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### Upcoming Events

❖ **First Congenital Heart Walk**, Sept. 12, at George Mason University, 10 a.m., registration opens at 9 a.m. The walk is a joint effort between the Adult Congenital Heart Association and the Children's Heart Foundation. See [www.congenitalheartwalk.org](http://www.congenitalheartwalk.org).

❖ **2010 Northern Virginia**

**Memory Walk and Candlelight Rally** at Reston Town Center, 11921 Freedom Drive in Reston on Sunday, Sept. 26. (a 1 mile walk followed by a candlelight rally). 4 p.m. - Registration Opens; 6 p.m. - Program and Walk Begin; 7 p.m. - Candlelight Rally. Contact: 703-359-4440 or send an email to [memorywalknova@alz.org](mailto:memorywalknova@alz.org)

**ViVa! Vienna!, which runs for three days over Memorial Day weekend, features hundreds of vendors, food treats, live entertainment, children's activities and amusement rides.**



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## Vienna Festivals Celebrate Community

**Festivities highlight the seasons.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**S**omething fun-filled and family-oriented is always going on in Vienna, thanks to the many special events, some expansive in scope, that take place throughout the year.

On the Wednesday morning before Halloween, it's not unusual to see blankets and folding chairs lined up down Maple Avenue. It's not a community-wide yard sale. It's people setting up location to watch the Halloween parade, in which the spooky and festive merge.

Historic Vienna, Inc. kicks off the holiday season with a stroll down Church Street, highlighted by a visit from Santa Claus, arriving in an antique fire truck.

ViVa! Vienna! maintains its panache as a three-day extravaganza over Memorial Day weekend, while Oktoberfest celebrates the autumn with music, children's activities, vendors and food and drink.

More special events include the egg roll on the lawn of Freeman House and the Walk on the Hill, both sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc.

"I love the sense of community that we have here," said Anne Stuntz of Historic Vienna, Inc. "Even though we are a big town, and an even bigger Vienna-metropolitan area, Vienna has such a sense of place. Vienna has worked to keep and encourage that sense of place, in so many ways."

"The heart of Vienna is its history, with the 1859 Freeman House Store and Museum right there by the Town Green, the 1874 Presbyterian Chapel, the 1894 Pennywise building, and the wonderful caboose and train depot," said Stuntz.

"I love the concerts on the Town Green, July 4th festivities, the Halloween Parade, the Christmastime Church Street Stroll, April's Walk on the Hill through



**Taking place rain or moonlight the Wednesday before Halloween, the annual Vienna Halloween Parade draws thousands of visitors who line Maple Avenue watching floats, bands, dancers, tiny cars, horses and marching children pass by. The 64th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade, on Oct. 27, is co-sponsored by the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Vienna.**

the Windover Historic District, Viva!Vienna!, and everything else life in Vienna offers," Stuntz said.

**VIVA! VIENNA!** Memorial Day weekend is sponsored by Rotary Club of Vienna in cooperation with the

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## Welcome

**T**his issue of the Connection includes our annual Newcomers and Community Guide.

Through narrative, listings, viewpoints and photographs, we endeavor to capture what it means to live here, highlights of places to visit and things to do, a snapshot of local history, help finding community resources and tips on adjusting to living here.

If you are new to the area, you'll find resources and ideas on these pages and on our Web site, [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com). Even some longtime residents may not have visited some of the key places in and nearby their community.

We offer many more resources on our Web site.

There you will find the complete community guides for each of our 15 papers, including more extensive listings than appear in the newspapers.

You can also access the print edition of each of our papers online, showing each page exactly as it appears in the paper, including cover, photos, display ads and classified advertising. Go to [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com), and click on "Print Editions" in the red bar.

As a locally owned, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to bring the news you need about your community, to give you the information you need to enjoy the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones and events in community and people's lives.

**AT THE CONNECTION**, we invite newcomers to the area and long-time residents alike to be a part of providing more reader input. Let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, call or send us an e-mail.

We invite you to send letters



Mary Kimm

to the editor or to send an email letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage, and suggestions for improvement.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or something you have a question about, give us a call, or drop us a line. If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, we are looking for people to feature each week.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes of a variety of personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries. We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc.

Email us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all of the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos. Events for our calendars should be free or at nominal cost and open to the public. In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers.

I look forward to hearing from you.

— MARY KIMM.

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## New to Fairfax County?

The Fairfax County website provides excellent resources to help get acclimated, including registering to vote, licensing animals, local rules about trash and recycling, libraries, parks, schools, the Department of Motor Vehicles and more: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/newtofairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/newtofairfax)

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### What do you enjoy doing the most in Vienna?

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**Mary Ellen Larkins,**  
glass artist, Vienna

“My favorite thing is going to any store or walking around Vienna, and seeing and saying hello to so many people that I know. I love going to ViVa! Vienna! That has been going on for years and years. The Halloween Parade is one of my favorite events. When our children were younger, they just could not wait for the parade.

Also, my children loved the Fourth of July events at the Community Center and the fireworks. I miss the fireworks at the Community Center and since they have been moved, it is not the same.

Certainly, I like the Farmer's Market and try to go



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whenever I am home and not doing shows.

I enjoy walking in Vienna and I could walk to the library, community center, and other places, especially since I live on Church Street and I am so close to everything. When my mother-in-law lived with us, it was especially nice for an elderly woman to be able to walk and get her sandwich, bring it to the community center to play cards and then walk back home. She was in her 80s when she did this. She also could catch a bus to Tysons mall and walk around there when the weather was bad.”

**Cindy Stewart,**  
nonprofit volunteer,  
Vienna



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“I most enjoy learning about the history of Vienna, especially the Civil War era, through local events. These have included a fascinating Civil War tour led by the Hunter Mill Defense League, a local authors event on the front porch of the Freeman House, and a talk at the Town Hall, hosted by the mayor, on African American history. I admire the fact that the town promotes the study of its past, so as to enrich our understanding of the present.”

**M. Jane Seeman,**  
Mayor,  
Town of Vienna



“My favorite thing about living in Vienna is all the friendly people I meet wherever I go, Town Green, library, shops, Community Center, ballfields, schools and parks. Vienna has the greatest citizens.”

**Deborah Brehony,**  
co-owner J.P. Brehony  
Homes, Vienna



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“I honestly love that I can walk anywhere. I can go a week without getting in my car. I can walk to Caffe Amouri, Bazin's, Whole Foods and meet up with good friends. It's the greatest lifestyle. Every-

thing I need is right in this town.

I go to the Town Green and listen to music free. We go to 5 for \$5 at Whole Foods on Fridays and then cross the street to the Town Green.

The Soundry offers comedy improv classes. The point is you can walk anywhere and do anything in Vienna. It's like a Utopian place to live.”

**Shirley Martin,**  
life-long Vienna resident



DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

“I enjoy seeing old friends and new friends when I go to meetings of the organizations I belong to. I also enjoy the free community events and trips to different places arranged by the very capable people at the Community Center. Having been born and

raised in Vienna and raising my children and a grandchild here makes it a special place for me and, hopefully, I will spend the rest of my life here. I think I like the Oktoberfest most of all the events. The weather is usually more temperate at that time of the year.”

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

**A Mad 5K Run and One Mile Walk** is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive in Vienna. The race will benefit the James Madison High School track team and raise money for a new track/cross country facility. Awards will be presented to the top 3 male and female finishers, as well as age group awards. Entry fee is \$15 for students, \$20 for adults. Register at [www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS](http://www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS) or [chasse@fcps.edu](mailto:chasse@fcps.edu).

**Elizabeth J. Hines** of Oakton received a bachelor of science in animal sciences within the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at the University of Vermont at Burlington, Vt.

**Abby Miller** of Oakton has graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University at Marion, Ind.

**Gregory Bowman Farrar** of Oakton has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Hampden-Sydney College. Farrar is a rising junior at the college, a graduate of Oakton High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gre-

gory N. Farrar of Oakton.

McLean residents **Maurice Winter** and **Nathaniel Fieger** have completed the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's Jewish Youth Philanthropy Program. Winter is a student at McLean High School and attends Congregation Beth Emeth. Fieger is a student at Madison High School.

**Eric Noll** has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Gettysburg College of Gettysburg, Pa.

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# Tysons Corner: Five Years From Now

Metro won't bring "overnight change" to Fairfax's largest commercial district.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**E**lected officials, real estate developers and residents often talk about the transformational effect four new subway stations will have on Tysons Corner, the metropolitan region's largest commercial district.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors predicts the Metrorail access will help move Tysons from a primarily business-only area to a true urban downtown – where people want to live, work and entertain themselves.

Real estate developers and the supervisors insist the Metro stations, coupled with an urban approach to land use, will change the Tysons landscape. But the total overhaul could take decades to achieve.

The new Tysons metro stations are not expected to open for at least another two years and several redevelopment efforts won't get underway until after the new Metro line is up and running.

In the short term, many people said the changes in Tysons would, for the most part, be more subtle. The following is what some "people in the know" said they expect Tysons Corner to look like in five years:

**Walter Alcorn, Fairfax County Planning Commissioner (At-large)**

Five years might be too short of timeline to expect any major changes on the development front in Tysons Corner," said Alcorn.

"Tysons will look mostly like it does now except for the rail running down the middle of it," he said.

There are a few projects that have already gone through or are near the end of the county approval process and could be partially up and running in five years, said the planning commissioner.

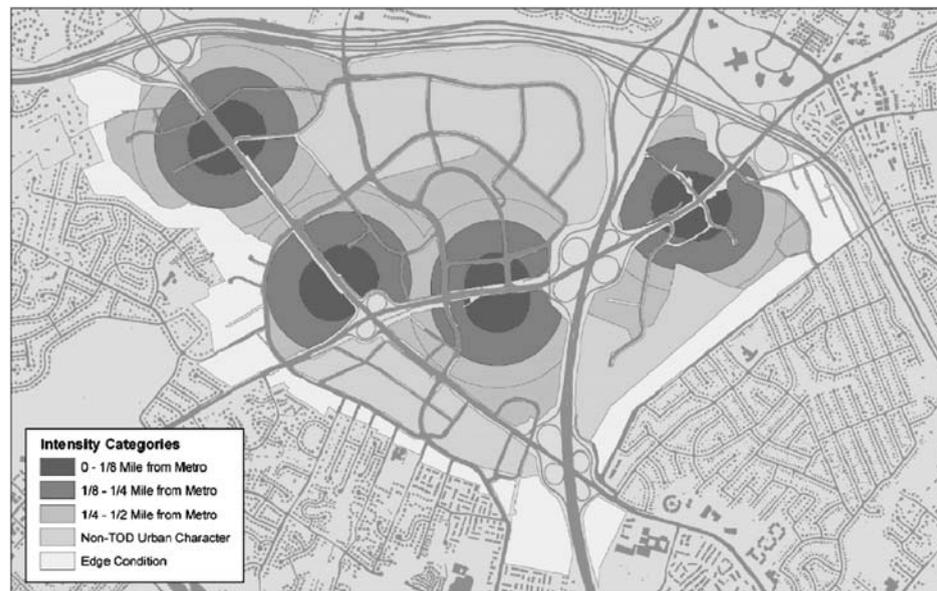
The Georgelas Group may have opened a few buildings on their 28-acre site at Spring Hill Road and Route 7. Lerner Enterprises could have developed the property on Tysons Boulevard next to the Tysons Galleria. Owners of the Tysons Corner Center also have the ability to add density to their site, said Alcorn.

"Here we are talking about three or four buildings and Tysons has hundreds of buildings. Even when the market is strong, a place as large and complex as Tysons will not change overnight," said Alcorn.

"It has taken 45 years for Tysons to get where it is now. Five years is not nearly long enough to change the built landscape," he added.

**Ted Georgelas, The Georgelas Group**

Big change will come to at least one section of Tysons Corner if Georgelas, manager at The Georgelas Group, has a say in the matter.



As shown in this conceptual intensity map, density in the redeveloped Tysons Corner is to be arranged around the four coming Metro stops, with allowable density decreasing further from the stations.

The real estate developer's company owns 28 acres near the corner of Spring Hill Road and Route 7, including the area directly adjacent to the Tysons West Metro station.

In five years, Georgelas expects at least two apartment buildings with 800 living units, one office building with 500,000 square-feet of space and a hotel with 300 rooms to open on that property.

"The change will be overwhelming and dramatic. There will be one large, iconic office building that has been integrated into the Metro stop and two rental properties next to it," said the developer, who plans to put 15 buildings on the site into total.

**Linda Smyth, Providence Supervisor**

In five years, Smyth expects the first wave of redevelopment projects in Tysons to be under construction, she said.

"I think we are going to have some cranes out there. Capital One just filed its application. ... Things are looking like they are going to get going," said Smyth.

The supervisor said most of the real estate developers who seem most anxious to start new projects own land very close to the future Metro stations.

With regard to traffic, it is very difficult to say whether the community can expect an improvement in five years. According to Smyth, a lot will depend on whether a circulator system can be implemented in Tysons before that time and whether Fairfax can get bus service along Route 7 between Tysons and Loudoun County.

**Stu Mendelsohn, Former Dranesville Supervisor and Tysons Task Force member**

Mendelsohn anticipates a few office and residential buildings will be open in Tysons Corner five years from now but the largest change to the landscape by far will be the new aboveground rail and stations, he said.

"We will probably have a few new buildings operating but we are not going to have a huge change here in just a few years," said Mendelsohn, a former chairman of the

Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

**Stewart Schwartz, Coalition for Smarter Growth**

At the end of the next five years, Schwartz hopes Tysons Corner will have more sidewalks, ground-floor retail and public amenities like parks.

"I want us to start off with some good examples to give people an idea of where we are headed – toward a pedestrian-friendly, livable and urban environment," said Schwartz.

Schwartz added that he thinks Fairfax will see more residents, particularly empty nesters and retirees, become interested in "downsizing" from their single-family homes to a condominium complex. Large residential developments in Tysons could provide a great opportunity for people who want a smaller living space to stay in the county, he said.

"In five years, I think we will continue to see a trend of people wanting to work and live in walkable communities," said Schwartz.

**Mark Lowham, WestGroup**

In five years, Lowham expects to see large-scale new developments at the east and west ends of Tysons Corner, close to the Tysons East and Tysons West Metro stations.

"I think there will be change at the gateways to Tysons, both east and west," said Lowham, vice president of a real estate company that used to own the largest amount of land in Tysons Corner.

In general, Lowham expects more new buildings to go up near the stations first, particularly on pieces of property that are currently vacant or have buildings that are unoccupied. For example, the Lerner Enterprises property next to the Tysons Galleria and a string of sites on Westpark Drive – which WestGroup used to own — are both likely to be among the first sites with construction, he said.

"You will see significant changes in pockets of Tysons. ... The new transformation

will start at the stations," said Lowham.

Lowham added that a new type of client might be interested in commercial real estate in Tysons once the Metro opens. With convenient access to transit, the U.S. General Services Administration could become interested in locating government offices in Tysons Corner.

A client like the federal government could potentially be a game changer in the Tysons real estate market.

**Billy Thompson, Vienna-Tysons Chamber of Commerce board member**

In five years, Thompson expects Tysons Corner to be less aesthetically attractive because the new Metro rail line will be running above ground and right down the middle of the business district.

"I was a supporter of the tunnel but there really is nothing that can be done about that now," he said.

Other than the new rail stations, Thompson said he doesn't expect to see many other new buildings in Tysons over the next few years. He also thinks traffic will be about as bad as it is now, since very little transit-oriented development will be open for business at that point.

"I think Tysons will pretty much look the same. The big construction isn't going to happen overnight," said Thompson, who lives in Vienna and owns a moving business based in Merrifield.

"The true test won't be in five years. The true test will be in 15 or 20 years," he added.

**Rob Jackson, McLean Citizens Association**

Though the new Metro stations will help with traffic, Jackson does not see the current road congestion improving dramatically over the next five years.

"I think traffic is going to be bad for the foreseeable future," he said.

The extent to which the new Metro line assists with traffic in Tysons Corner and the surrounding areas will depend on what type of support services are in place, according to Jackson.

He is in favor of a proposal to put parking garages around the Metro stations temporarily so that residents have an easy way to get to the station in the early years, when pedestrian and transit options have not been fully developed.

Jackson also supports proposals for bus routes that would link McLean and Vienna neighborhoods to the new stations directly.

**Jerry Gordon, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority**

The number of people living in Tysons should have increased five years from now and the business district should be "showing signs" of turning into a real city, said Gordon.

Tysons full transformation will not take place for a few decades, said Gordon.

"I think we will be all the way there in a generation or a generation and a half," he said.

# INSIDERS GUIDE: SCHOOLS

## Fairfax County High Schools

### TOTAL POPULATION: 52,243

Male	27,070	(51.8%)
Female	25,173	(48.2%)
American Indian/Alaskan	175	(0.3%)
Asian	9,985	(19.1%)
Black	5,469	(10.5%)
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	38	(0.1%)
Hispanic	8,400	(16.1%)
Multiracial	2,443	(4.7%)
Undesignated	114	(0.2%)
White	25,619	(49%)

### SAT SCORES

#### Average:

<b>Critical Reading</b>	<b>552</b>
Asian Students	542
Black Students	472
Hispanic Students	503
White	577

#### Mathematics

<b>569</b>	
Asian Students	604
Black Students	471
Hispanic Students	511
White Students	583

#### Writing

<b>543</b>	
Asian Students	546
Black Students	464
Hispanic Students	491
White Students	564

#### Average ACT Scores:

English	23.5
Mathematics	24.1
Reading	23.9
Science	22.9
Composite	23.7
Number of National Merit Semifinalists	219

### TEST SCORES (2009)

#### Advanced Placement

<b>Total Number of Exams Taken</b>	<b>29,954</b>
By Male Students	14,276
By Female Students	15,678
By Asian Students	8,152
By Black Students	1,165
By Hispanic Students	1,524
By White Students	17,609
By "Other" Students	1,504

<b>Average Score (Scale of 1 to 5, with 3 as passing)</b>	<b>3.27</b>
By Male Students	3.36
By Female Students	3.19
By Asian Students	3.25
By Black Students	2.58
By Hispanic Students	2.99
By White Students	3.35
By "Other" Students	3.27

<b>Percentage of Exams With A Score of "3" Or Higher</b>	<b>71</b>
By Male Students	73
By Female Students	68
By Asian Students	70
By Black Students	48
By Hispanic Students	60
By White Students	73
By "Other" Students	71

Number of Students With A Score of 3 Or Higher On Three Exams	2,026
Number of Students With An Average Score of 3.25 On All Exams And With A 3 Or Higher On Four Exams	968
Number of Students With An Average Score of 3.5 On All Exams And With A 3 On Five Exams	1,661
Number of Students With An Average of 4 On All Exams and With A 4 On Eight Exams	292
Most Popular Exam	U.S. Government and Politics (3,987 tests taken)
Least Popular Exam	Studio Art: 3-D Design (28 tests taken)
Exam with the Highest Pass Rate	Computer Science AB (93% of students scored 3 or higher)
Exam with the Lowest Pass Rate	Latin: Vergil (36% of students scored 3 or higher)

#### International Baccalaureate

<b>Total Number of Exams Taken</b>	<b>5,784</b>
By Male Students	2,406
By Female Students	3,378
By Asian Students	1,254
By Black Students	487
By Hispanic Students	582
By White Students	3,141
By "Other" Students	320

<b>Average Test Score</b>	<b>4.23</b>
By Male Students	4.12
By Female Students	4.3
By Asian Students	4.12
By Black Students	3.85
By Hispanic Students	4.2
By White Students	4.33
By "Other" Students	4.23

<b>Percentage Of Exams With A Passing Score (4 or Higher)</b>	<b>75</b>
By Male Students	70
By Female Students	77
By Asian Students	73
By Black Students	61
By Hispanic Students	72
By White Students	78
By "Other" Students	73

Total Number of International Baccalaureate Diplomas Awarded	283
Total Number of Students Who Have Taken An IB Class	3,262
Percentage of Students in IB Schools That Receive An IB Diploma	8.7%
Most Popular Exam	English A1 (925 tests)
Exams Where Fewer Than 10 Tests Were Taken	Arabic, French AB, German AB, Mandarin, Music Composition
Exam With The Highest Pass Rate	Music Group Performance (100%)
Exam With The Lowest Pass Rate	Design Tech. (42%)

## Madison High School

### PRINCIPAL MARK MERRELL

#### Total Population: 1,937

Male	997 (51.5%)
Female	940 (48.5%)
American Indian/Alaskan	9 (0.5%)
Asian	214 (11%)
Black	54 (2.8%)
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 (0.1%)
Hispanic	123 (6.4%)
Multiracial	105 (5.4%)
Undesignated	8 (0.4%)
White	1,422 (73.4%)
Students Who Qualify for Free Lunch or Reduced-Price Lunch	129 (6.7%)

### SCHOOL BUILDING

- ❖ Opened in 1959
- ❖ Expanded in 1965 and 1979
- ❖ Renovated in 2001
- ❖ Built to hold 2,016 students
- ❖ Currently at 96 percent of program capacity

### TEST SCORES

#### Advanced Placement

Students Scoring A 3 Or Higher On Three Exams	120
Students Scoring An Average of 3.25 On All Exams And A 3 On Four Exams	49
Students Scoring An Average of 3.5 On All Exams And A 3 On Five Exams	53
Students Scoring An Average of 4 On All Exams And A 4 On Eight Exams	4

#### Average SAT Scores

Critical Reading	574
Mathematics	589
Writing	567
Number of National Merit Semifinalists	8

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- ❖ Tolerance Education with specialized English and social studies curricula.

## Oakton High School

### PRINCIPAL JOHN BANBURY

#### Total Population: 2,374

Male	1,245 (52.4%)
Female	1,129 (47.6%)
American Indian/Alaskan	11 (0.5%)
Asian	497 (20.9%)
Black	110 (4.6%)
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1 (N/A)
Hispanic	175 (7.4%)
Multiracial	102 (4.3%)
Undesignated	4 (0.2%)
White	1,474 (62.1%)
Students Who Qualify For Free Lunch or Reduced-Price Lunch	211 (9%)

### FAMOUS ALUMNI

- ❖ Serena Deeb - professional wrestler
- ❖ Sean Parker - co-founder of Napster, former president of Facebook
- ❖ Michael Salahi - famous for getting by security and crashing a White House dinner
- ❖ Eugene Chung - former player in the National Football League

### SCHOOL REDISTRICTING

- ❖ The Fairfax County School Board is considering changing the Oakton school boundary in an effort to solve overcrowding at Annandale High School.

### TEST SCORES

#### Advanced Placement

Students Scoring A 3 Or Higher On Three Exams	136
Students Scoring An Average of 3.25 On All Exams And A 3 On Four Exams	55
Students Scoring An Average of 3.5 On All Exams And A 3 On Five Exams	96
Students Scoring An Average of 4 On All Exams And A 4 On Eight Exams	10

#### Average SAT Score

Critical Reading	570
Mathematics	588
Writing	567
Number of National Merit Semifinalists	7

### SCHOOL BUILDING

- ❖ Opened in 1967
- ❖ Expanded in 1992
- ❖ Received minor renovations in 1988
- ❖ Built to hold 2,150 students
- ❖ Currently at 110 percent of program capacity (Overcrowded)

## Marshall High School

### PRINCIPAL JAY PEARSON

#### Total Population: 1,438

Male	733 (51%)
Female	705 (49%)
American Indian/Alaskan	3 (0.2%)
Asian	289 (20.1%)
Black	105 (7.3%)
Hispanic	220 (15.3%)
Multiracial	59 (4.1%)
Undesignated	2 (0.1%)
White	760 (52.9%)
Students Who Qualify For Free Lunch or Reduced-Price Lunch	244 (17.6%)

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- ❖ Marshall Academy specializing in international studies, business, engineering and scientific technology

### TEST SCORES

<b>International Baccalaureate</b>	
Number of IB Diplomas Awarded	84
Number of Students Taking IB Classes	342
Percentage of Graduating Class with IB Diploma	24.6%

#### Average SAT Scores

Critical Reading	548
Mathematics	576
Writing	551
Number of National Merit Semifinalists	5

### SCHOOL BUILDING

- ❖ Opened in 1962
- ❖ Expanded in 1967 and 1983
- ❖ Last renovated in 2009
- ❖ Built to hold 1,490 students
- ❖ Currently at 96 percent of program capacity



**Daniel McClain, Kate Brause, Teresa Maik, Steven Zimmerman, Courtney Herbolsheimer and Martynas Verbusitis celebrate graduation 2010 at Marshall High.**

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# FAITH

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

**The Guyasamaja Buddhist Center** will host Glenn Mullin, an author, poet, translator, and teacher of Tibetan Buddhism. On Sunday, April 11, Mullin will teach two classes open to all—from beginners in Buddhist practice to advanced practitioners. 1-5 p.m. Location: The Unitarian/Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston VA 20190. Suggested donation: one class \$10; both \$15.

**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).

**The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA)** offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or [gaxelrod@jssa.org](mailto:gaxelrod@jssa.org), or [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org).

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center** offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org).

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# Remembering Long-Ago Vienna

**GINNY STAATS lives in family's turn-of-the-century home.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

In August 1941, Virginia "Ginny" Durham's family moved to a little wood-sided house on the corner of Ayr Hill Road and Glyndon Street. There wasn't much around Ayr Hill in those days. Even Ayr Hill Road between Glyndon and Beulah was not yet paved and there were but two houses on that block.

The Durham family had been living in Washington, D.C. in the area where Georgetown Hospital now stands. As a young teen, Ginny Durham enjoyed city-living but her mother wanted to move the family to the country.

"And, believe you me, Vienna was country," Staats said.

"I was so miserable. I didn't want to live in the country."

Ginny Durham married a local boy, Ryneer "Ronnie" Staats in 1947 and the couple had four children, all of whom grew up in Vienna.

**NOW 83** and widowed, Ginny Staats lives in the house around the corner from where she grew up, a 1900s turn-of-the-century home that Ronnie Staats' great-aunt lived in since it was built up to her death. That house sits across from Glyndon Park, which was unimproved woodland when the Durhams moved into the community.

"The changes to Vienna have been so gradual," said Ginny Staats. "Originally, Church Street was supposed to have been the business area but it didn't work out that way. When the Town re-did Church Street, it brought in more shops."

Still, Vienna has "nice churches" and a "very nice library," Ginny Staats said. She misses the old Bob's Big Boy, which stood where Outback Steakhouse stands now, and the dress shop at Glyndon and Maple where she shopped. She remembers the small department store, Wright and Hunt's, that



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**When Ginny Staats moved from Washington, D.C. to Vienna in 1941, Vienna was 'country.'**

stood where the Town Green, with its expanse of grass, a fountain dedicated to war veterans and rustic pavilion, now anchors the corner of Park Street and Maple Avenue. The POSH building was once home to a bank, and the remodeled wood structure housing YAS Bakery was once a church many years ago. Money and King Funeral Home used to be on Church Street, as well, before relocating to Maple Avenue.

Papa Savia, with a barbershop in a small house on Church Street, gave Ronnie Staats his first haircut, Ginny Staats said.

A drugstore with a soda fountain, owned by the Upham family, sat at Center Street and Maple Avenue. A road off Lawyers Road is named Upham.

Memories gushed out of Ginny Staats' recollections.

"In the 40s and 50s, pretty much everybody either knew everybody or knew someone who did," she said. Her mother did not drive, so Ginny or her sister took her around Vienna.

"You'd go in the grocery store and mother knew everybody there to talk with," Ginny Staats said.

Dominion Avenue had a little grocery store when the Durhams moved to Vienna, and before Hawthorne's Pharmacy made Park and Maple its home, Safeway had a little store there, Ginny Staats recalled. The Rolling Road restaurant, on Maple Avenue, was good and popular.

"The Fourth of July festivities were right across the street at the

**"In the 40s and 50s, pretty much everybody either knew everybody or knew someone who did."**

— Virginia "Ginny" Staats

baseball field at Glyndon Park," said Ginny Staats. "That's where they shot off the fireworks. The Lions Cub had activities there during the day.

"As Vienna grew, they needed more space," Ginny Staats said. "That's when they moved the Fourth of July celebration to Center Street."

The Staats threw a picnic in their yard for the fireworks display, inviting friends and family, spreading out blankets and watching the fireworks from the comfort of their home.

"The kids would have a good time because they could run and run," she said.

What few things Ginny Staats does not like about Vienna, she views as progress. Too many banks, too many gas stations, she said. "That new building on the corner [Maple and Glyndon], I don't like that at all."

Ronnie Staats loved Vienna and he loved tinkering around the house, building and redesigning things. Ronnie Staats was 79 when he fell off his roof, doing house work right up to the end of his life. He died Sept. 19, 2006, a couple of days after his fall.

The old Durham home remains at the corner of Glyndon and Ayr Hill. It is painted yellow, shaded by mature, stately trees.

**IN 2010**, Ginny and Ronnie Staats' son, Vienna developer Tommy Staats, renovated the baseball field at Glyndon Park, a place where he played ball as a child. Tommy and Hillary Staats live in a beamed home on the Staats property on Glyndon Street. Hillary Staats opened Sanctuary on Church in early summer.

Ginny Staats has five grandchildren and, come next February, she will have eight great-grandchildren. Only Tommy and Hillary Staats and their children remain in Vienna, living in the house next door to Ginny Staats.

"Vienna is still a nice town," said Ginny Staats. "It's still a community."

## Write

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## THURSDAY/AUG. 26

**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).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 28

**T'ai Chi Beginners' Practice.** 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9141 or [www.FreeTaiChi.org](http://www.FreeTaiChi.org).

**Brinker Toastmasters.** 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. [brinker.wordpress.com](http://brinker.wordpress.com).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 2

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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 4

**T'ai Chi Beginners' Practice.** 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9141 or [www.FreeTaiChi.org](http://www.FreeTaiChi.org).

## MONDAY/SEPT. 6

**A Representative of Congressman Frank Wolf at the McLean Community Center.** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1234 McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. First Monday of every month. Citizens are invited to express opinions on issues before Congress, or seek assistance with federal problems. 703-709-5800.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 8

**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.

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## THURSDAY/AUG. 26

### Nottoway Park Concert Series: The Grandsons.

7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Rockabilly/swing/lounge music. 703-324-7469 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**Anita Baker.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$48 in-house, \$25 lawn. 703-255-1868 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Patrick Henry Book Club.** 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Call for title. Adults. 703-938-0405.

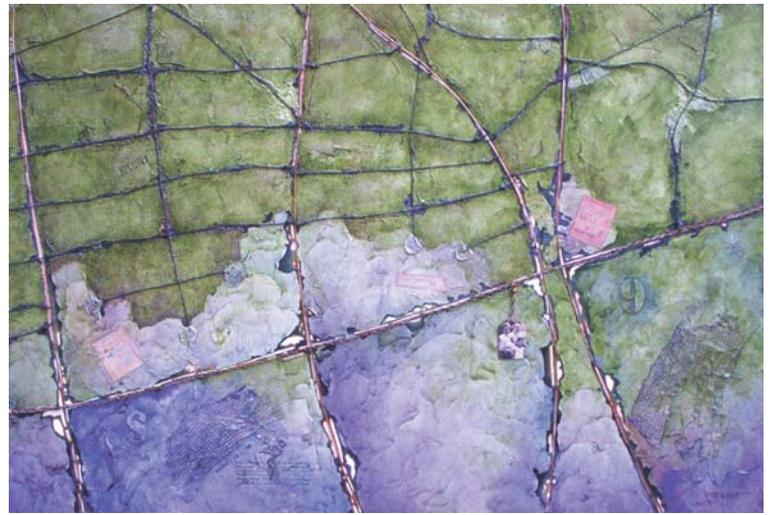
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## FRIDAY/AUG. 27

**Outdoor Movie Night.** 7:30 p.m. at New Life Christian Church, 1988 Kirby Road, McLean. Previews at 7:30, "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" screening at 8 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair; refreshments available. [summerr@newlife4me.com](mailto:summerr@newlife4me.com) or 571-294-8306.

**Antonia Bennett.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$48 in-house, \$25 lawn. 703-255-1868 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

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**Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.** 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. 703-293-6227.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

**SHARE Food Drive.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Safeway, 7401 Colshire Drive, McLean. Volunteers will distribute a list of needed food and household supplies and collect donations. SHARE collects and distributes staples to local families in need, provides school supplies, furniture, transportation and emergency family assistance. 703-356-8224 or [dwthmpsn@gmail.com](mailto:dwthmpsn@gmail.com).

**Catherine Hillis Art Show and Reception.** 6-9 p.m. at Applegate Gallery & Custom Framing, 101 Church St. N.W. Suite C, Vienna. [nfo@applegateframing.com](mailto:nfo@applegateframing.com).

**The Grandsons.** 5 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Rock music. Free. 703-288-9505.

**Left on Vermont, Subtle Body and Forevsner** at 1 p.m., **The Nighthawks and Los Fabulocos** at 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 29

**Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna Benefit Auction.** 2-5 p.m. at Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Closing reception and silent auction of donated artworks, to benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Free admission, open to the public. 703-319-3971 or [www.viennaartssociety.org](http://www.viennaartssociety.org).

**Donna Summer.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$48 in-house, \$25 lawn. 703-255-1868 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Butterfly Garden Guided Tours.** 3 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. An introductory guided stroll. Learn how the gardens attract butterflies. Members free, non-member adults \$4, seniors and age 7-17 \$1.50, under age 6 free. Rental binoculars available at the Visitor Center. 703-255-3631, ext. 0 or [www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark\\_botanical\\_gardens](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens).

**Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo.** 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held every Sunday in the Flame Room. [www.vvfd.org](http://www.vvfd.org).

**Curious George Live!** 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. A musical about Curious George helping Chef Pisghetti save his restaurant. Tickets \$16-\$30, available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. [www.curiousgeorgelive.com](http://www.curiousgeorgelive.com).

**Summer on the Green: U.S. Navy Sea Chanters.** 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

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**What's a Weed and What's Not.** 2 p.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9570 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Join a walk in the garden to learn about invasive plants in our region. Discuss origins, control and identification of many weeds and their effects on local ecosystems. \$5. 703-255-3631.

## MONDAY/AUG. 30

**Joe Zelek, Tyler Toliver and Casey.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 31

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.

**Practice Your English.** 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-790-8088.

**Book Talk for Book Lovers.** 7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call for title. Adults. 703-790-8088.

**Madison High School Fall Kick-Off Festival.** 5-8 p.m. 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. Visit guidance department tables to register for PSATs or learn about the All-Night Graduation Party. Clubs and athletic teams will give out information, performances by dance and cheer teams, and the drama department will present their schedule for the year. [krroberts@fcps.edu](mailto:krroberts@fcps.edu).

**Brainfang and The Silver Liners.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 1

**The Dear Hunter, O'Brother and Midnight Masses.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 2

**Opening Reception for "Pieces and Parts".** 6-8 p.m. at the Vienna Arts Society Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W. in Vienna. Experimental art forms show. 703-391-3971 or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

**Thee Original Judge, D-Madness, Open 24, MOJO and Lucky Dub.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Parent & Child Fishing Adventure.** 5 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Boats and PFDs provided, fishing rod rental available. Participants must be at least five years old and weight a minimum of 30 pounds. Maximum capacity per boat is three people. No experience necessary. \$10 per person. Register at 703-759-9018.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 3

**Future, Mantras and Among Criminals.** 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Sit-On-Top Kayaking and Fishing.** 5 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Join a park naturalist for instruction in kayaking and fishing for smallmouth bass and sunfish. Kayaks, paddles and PFDs provided, fishing rod rental available. Participants must be at least 16 years old. \$77 per person. Register at 703-759-9018.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 4

**The Downtown Fiction, Struan Shields and New Crystal Dolls.** 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

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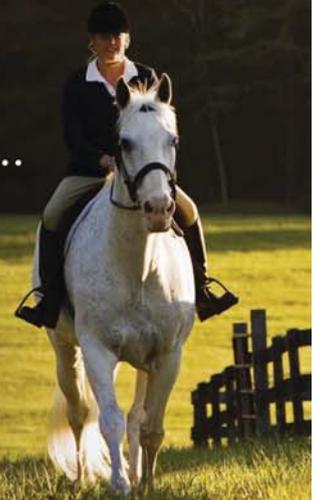
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# SPORTS

## 2003 Madison Baseball Made Nice Run in 'Year After'

Warhawks' bid to win second straight state crown fell short.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

One year after experiencing its best-ever baseball season in 2002, the Madison High Warhawks made a bold effort to match that success again in 2003. While the team fell just short of its aspirations of capturing a second straight Virginia State AAA title, it was a thrilling ride for the Warhawks and their fans nonetheless.

Madison's 2003 team had a vastly different starting line-up than it had put on the field in winning the program's first state crown in an undefeated 2002 campaign. The Warhawks had seven new players in their starting line-up, which made the prospects of successfully defending their state title seem remote.

But the Warhawks had talent, desire and determination to prove skeptics wrong. Coach Mark Gjormand's squad won the Northern Region championship for a second straight year and ultimately got to the state semifinals before seeing its season end in a deflating 14-0 loss to Great Bridge High from Chesapeake.

Madison, in its bid to repeat as state champions, had fallen just



**Madison High baseball won its first-ever Virginia state title in 2002. The following season saw the Warhawks reach the state title game before losing.**

two games short of fulfilling that goal.

"This is going to be a hard one to get over," said Gjormand, in a season-ending story on his team in the June 11-17, 2003 edition of the Vienna Connection. "But you know what? We weren't supposed to be there."

Going as far as it did in 2003 was a remarkable accomplishment for Madison. No, the Warhawks were not the powerhouse outfit they had been the year before when they won the state crown with an unbeaten mark. But they were pretty tough in their own right.

"It's always a great feeling to prove people wrong," said Johnny Ayers, the team's junior shortstop that season. "We always felt we

were much better than people thought we were. We wanted to win the state tournament again. That was our goal."

Earlier in the postseason, Madison had won its second straight Northern Region championship with an 8-5 win over Robinson at Fairfax High School. Warhawk highlights in that triumph over the Rams included a two-run triple by catcher Matt Foley and a solid relief outing by Josh Canova, who earned the win on the mound.

Madison had reached the region title game with an impressive 14-5 win over Yorktown in a semifinal round affair.

"A lot of people didn't believe that we could do it," said Ayers, following the region finals win

### Renowned Madison High Athletic Alumni

Bobby Brower - Three-sport star at Madison who went on to play collegiate football and baseball at Duke before embarking on a professional baseball career; signed by the Texas Rangers as an amateur free agent in 1982; made his big league debut with the Rangers in September 1986; played for Texas three seasons before going to the Yankees for his final Major League season in 1989; In 1987 season with the Rangers, knocked 14 home runs and hit .261

Jim McNamara - Former Major League Baseball catcher with the San Francisco Giants for parts of the 1992 and 1993 seasons; chosen by the Giants in the fifth round of the 1986 amateur draft; played baseball collegiately at North Carolina State; left-handed swinging hitter made his big league debut on April 9, 1992 with the Giants; wound up his career



**A 1987 Donruss baseball card of Madison High graduate Bobby Brower as a member of the Texas Rangers.**

in the Yankees organization where he played 27 games with the Columbus Clippers in 1994.

over Robinson. "We have what it takes to win when it matters."

**MADISON**, going into the state tournament, had won 10 straight games going back to the regular season. The Warhawks made it 11 straight with a 2-1 state quarterfinals home win over Hermitage (Richmond).

Next up was a meeting with Great Bridge at Colonial Heights' Shepherd Stadium. But the Warhawks, in the semifinal game, met a dominant Wildcats team that ended its season. It was a forgettable game for Madison, which mustered just four hits to

Great Bridge's 17.

"They say in baseball you have games like this," said a despondent Gjormand after the lopsided loss. "But we haven't had games like this. I thought [Northern Region foe] Oakton was the best hitting team we'd faced all year. But Great Bridge was on fire. To beat them, you have to out hit them."

Ayers said Madison was ready to play, but simply ran into a red-hot team.

"They just hit the heck out of the baseball," he said. "It was just one of those days. That's why last year's [unbeaten state title season] was so amazing."

## Marshall Rallied To Defeat Titans in '02 Playoffs

Weeren's Statesmen won 20 games in boys' hoops nine seasons ago.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

It was a postseason boys' high school basketball game in which it looked as if the Marshall Statesmen were finished. The team, in its first round Northern Region playoff game versus T.C. Williams near the end of the 2001-02 winter season, was trailing the younger, energetic Titans by 17 points early in the second quarter and looked to be on its way to elimination.

But in one of the program's best-ever playoff comeback wins, Marshall, then under head coach Kevin Weeren, rallied to win the ball game, 62-60.



**The Marshall Statesmen overcame a large deficit to defeat T.C. Williams in the 2002 Northern Region boys' basketball playoffs.**

It was, perhaps, a prime example of how an experienced team can sometimes take advantage of a younger opponent. On that night, eight-and-a-half years ago, the Statesmen's starting five players were all seniors, while T.C.'s starters were all underclassmen. Over the long course of the game, Marshall's poise and determination ultimately resulted in a memorable victory.

A slow shooting start had contributed to Marshall's sluggish start. The Statesmen trailed the Titans 12-2 early on, 17-9 after one quarter and 26-9 a few minutes into the second quarter.

Weeren, however, was confident his team would be able to get back

into the game.

"I felt positive because we weren't hitting layups," Weeren told the Vienna Connection, which ran a story of the playoff game in its Feb. 27-March 6, 2002 edition. The coach figured it was a matter of time before the ball started going into the basket for his team. Marshall, in fact, got back into the game with a 19-4 scoring spree to close the first half and cut the Titans' lead to 30-28 at the break.

**MARSHALL TOOK** its first lead of the night, 33-32, on a layup by Krizzio Washington with 5:33 left in the third quarter. T.C., however, scored the game's next seven points to regain advantage at 39-33. But the Statesmen hung tough

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## SPORTS

# 2005 Football Finals: Day of Payne

Oakton's Keith Payne was dominant in Cougars' region title game win.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Nearly five years ago, the Oakton High football team thrilled its Vienna/Oakton area fan base by capturing its second Northern Region title in four years. In front of an overflowing crowd on its own home field one Saturday afternoon in November 2005, the Cougars earned the championship with an overwhelming 42-24 triumph over the Westfield Bulldogs.

The victory was a pinnacle achievement for an Oakton football program, which, prior to winning its first-ever region football banner in 2002, had never really known vast gridiron success. Now, with its second crown in four years, the 2005 Oakton team had displayed the program's staying power among the region's elite.

Oakton running back Keith Payne had the game of a lifetime in the win over Westfield. Payne, a two-way player who also played linebacker on defense, stole the championship game spotlight by rushing for a breath-taking 244 yards and five touchdowns.

Payne, afterwards that day, credited the Cougars' charging offensive line. In a Vienna Connection newspaper story on the game, Payne said, "We were just pushing the ball on offense. We got off the line today. The offensive line played their hearts out."

"He's a big kid and when he has a full head of steam, who wants to tackle him?" asked Oakton coach Joe Thompson.

On the other side, Westfield running back Evan Royster, the standout player in the region that year with more than 2,000 yards rushing, was limited to 71 yards rushing with a touchdown on the day.

"We were trying as hard as we could to tackle Evan Royster every time he touched the ball," said Thompson, of his aggressive defense. "They got off blocks and they hustled all over the place."

**THE OAKTON OFFENSE**, with Kevin Houghton at quarterback, dominated the Bulldogs' defense in the championship encounter, scoring touchdowns on six of its 10 possessions in the game.

The Cougars effectively put their stamp on the game when, on their



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**Oakton High football coach Joe Thompson led the Cougars to the Northern Region Division 6 crown in the fall season of 2005.**

## Renowned Oakton High Athletic Alumni

Eugene Chung - Offensive lineman who played in the NFL from 1992 through 1997; played with the New England Patriots, Indianapolis Colts, and Jacksonville Jaguars; played college football at Virginia Tech before being chosen 13th overall by the Patriots in the 1992 NFL Draft; was the

first Korean-American to ever be chosen in the first round of the draft; played three seasons with New England and one season each with the Jaguars and Colts before retiring; ultimately became assistant strength and conditioning coach with the Philadelphia Eagles.

first possession of the second half, they ate up the clock with an 80-yard, 17-play scoring drive that took up 9 minutes. The march concluded with a 5-yard scoring run by Payne on the first play of the fourth quarter, giving Oakton a 28-10 lead.

"They controlled the ball and the clock," said Westfield head coach Tom Verbanic, of Oakton's overall success in moving the football. "They did a great job."

Thompson, the Oakton coach,

had seen his team lose to the same Westfield team in a regular season game. He knew going into the region finals the kind of game his squad would have to play to defeat the Bulldogs.

"They're a great football team," he said, of Westfield. "To find a weakness on that team is not easy."

If Westfield did have any weaknesses that season, Oakton's Payne, with the help of his teammates, found it. As a result, he will go down in Oakton athletic lore.



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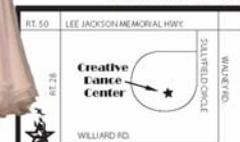
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## The Best Part of Growing Up in Vienna

— KIM THORNTON

**Aydar Shaildayev, 20,**  
 Vienna, Graduated from  
 Madison in 2008



"Well, I'm from Kyrgyzstan, and when I moved to the states, I first lived in New Orleans, which is very, very different, high poverty, not a very safe area. ... When I moved here, the environment was so different. It's safe. There are a lot of friendly people. Kids can be out riding around on bikes late at night and be safe. I mostly hang out with friends or play music — I used to be in a band and we'd play shows at Jammin' Java sometimes."

**Carson Monroe, 17,**  
 Vienna, Rising Senior at  
 Marshall



"I love being so close to events in Vienna. There are a lot of restaurants, lots of interesting things to do. Also, it's close to Tysons. I like to ride my bike on the bike trail as well. It's really great having it there if you want to get some exercise ... and I like the weather around here. It's really diverse. I like seeing the seasons change."

**Megan Anderson, 24,**  
 Works in Vienna



"I live in Centreville, but I've been working at Jammin' Java since September. My aunt lives in Vienna and I used to work at Wolf Trap as a park ranger, so I'm familiar with the area. The people I interact with here on a daily basis are pretty chill. Most of the people who come in during the day are older, but a lot of young people come out at night for the shows. I don't get many chances to really see Vienna since I only work here, but generally I really like the layout. It's really 'small-city.' Everything is walkable, everything is accessible. I love that there are so many small independently-owned shops and places to eat. Centreville isn't like that."

### SCHOOL NOTES

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**Mackenzie L Stratton** has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Georgia Southern University of Statesboro, Ga.

**Emily Holt** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. Holt is a marine science major.

Vienna residents **Rachel Uhrig** and **Camille DaDamio** were selected by Virginia Tech's New Students Programs as Hokie Camp counselors, to welcome the class of 2014. Uhrig is a senior ma-

joring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business, and DaDamio is a senior majoring in industrial and systems engineering in the College of Engineering.

**Jonathan Carr** of Vienna has graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Tufts University of Medford, Mass.

**Patrick W. Findaro** of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of arts in international studies from Colby College of Waterville, Me. The George C. Marshall High School graduate is the son of Joseph Findaro of Vienna and Rosemary Walsh of McLean.

**Michael C. Medwedeff** of Vienna was named to the spring 2010 dean's list and graduated with a bachelor of science in construction management from the Pennsylvania College of Technology of Williamsport, Pa.

**David Caplan** of Oakton received a bachelor of business administration from the Goizueta Business School of Emory University. He is the son of Robert Neil Caplan and Lori Lee Caplan.

**Mark Samra** of Vienna received a bachelor of arts from Emory College of Emory University. He is the son of Tom A. Samra and Leila M. Samra.

**Marygrace Jay, 20,**  
 Vienna, Graduated from  
 Madison in 2008



"I've lived in Vienna since I was 3. I like the old town feel. You feel like you're in an old part of town but still with the modern amenities. Like, on Church Street you've got the Farmer's Market every Saturday. And the Halloween Parade, they shut down the entire main street for it. It's the small, old town feel. It's nice to just pass by and see people walking around. I'm pretty sure there aren't a lot of places like it."

**Saskia van der Noordaa, 18, Vienna,**  
 Graduated from Marshall  
 in 2010



"Everything is so close together. You enter the town and everything's only 5 minutes away. And we're right next to Tysons, Wolf Trap. ... I don't think we realize how good we have it. My sister knows people who will take a four-hour trip up to Tysons once a year, you know, if they've been good they get to go to Tysons or something like that [laughs]. [In Vienna] there are so many restaurants and little places where people can hang out. It's such a close-knit community."

**Rema Shebaro, 21,**  
 Vienna, Graduated from  
 Madison in 2007



"I've lived in Vienna basically forever. It has a cute, small town feel but it's still close to D.C. and malls. I used to love going to ViVa!Vienna! and the Nottaway Park fair when I was younger. Going to Club Phoenix was fun back in seventh grade, too. I danced at Cuppett's [Performing Arts Center] for 11, maybe 12 years. Dancing in the Halloween Parade was fun."

# SPORTS

## Win to Reemember

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and pulled within 46-44 in the final seconds of the third quarter.

Ultimately, the game would come down to the final seconds. With just over a minute to play, Marshall got a huge, clutch basket — one that proved to be the game-winner — from one of its seniors.

The Connection's game story described the big play near the end of the game that boosted the Statesmen to the win.

"Indeed, Marshall did heat up, and the game ultimately went down to the wire" the story read. "Moments after T.C.'s Alton Fortner hit a pair of free throws to tie the game at 60 with 1:19 left to play, Marshall senior forward A.J. Wallace came up with the biggest play of the game when he drove right through the Titan de-

fense and up for a critical layup off the left side to give the Statesmen a 62-60 lead with 1:04 remaining."

T.C. star shooting guard Maurice Sumter, who went on to enjoy a college playing career at Longwood University, missed an outside shot at the buzzer and Marshall had won.

It was a wonderful victory for the Statesmen, who started the game slow but finished fast.

"We kind of got off to a slow start because of nervousness," said Wallace.

Weeren said he tried to encourage his players to remain tough following the poor start to the game.

"I told them, 'You need to play confident, you're a winning team.' I told them to remain posed and confident."

It was the 20th win of the sea-

## Renowned Marshall High Athletic Alumni

**Mike Brown** - Brown was a baseball star for the Statesmen who went on to play in the big leagues from 1982-87 with the Boston Red Sox and Seattle Mariners; played collegiately at Clemson; drafted by the Bosox in the second round of the 1980 Major League Draft; the right-hander reached the Majors with Boston in 1982; played for the Red Sox in parts of five seasons before being part of a trade with the Mariners that brought Dave Henderson and Spike Owen to the Red Sox; won six games for Boston in 1983; finished his big league career with a 12-20 record and 5.75 ERA; served as minor league pitching coordinator in the Cleveland Indians' system from 1995-2001 before handling the Major League Indians' pitching coaching duties in 2002; brother Bill is the longtime head baseball coach at George Mason University.

**Keith Lyle**: Marshall Class of 1990; former NFL defensive back from 1994-

2002; played for the St. Louis Rams, Redskins and San Diego Chargers; originally selected by the Rams in the third round of the 1994 NFL Draft; played collegiately at the University of Virginia; in high school for the Statesmen, played quarterback and safety; as an NFL defensive back from 1995-98, intercepted 23 passes (most by an NFL player during that stretch); led the NFL with nine pickoffs in 1996; father Gary played for the Chicago Bears from 1968-1974.

**Pete Schourek**: Marshall Class of 1987; Major League baseball pitcher from 1991-2001; southpaw was second in the National League Cy Young award voting in 1995 as a member of the Cincinnati Reds; helped Statesmen reach the Virginia State baseball finals; spent Major League career with numerous teams, including New York Mets, Cincinnati, Astros, Red Sox and Pirates; went 18-7 with 3.22 ERA in leading Cincinnati to the playoffs in 1995.

**Nick Sorensen**: Marshall Class of 2001; NFL safety for the St. Louis Rams,

Jacksonville Jaguars and Cleveland Browns; played college football at Virginia Tech before being signed as an undrafted free agent by the Miami Dolphins in 2001; was a three-sport letter earner at Marshall in baseball, football and basketball; passed for 23 career TDs as Statesmen QB; was inducted into the Marshall Athletic Hall of Fame, which also includes other former Statesmen football stars Keith Lyle and Michael McCrary; four-year letter earner at Virginia Tech where he played QB, safety and linebacker; named the Hokies' Player of the Game in 1998 Gator Bowl loss to UNC; spent two seasons with the St. Louis Rams and was a member of their team which made Super Bowl XXXVI; spent four seasons with the Jacksonville Jaguars where he served as special teams captain; finished his career with the Browns; father, Dick, played football for the University of Miami from 1965-'69.

son — against four losses — for Marshall, which several days earlier had lost to Fairfax in the fi-

nals of the Liberty District tournament. The Statesmen, in the win over T.C., received huge games

from both senior forward Chris Hines (26 points) and Wallace (21).

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## Most Expensive Home Sales In Vienna and Oakton During 2010:

Address	Price	Community/Subdivision	Sale Date
330 Ayr Hill Avenue Vienna	\$2.2 million	N/A	July 22
9106 Leesburg Pike Vienna	\$2.1 million	Ash Grove	March 16
9631 Maymont Drive Vienna	\$1.95 million	Maymont	May 17
10495 Hannah Farm Road Oakton	\$1.7 million	Hannah Hills	Feb. 26
100 State Street Vienna	\$1.67 million	N/A	March 3
11601 Leesburg Pike Vienna	\$1.65 million	Ash Grove	June 30
11601 Hunting Crest Lane Vienna	\$1.64 million	N/A	April 16
1802 Kilbarray Court Vienna	\$1.6 million	Saddlebrook Farms	Feb. 5
9620 Brookmeadow Drive Vienna	\$1.53 million	Holly Hills	June 21

## Vienna and Oakton Communities With The Most Home Sales So Far In 2010:

- Vienna Woods – 35 homes sold
- Dunn Loring Woods – 15 homes sold
- Waterford – 12 homes sold
- Four Winds at Oakton – 12 homes sold
- The Oakton – 11 homes sold

## General Information About Oakton Real Estate:

- ❖ 13,304 Housing Units
- ❖ 37 percent of all Oakton Housing is single-family, stand-alone homes
- ❖ About 58 percent of Oakton homes were built between 1970 and 1989
- ❖ About 55 percent of Oakton homes have three or four bedrooms
- ❖ 68 percent of Oakton homes are occupied by the property owner
- ❖ About 61 percent of Oakton residents moved to the community in 2000 or later
- ❖ About 52 percent of Oakton homes are worth between \$500,000 and \$999,000
- ❖ The median rent in Oakton is \$1,498

### REAL ESTATE NOTES

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**J.D. Callander** of the McLean/Dolley Madison office was recognized for outstanding results in June as she led the region for resale dollar volume - Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced. The region comprises offices located throughout Virginia.

**Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors** announced the McLean/Old Dominion office was recognized for outstanding results in June as it led the company for sales and the region for resales. McLean/Dolley Madison branch sales associates can be reached at (703) 760-8880. They are located at 1313 Dolley Madison Boulevard.

**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.

"Of course it takes a lot of hard work to achieve this kind of success," said McLean Team Leader Vickie Christianson. "But when you have a

company behind you that places the interests and success of the agents above all else, it makes it a lot easier."

J.D. Powers & Associates recently named Keller Williams Realty #1 in customer service; Entrepreneur Magazine ranked Keller Williams Realty as the #1 real estate franchise, and the industry ranked Keller Williams Realty as the Most Recognized Real Estate Franchise Brand.

**REALTOR® Magazine and the Good Neighbor Society** have announced the winning applicants of the second Volunteering Works, an annual program that matches Realtors® who work on small-scale charitable efforts with mentors and awards them grant money.

The five winning Realtors® will receive a \$1,000 grant and a year of one-on-one mentoring from a member of the Good Neighbor Society, past recipients of the annual REALTOR® Magazine Good Neighbor Award for volunteer service.

Cynthia M. Dwyer, Weichert Realtors®, Vienna, is one of the 2010 recipients of the Volunteering Works grant and mentoring. She provides clothing to families of wounded soldiers recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Many of these wounded warriors' spouses rush to Walter Reed with only an overnight bag only to find out they will spend months or years there while their loved one recovers. Dwyer sets up clothing distributions to provide gently used clothing for men, women and children, including warm clothes for winter and even formal wear for special events. Dwyer's mentor will be 2002 Good Neighbor Cynthia Shafer, Lahaina Realty Inc., Fort Myers Beach, Fla., founder of Beds for Kidz (part of Voices of Kids of Southwest Florida).

Dwyer plans to use her mentor's guidance to increase clothing donations.

To learn more about Volunteering Works or the Good Neighbor Awards, go to [www.REALTOR.org/gna](http://www.REALTOR.org/gna).

**Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors** announced the Vienna office was recognized for outstanding performance in May. The Vienna sales team led by Betty Holmes led the company for new home sales and also led the region for new home dollar volume. The region is comprised of offices located throughout Virginia.

Weichert, Realtors neighborhood specialists can be reached in Weichert's Vienna office at (703) 938-6070 at 156 East Maple Avenue.

**Nikki Ryan** of Keller Williams Realty in Reston has earned the "Certified Distressed Property Expert" designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. Realtors with the designation have can offer the homeowner better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys the credit rating.

**David Houghtaling and Jalil Achir of Reston** were among the Coldwell Banker agents receiving The Award of Excellence from the nationally renowned real estate marketing and technology speaker and REALTOR.com® Vice President, Max Pigman. The Award of Excellence program was created to recognize top real estate agents across the country who consistently provide great marketing services on behalf of their buyers and sellers.



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In a July photo from the air, the new overpasses at I-66 over the Capital Beltway show the new bridges, that are wider than before.

## Weekend Closures

The closures will help in opening new I-66 East-bound bridges.

After months of construction at eastbound I-66 and the Capital Beltway the new bridges are ready for traffic, but to get to that point, there is a transition period planned for the weekend of Aug. 27 that area motorists should be aware of.

Starting Friday evening, Aug. 27, two of three lanes on eastbound I-66 between the Nutley Street exit and I-495 will be closed as road crews prepare the lanes to shift to the new bridges. These lanes will remain closed until 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30. At times during the late night hours throughout the weekend, traffic on I-66 east will be stopped completely.

In addition to the two lanes on

I-66 east, the ramp from I-66 east to I-495 north and the ramps from Nutley Street to I-66 east will be closed, although the eastbound exit to the Vienna Metro Station will remain open.

"These multiple lane closings are the necessary evil to big road projects like the I-495 HOT Lanes, but in the end it will be worth it," said John Lynch, the Virginia Department of Transportation's Regional Transportation Program Director. "We are asking motorists to avoid the I-66 east and beltway interchange for this weekend so crews can tie in the lanes to a new set of bridges that will be wider and smoother than the current ones," Lynch added.

Over this upcoming weekend, motorists will be able to go from eastbound I-66 to I-495 north by using the left HOV exit, but that will only be available until 9:30 a.m. Monday when it will close for nearly 24 hours while crews complete the exit ramp merge from the new bridges.

## McLean Man Arrested on Child Porn Charges

Police arrested a 41-year-old McLean man on Monday, Aug. 9 after an in-depth investigation which began in May. Detectives charged him with five counts of possession of child pornography and one count of production of child pornography.

The investigation began after police received a report of a 15-year-old Centreville-area girl who was reported as a runaway. As police investigated this incident, detectives reportedly linked the McLean man to the girl through a series of online interactions. They believe the girl and the man met in person and he allegedly took photos of a sexual nature and transmitted them electronically.

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

## One Arrested At Sobriety Checkpoint

Fairfax County police officers from around the county conducted a sobriety checkpoint to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Friday, Aug. 20 from 11:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. Saturday. All motorists were stopped and drivers were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Approximately 982 motorists passed through the checkpoint on Route 7 and Lewinsville Road. One arrest was made for DWI.

## SHARE Food Drive Set for Aug. 28

The SHARE Food Drive will take place on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010 (from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at the Safeway, 7401 Colshire Drive in the Pimmit Hills neighborhood. Local volunteers will distribute a list of needed food and household supplies to customers as they enter the store and collect donations as customers leave the store.

All donations will be taken to the SHARE food pantry in the basement of the McLean Baptist Church. SHARE distributes food and household supplies (plus clothing) from this location on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Interested volunteers should contact the Charles Wesley UMC Office [CWUMC@earthlink.net](mailto:CWUMC@earthlink.net) or Dale Thompson [dwthmpsn@gmail.com](mailto:dwthmpsn@gmail.com).

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## Change - For the Worse



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Of course, the Postal clerk wouldn't/ doesn't know I have cancer. How could she? It's not as if I am emblazoned with a scarlet "C" on my forehead (which is now mostly covered by a full head of hair, anyway) any more than I respond to any standard greeting by replying that I have cancer (see column entitled, "Fine," 8/4/2010). Still, in my head/brain, I can't help but filter everything I see - and hear, through that prism.

Consequently, when the clerk asked me if I wanted to buy a book of first class stamps (which I didn't need) to make her change-making of the twenty-dollar bill I had handed her less tedious (in fairness to her, all I owed was 34 cents. However, a twenty-dollar bill was all I had) and less problematic with respect to the cash she had in her register (now, in fairness to me; it was a Friday morning at 10 o'clock, she should have had plenty of cash on hand; it's the Post Office!), I hesitated. Not taking my hesitation sitting down (in point of actual fact, she was standing up), she proceeded to attempt to sell me on the benefits of buying 20 44-cent stamps: "They are a good investment. They're good to have." And then the killer, which sent me over the edge and onto a bit of a verbal tirade (although "tirade" is too strong a characterization of my outburst, even "outburst" is too strong a characterization. How about mild rebuke?): "They're forever stamps, they last for like 100 years." And before I went off, I went on the following internal thought process: As a cancer patient OR ANY OTHER HUMAN BEING having as a reason to buy stamps, that they will forever be first-class appropriate regardless of future price hikes - "for 100 hundred years," matters to me because, I'LL STILL BE LIVING IN 100 YEARS. Well, that finished me, or rather started me:

"What do you mean, 'They're good to have?' Is the Post Office closing tomorrow or something? Are you never opening again? 'Good investment?' Are my stamps gaining value every day that I don't use them? '100 years?' Is that reason to buy stamps so that I can still use them in a hundred years? That's so not that point."

Now my question is, if I were not living with a life expectancy-challenged time line, would I have reacted (you'll note, I didn't say, overreacted) in a similar fashion? Would the illogical ludicrousness of what she rationalized as reasons for me needing to buy stamps set me off if in fact I had 100 years still to live (instead of 100 days, hopefully a lot more, or less), not considering for a second whether the Post Office, as we know it, would itself even be around in 100 years? (I only know that it's pretty unlikely that I'll be around in 100 years.) The point is moot. I can't change who I am now and/or how I view the world - especially since I've become a member of the cancer club. I am forever affected by its insidious growth inside my body.

I don't blame the clerk for her ridiculous reasoning any more than I apologize for questioning her logic. It's not about her. It's about me. I don't want it to be, but it is. Cancer changes everything, even something as simple as a visit to the Post Office.

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

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### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Improved by the premises known as  
2248 Central Avenue, Vienna, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Ahmed Umar, dated June 14, 2004, and recorded June 15, 2004, in Deed Book 16167 at page 2029 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on  
**Friday, September 3, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.**

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 18-B, Campbell's Landing, Section One as per subdivision plat recorded in Deed Book 7619 at page 1982 as corrected and re-recorded in Deed Book 7661 at page 485, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2248 Central Avenue, Vienna, Virginia 22182.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$75,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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Substitute Trustee

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Burke Retirement Center Limited Partnership trading as Heatherwood Retirement Community, 9642 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Mixed Beverage on Premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.  
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**ABC LICENSE**  
Mad Rose, Inc trading as Mad Rose Tavern, 3100 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer, Wine and Mixed Beverage on Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Naeem Mohd (president)

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The Town of Vienna throws a Fourth of July bash with live music, food, beer, vendors, amusement rides, classic car display and a banner dedicated to U.S. troops.

# Festivals Highlight Community Spirit

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Town of Vienna and private partnerships.

From Mill Street to Lawyers' Road and blocks in between, the Church Street corridor closes down for three days, turning the neighborhood into one big festival, replete with non-stop music, children's activities, vendors, amusement rides and lots of food. Every year, the footprint of ViVa! Vienna! expands, and more than 200 vendors vie for space.

Proceeds generated from ViVa! Vienna! are used to support local civic programs, as well as to support local and international humanitarian activities. In 2010, the Rotary Club of Vienna plans on donating \$124,000 to these causes.

**FOURTH OF JULY** celebration, all-day festival on the grounds of Vienna Community Center with fireworks at Southside Park, kicks off late morning and runs through late afternoon with music, arts and crafts vendors, children's activities and amusement rides, a beer tent, a classic car display and a baseball game. Across the field's fence is a banner dedicated to U.S. troops that is signed by well-wishers.

When the sun goes way down, the celebration gets explosive with the town's fireworks display.

"July Fourth is special in Vienna because it is a reunion of present and former residents," said Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman. "The festival on the Vienna Community Center grounds is the perfect place to reunite with friends one hasn't seen for years. It brings together friends, families and neighbors for an afternoon and evening of food, music, crafts and fireworks."

**OKTOBERFEST**, a partnership of the Town of Vienna and Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce and private enterprise.

The Third Annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2. In its inaugural season, the Chamber expected attendance of around 5,000. Thirty-five thousand were estimated to have participated.

Oktoberfest responds to the expectations of guests and last year a German band and more German-style food was added.

"Each year, the event has gotten more popular with vendors, sponsors and the community," said Gina Cocomello, development director, Alternative House and VTRCC chairman of the board.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE**, partnership of Town of Vienna and Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, takes place the Wednesday before Halloween.

The 64th Annual Halloween Parade takes place this year on Oct. 27. Floats, dancers, bands, horses, precision drill teams, and children marching down a closed-to-traffic Maple Avenue cast a nostalgic aura for one night.

The parade's theme changes every year. This year, the Town and VTRCC recognize youth sports with "Pride of Vienna- Sportsmanship Through Players, Coaches and Fans." Mark Meana and Bill Cervenak will serve as this year's co-grand marshals.

**CHURCH STREET HOLIDAY STROLL**, sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., Church Street merchants and the Town of Vienna, is first Monday after Thanksgiving. For 2010, Stroll takes place on Nov. 29. Admission is free.

Where else can one roast marshmallows, pet gentle farm creatures, climb aboard an antique fire truck, listen to live holiday entertainment, stroll among festively-decorated shops, browse through old-time gifts and visit with Santa Claus?

Screaming sirens, announcing Santa's arrival on the preserved fire truck owned by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, kick off the festivities. Santa and the mayor ceremonially light the town tree at the corner of Mill and Church streets. The music begins, families surround the petting zoo, the marshmallow fires flare up and Santa takes up position on the porch of Freeman House. Freeman House opens to the public decorated with old-fashioned holiday greens contributed by the Ayr Hill Garden Club. The store features made-in-Virginia products, Vienna logo products and games, toys and gifts reminiscent of an earlier time.

The stores along Church Street remain open, and Once Upon a Time, Vienna's iconic upscale toy store, features a discount coupon that fits right in with the occasion.

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