., Vienna. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at www.viennava.gov, at Town Hall, and at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge at Town Hall, and the entire budget document may be purchased. 703-255-6350.

TUESDAY/MAY 11

Tyson's Corner Kiwanis Club Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 229A 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Clare Kiley, Deputy Director of the McLean Community Center, will speak about volunteer opportunities. Meeting is public. www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org

NARFE Vienna-Oakton Chapter 1116 Monthly Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Speakers will be Senator Chap Peterson and Delegate Mark Keam. Contact Shirley Keyes at 703-698-1838.

Telephone Support Group for Caregivers of Older Adults. 7 p.m. Discussion topic: Working with Home Health Agencies. Share experiences, gain support and get important information without having to travel. Sponsored by Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices or 703-324-7948.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 12

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-768-4841.

Seminars for Family Caregivers: Managing Care for a Difficult Older Adult. 7 p.m. at Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax. Free. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ or 703-324-7948.

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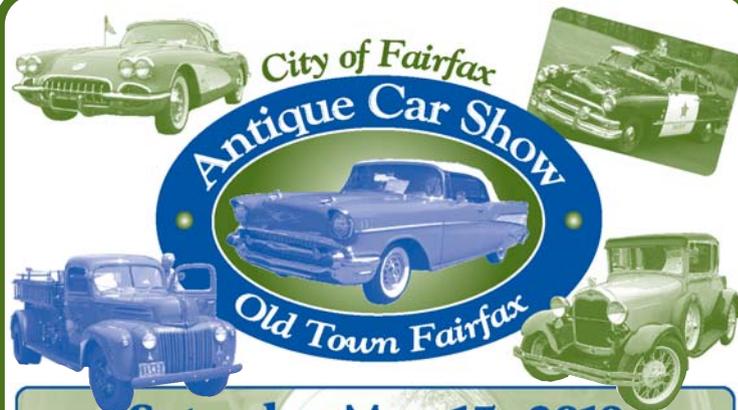


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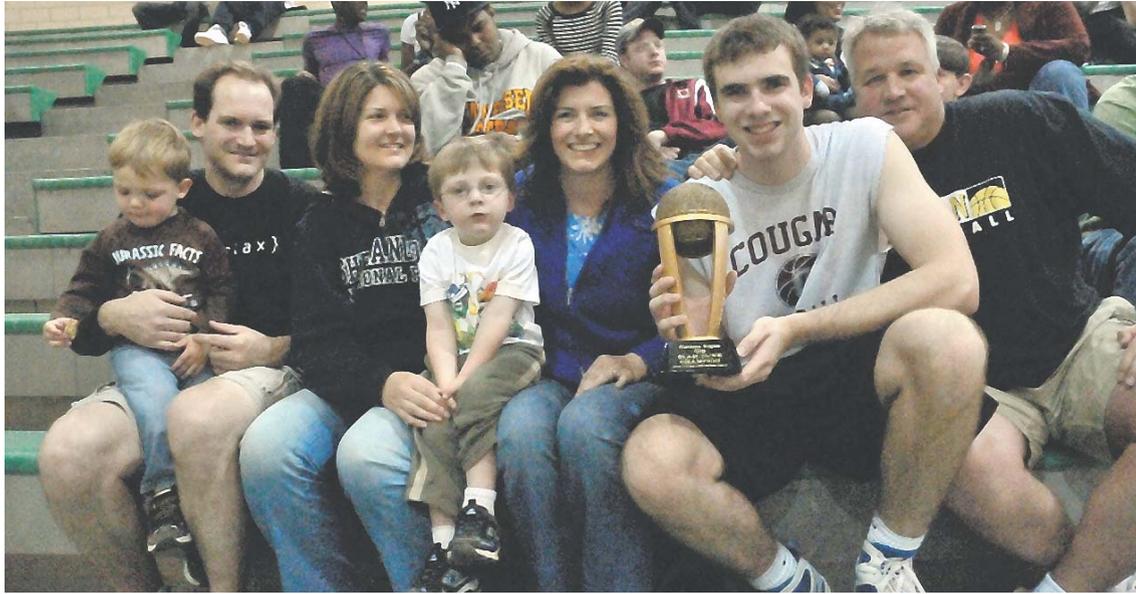
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SCHOOLS



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Oakton's Larsen Wins Dunk Contest

Oakton High School basketball player David Larsen competed in the Dunk Contest against three others that were chosen for the Northern Region All Star Game last Saturday night at Wakefield High School. Larsen won the contest to a standing ovation by the other all stars and the audience. In a picture below, Northern Region All Star Game Dunk Contest champion David Larsen celebrates in the stands with his family: Linda Larsen, Mary Brady, Tom Crescioli and Nate and Beckett and David's father Mike Larsen.

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Camp Teaches Healthy Habits

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for the first time, I felt like I belonged. I fit in.”

TODAY, Meghan Roman and her father, a McLean businessman, own Camp Kingsmont, a 40-year-old, summer, weight-loss camp for children and teens, dedicated to the physical and emotional well-being of overweight children.

The Romans' first order of business was to re-establish the camp as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. At a cost of approximately \$7,000 for an eight-week session, at the low end of cost for specialty camps, Kingsmont offers several scholarships and grants to eligible youngsters. Roman's hope for the future is to create a program accessible to populations of all financial means.

“Next to working with the kids, I love to hire staff,” Roman said. Roman receives 150 applications a year for the camp's 35 positions. Those she hires are mostly college students majoring in nutrition, education or psychology. Many of her staff members are former campers who understand the experience of the campers. “That's what the camp is all about, understanding what the campers are going through,” Roman said.

THE CAMP provides exercise opportunities throughout the day and Roman said the camp tailors programs to demand. Zumba, she said, is a big hit, introduced shortly after Roman took over the camp.

In cooperation with the University of Massachusetts – Amherst psychology department, Kingsmont includes a behavioral therapy program called Connections. Classes are conducted by U.Mass. – Amherst graduate students under the direction of the program's designer, a licensed clinical psychologist on the faculty of U.Mass.

“My whole theory and philosophy of the camp is that we need to socialize these kids and get them into a comfort zone where they can be who they want to be,” Roman said. “When they raise their self-esteem, they're not as focused on food.”

Yorktown High School junior Ethan Gould called his participation at Camp Kingsmont one of the greatest experiences of his life. His father researched weight loss camps when Gould was 13. Like Romans' mother, Gould's father found Kingsmont. At first, the middle-schooler was reluctant to attend the camp. After giving the prospect some thought, Gould agreed to go because he thought

it would be a good experience and his weight was not where he wanted it to be. He wanted to change his attitude about weight. In five weeks, Gould lost 25 pounds. He returned to Kingsmont two years after that because he wanted to lose more weight and because his previous experience there was “a lot of fun.”

At 6 feet tall and weighing 220 pounds, Gould plays for Yorktown's football team. “I learned a lot about nutrition, and I made friends I'm still friends with now. I learned things like instead of going for junk food, go for an apple. I can honestly say Camp Kingsmont changed my life.”

CAMPERS come from all over the United States, from Mexico and Canada, and as far away as Dubai. Florida and Texas send many campers to Kingsmont.

Roman sees several elements that contribute to childhood obesity.

One is the environment the family puts them in, whether it's stress from family situations or simply having too much junk food in the home. It's being behind a com-

puter or television screen daily and not getting outside for exercise. Some youngsters suffer from low self-esteem and eat more to compensate. Other children have no problems and are active but still cannot control their weight.

Parents are pulled into the equation with guidance on instilling a healthy lifestyle in their children. “It's not a problem that kids fix on their own,” said Roman. “It's a problem a family fixes together. I would tell parents to find something their kid loves to do outside, something active, that the parent can enthusiastically support.”

In her work as a teacher, Roman said it pains her to see children going down the same road she went down. “I want to be able to help kids go down a different road so they don't have to go through what I did.” In every camper, Roman sees a bit of her former self.

“Teaching is something I'll always do,” said Roman. “Working with kids is something I was born to do.”

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SPORTS

Wins Keep Coming For Madison Girls' Soccer

Warhawks have already recorded six shutout victories this spring.

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THE CONNECTION

A year ago, the Madison High girls' soccer team was right on the brink of being one of the top teams in the Northern Region. But the Warhawks, it seemed, were just a step shy or one big goal away from becoming an elite club.

But all of the close losses and near misses from 2009 have turned into victories over this current 2010 season. Following a 4-1 Liberty District home win over Jefferson on Monday, May 3, Madison carried a 10-1 overall record and continued its winning ways in a season which has seen the Warhawks emerge as a true region contender.

"I think this year as opposed to maybe last year they believe they can compete with any team in the region," said Grant Massey, the Madison head coach. "Last year, we lost [several] close games late. This year, the girls believe they can win those games."

The 2009 Warhawks finished quite respectably with a record over the .500 mark. Madison reached the Liberty District semifinals before losing to Woodson. Then, at the 16-team regionals, the Warhawks saw their season end with a 2-1 first round loss to a Chantilly team that went on to capture both the region and state AAA titles.

"We gave Chantilly everything they could handle in that game," said Massey.

Things have clicked this season for a talented, hard-working Madison team that has received outstanding senior leadership and played with a passion indicative of its desire to do great things this spring.

The Warhawks, who prior to the Jefferson game had not played since April 22 as a result of a bye week, are next scheduled to play a district road contest at South Lakes on Friday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Then, next week, Madison will wrap up its regular season schedule with games against visiting Annandale on Tuesday, May 11, and at Marshall on Thursday, May 13. The district tournament will begin in two weeks.

Madison's lone loss came on April 12 to visiting district opponent Stone Bridge, 3-1. Since then, Massey's club has won three straight games — victories over Osbourn Park, 5-0, McLean, 4-2, and Jefferson.

Massey credits his four senior team captains with setting the tone for this winning campaign. Those players are midfielders Sami Kuykendall and Kate Murphy, and defenders Annmarie Irwin and Katie Grasso.

"All four have worked hard and are respected by the rest of the team," said Massey, of the captains. "But also our five other seniors, who could also be captains, have shown leadership."

Those other senior team members are midfielder Katie Suranovic, forward Allison Yeates, forward Colleen Dooley, defender Claire Krejci and midfielder Juli Myers.

"We have a good group of seniors this season," said Massey. "They have a lot of fun but they know when



PHOTO COURTESY/MADISON SOCCER
The Madison High girls' soccer team, with the regular season drawing to a close, have put together an impressive 9-1 overall record this spring.

it's time to get serious about the game. All the players [on the team] get along and support and encourage one another."

MADISON, 4-1 in the district, received first half scores from sophomore forward Shaydah Naraghi and Kuykendall, off a free kick assist by Murphy, to take a 2-0 halftime lead in Monday's win over Jefferson. A goal by junior forward Belle Tunstall gave the Warhawks a 3-0 lead in the second half before the Colonials got onto the scoreboard with 12 minutes remaining to get within 3-1. But with five minutes left, Madison's Eliza Browning scored off a header shot to all but put the game out of reach. Browning, a junior midfielder, was the 11th Madison player to have scored a goal this season.

Madison, Massey said, is perhaps not as talented overall as some other teams in its district or across the region.

"Don't get me wrong, though, we have good soccer players," he said. "They're hard working and have been able to capitalize on opportunities and score."

Seven of the team's nine wins have come by shutout. Over 10 games, the Warhawks' defense has allowed only six goals. Key defensive players have included Irwin, Krejci, Grasso and sophomore Vivian Le.

One of the team's best seasons has come from junior goalie Nadia Shebaro, who started most of last year and has followed that up with a stellar current season.

"She's been a pleasant surprise," said Massey, of Shebaro's play this season. "She doesn't get too down and learns from her mistakes. She's a very good shot blocker and makes good reaction saves. She understands the positioning of where she needs to be in relation to the rest of the team."

On offense, Madison's top scorers have been Tunstall (eight goals) and Kuykendall (six). Nine other players have found the net as well this season.

"We have pretty balanced scoring," said Massey. "It has come from a lot of people."

Four of Madison's players have committed to play the sport at the collegiate level next year — Kuykendall (Virginia Commonwealth University), Irwin (Cornell University), Krejci (Cornell) and Murphy (Mount St. Mary's in Maryland).

SPORTS ROUNDUP



PHOTO COURTESY/MADISON SOFTBALL

Madison's Khristin Kylo (2) slides into home plate during the Warhawks' 10-3 softball win over visiting Bishop O'Connell last Saturday night. Kylo, Madison's shortstop, had three hits in the win.

Behind the superb pitching of Sam Brady and a potent offensive attack, the Madison High girls' softball team defeated private school opponent Bishop O'Connell, 10-3, Saturday night, May 1 in Vienna.

Both teams have numerous starters back from last year when Madison defeated the Knights, so the packed house at Madison was anticipating a great game. Brady pitched a gem, giving up only five hits, three of which came in the last inning when the game was out of reach. The only mark on the scoreboard for the Knights came the result of a three-run home run in the top of the seventh. Prior to that, the Warhawks had held a 10-0 lead. Brady struck out six and walked two. She was supported by an outstanding defense behind her.

At the plate, EmJ Fogel continued hot hitting from the leadoff position by singling twice and hitting a sacrifice fly. Khristin Kylo had three hits and an RBI and Kaila Conlon also knocked around three base hits. Toni MacReynolds drove in three runs. Laura Wolff also had a good night at the plate with two hits, while outfielder Steph Buchko, who made a sensational catch on a ball hit into right center field, added two RBIs. Other contributors for the Warhawks were Alexa Fleming (one hit, one RBI) and first baseman Ally Grasso (two hits, including a double, two RBI). Madison had 15 hits in all in improving to 11-2 overall.

A night earlier, Fogel had three hits, including a double, to lead the way in Madison's 13-1 win over district opponent Fairfax. Conlon, continuing her hot hitting, belted a two-run home run and finished the night with three RBIs. Kylo, meanwhile, reached base three times.

Sam Brady had a hit and drove in a run while teammates Ally Grasso, Nina Waters, and Michelle Mittel also added hits in the well-balanced offensive attack.

Brady showed why she's considered to be one of the top pitchers in the Northern Region by allowing only two hits while striking out 10 with no walks.

Earlier last week, on April 20, Madison defeated local district rival Marshall, 7-2, at home. The loss snapped a six-game win streak for the Statesmen, who jumped out ahead in the top of the first inning on a two-run single by senior pitcher Christine Grilliot. Madison answered in the bottom of the first with two runs. The highlight was an RBI double from Conlon. Brady, the Warhawk pitcher, allowed just two hits after the first inning and finished with 13 Ks. Kylo contributed two hits while Laura Wolff and MacReynolds also had hits. Michelle Mittel, running for pitcher Sam Brady, had a key stolen base against tough Marshall catcher, Michelle Tilson, to spark a rally late in the game.

Madison, 7-1 in district play, had a six game winning streak going into this week's action. During the streak, the Warhawks have scored 10 or more runs in five of the games. On the mound, Brady has racked up 62 strikeouts.

Christine Grilliot connected for four base hits, including a pair of doubles, to lead the Marshall High girls' softball team to a 14-0 win over Jefferson on April 17. The game was the Statesmen's final contest of the Hayfield Tournament, a round robin showcase that had begun with games over the spring break. Marshall.

OBITUARY

Ross DeWitt Netherton

Ross DeWitt Netherton, 91, died peacefully in his Arlington home early Friday morning, April 30, 2010. He was born in Chicago, Ill. Nov. 6, 1918, to parents Ross Dewitt Netherton and Orra Faxon Netherton. Growing up, he attended the University of Chicago's Lab School. He attended the University of Chicago, earning degrees in history, political science and a JD; University of Michigan and SJD from University of Wisconsin both for law degrees. He taught law at Chicago-Kent College of Law and American University's Washington School of Law (Professorial Lecturer 1950-1959).

A WWII Army veteran, Netherton served for years of active duty, part of his time spent in the China, Burma, and India theater, (931st Signal Battalion) followed by 27 years in the Army Reserve, retiring as a colonel in 1973. He was an active member in the Burma Star Association, organizing the First American Branch in 2000. More recently, Netherton organized and conducted a semi-monthly Military History Forum in Falls Church.

Netherton was retired from a career of conducting and administering research and writing programs in academic, governmental, private sector, and consultative organizations. His main fields of expertise had been in transportation and land-use planning law, environmental law, historic preservation, and local history. He has published, lectured, and consulted in a professional career of more than 40 years. He has designed and managed scholarly and applied research and writing programs for national organizations, the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Transportation, the National Research Council, The American Bar Association, and Congressional study commissions; and he has served as an advisor for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

In Northern Virginia, he and his wife, Nan Netherton, had co-edited the first Fairfax County Directory: A Civic-Government Handbook in 1957. Later, they co-authored histories of Arlington County and Fairfax County. Individually, he had written monographs published by the Fairfax County Planning Department on the Fairfax Courthouse, the Colvin Run Mill, and Green Spring Farm. Most recently he has co-authored a regional history of Virginia between the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers titled In The Path of History. He was an honorary life member of the Falls Church Historical Commission, a member of the Northern Virginia Association of Historians, and he had received awards and professional recognition for his research and writings and lifetime contributions to the preservation of history.

He is survived by his sons, David Netherton (Concord, Mass.), and Richard Netherton (Falls Church), and daughter, Nancy Netherton Stelling (Richmond), five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be planned for early June 2010.

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Agency: Department of Defense

Summary: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 USC 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 4715.9, Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) gives notice that an EA has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the construction of a new Pentagon Emergency Response Center (PERC).

The overall purpose of the proposed action is to provide a new facility for 54 personnel associated with three divisions of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA). PFPA personnel are currently located in temporary facilities within the Pentagon Reservation. The proposed action would provide consolidated, long-term PFPA facilities within a two-story building to be constructed in the southeastern corner of the Pentagon Reservation. The planned location of the building is currently a gravel lot within the Pentagon's Heating and Refrigeration Plant.

The No-Action Alternative would not construct the new facility and would leave the site as a gravel pad. The PFPA employees would continue to work at temporary facilities on the Reservation until the trailer leases expire in 2012. At that time WHS would need to locate alternative temporary facilities to house emergency response operations.

Based on the analysis presented in the EA and coordination with state and local regulatory agencies, the proposed project is not expected to result in any significant adverse effects or impacts on the natural or human environment.

Where FONSI May Be Reviewed: The FONSI can be reviewed at the following location:

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Washington Headquarters Services
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Salad Daze



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The dictionary defines "salad days" as the "time of youth, innocence and inexperience." For a cancer patient (yours truly), who has changed his eating habits, almost entirely (I give myself a B-) to incorporate fruits and vegetables, greens in general, and salad in particular, instead of merely consuming his daily bread, there is no more ironic characterization of time than this column's title. And I'm eating salad because my "time of youth, innocence and inexperience" is long gone. It left March 5, 2009, when my oncologist explained to me (and Team Lourie) exactly what my stage IV lung cancer diagnosis meant, statistically speaking: I was now life-expectancy-challenged, to put it mildly; that is, with a "p.c." spin on it.

And "correct," with respect to my consumption, is what I've tried to be. I'm attempting to follow a PH-balance-changing regimen to consume a great deal more alkaline foods than acidic foods, thereby altering (hopefully) my blood chemistry; the theory being that cancer cells, which we all have as part of our DNA, figuratively speaking (maybe even literally for all I know/understand), cannot exist in an alkaline environment. In effect/theory, making one's internal combustion engine a less hospitable environment/host to these life-threatening cells, and to extend my prognosis/life in the process, beyond its current 13-months-to-two-years time frame.

And so, salad, sometimes days, more so nightly and on the weekends, is now a primary part of my food for thought. These days, I spend more time in the produce section of the supermarket than I do in any other aisle. Not that I've become the least bit knowledgeable (actually I have become the least bit knowledgeable), but I have become more inclined and quite frankly, likely, to wander through this section first (and foremost) to take in the sights – and smells – and to see if there are any items that meet my still extremely narrow window of eating opportunity. (Organic is even better, I've been advised.)

No more can I cookie-cake-candy-ice cream-soft drink my way through the supermarket. In fact, I haven't had an Oreo Cookie (Double Stuf) in so long, that I'm no longer sure how to spell "Stuf." Still, I wander through those aisles, too (I'd be lying if I said, occasionally), taking inventory, so to speak (sort of as a peculiar way to motivate/discipline myself) and to semi dip my toe back in the sugar-consuming water. But I have enough intestinal fortitude now, to not indulge in my former eating fantasies. (To be honest, I'm not a saint, but neither am I the sinner I once was.) It's extremely difficult, though. Almost all the foods (or the category of foods) that I misspent my youth – and life – eating, and love still: sugar, dairy, pasta, potatoes, rice, bread, beef/veal/pork/turkey are acidic and thus, out, at least to the extent/percentage theorized (30 percent of your calories) in this alkaline/acidic, cancer-affecting discussion/debate.

As my new consuming passion then, no longer am I eating/drinking all the friendly-to-cancer "ingestibles" that I have been for the past 50 years (certainly nowhere near the frequency or ferocity, that's for sure). Is it helping? I don't think it's hurting. Is it proactive? Yes, in a reactive-to-my-diagnosis kind of way. Am I doing better than my oncologist expected? Yes! (See column titled "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," 4/21/2010 for comparison.) Is my prognosis different now in year two? No. Can I live with the consequences of these most recent actions? Happily so, and hopefully for years beyond the original diagnosis. Are there any guarantees? Just one: "No one gets out of this life alive." So said, Ceil Lourie, my mother, many times. (For her sake, thank God she died before my diagnosis.)

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NEWS



The junior class officers at Oakton High School in Vienna present a check for \$4,012.63 to the American Cancer Society. The students raised the money at a spring dance in memory of the classmate Jennifer Dao's sister, Emily, who died of cancer last year at age 20. Pictured, from left, are Sara Iacovino; Sarah Kowarski; Oakton Principal John Banbury; Dave Judy, the Society's Area executive director in Vienna; Jennifer Corser; Ceci Nguyen and Sean Navin.

Oakton Juniors Join Fight against Cancer

Students raise more than \$4,000 for American Cancer Society.

When the junior class officers at Oakton High School decided to raise money for a good cause this year, they didn't have to look outside their group for inspiration. One of their classmates, Brittany Dao, lost her sister, Emily, 20, to cancer last year. Brittany and Emily's sorority sisters at Virginia Tech had founded a fund-raising event, "Down for Dao," and the Oakton High junior class decided to expand the tradition to their school. The juniors at Oakton raised more than \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society with a spring dance in April.

"Traditionally, the junior class officers hold a spring dance to raise money for the junior senior prom," explains Jennifer Corser, president of the Oakton High School Junior Class Council. "This year, since there was already enough money raised for the prom, we decided to hold a fund raiser in memory of Emily Dao. We invited two other area high schools to participate in the spring dance and help us raise money in Emily's memory for the American Cancer Society."

She adds that several of the class officers' parents have either had cancer or are currently battling the disease.

"It is very gratifying and reassuring to see the level of commitment to a cause like fighting cancer that the Oakton High School juniors demonstrated," said Dave Judy, area executive director for the American Cancer Society in Vienna. "We are very grateful to

them for their leadership and for their efforts to help the Society continue to make progress in its mission to eliminate cancer. They set a sterling example for other youth."

The Oakton junior class officers, which include, in addition to Jennifer Corser, Sara Iacovino, Sarah Kowarski, Sean Navin and Ceci Nguyen, made plans to continue the "Down for Dao" fund-raising activity after Emily Dao's death from stomach cancer. They contacted students at two other area schools, Westfield and Chantilly high schools, which are fierce Oakton rivals in sports, to invite them to attend the dance and donate to the "Down For Dao" fund with their ticket purchases. To promote the event, they filmed and distributed a promotional video starring Brittany Dao with background music "Baby Are You Down" by Jay Sean, now posted on YouTube. The juniors also created and sold T-shirts with the message "Baby Are You Down."

The spring dance took place April 10 in the Revercomb Building, which is owned by the Fairfax County Police Association. Members of the association were so impressed by the goal of the group that they waived the \$1,000 rental fee for the facility. Nearly 400 students from the three high schools, dressed in bright neon colors as requested by the Oakton juniors, attended the dance, raising about \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"The students spent hundreds of hours working on this event, and they did it by themselves," said Lindsey Iacovino, the mother of Sara Iacovino. "The parents were really not asked for help until eight of us were asked to chaperone the dance. We are all very proud of our kids' dedication to a great cause and the success of their event."

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