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Preservation of the Union and defense of the Commonwealth from Yankee invaders mark the positions of voters.

By Donna Manz
The Connection

May 23, 1861, Vienna. Despite pleas from Virginians pledging loyalty to their southern brothers, voters in the Vienna precinct overwhelmingly voted against secession from the United States. Votes on the referendum, announced by election commissioner Peter Hendrick, were 78 against the ordinance of secession, 44 for it. Polling took place at Lydecker Store on May 23.

Election commissioner Peter Hendrick, a New Yorker like many others who settled in Vienna, described his support for the Union. “Free and willing labor, where both parties benefit, favor the North,” said Hendrick. Hendrick cast his vote against the ordinance of secession on the referendum.

Some, like United States federal sailor Nathaniel Bosworth, a second-generation Virginian, said that while his allegiance was with Virginia, should the Commonwealth secede, it would be a battleground. “I believe the South will lose the war,” he said, to jeers from the Southern loyalists. “I vote to reject the ordinance,” said Bosworth.

Ernest Birdsong, the first to cast his vote, summed up the South’s claim. The South wanted to be left alone, without interference from a president from Illinois, pushing the agenda of the United States on sovereign Southern states. The president of the United States had sent 75,000 troops to South Carolina.

“We are now a separate nation,” Birdsong said. “My vote, sir, is for secession from the Union.” Ted Ballard, born and raised in the northern part of Virginia, raised against kneeling at the feet of the abolitionists of the North. “I’d rather have war come to Virginia than to have it despoiled by Yankees,” he said.

“I’d be proud to die on Virginia soil, defending it from invaders,” Ballard said.

“This land will be devastated,” said Eric Owens, countering Ballard. “You say you want to grow crops. How will you do that?”

Charles Adams, a young man loyal to Virginia and taking swigs of Tennessee whiskey, said, “I vote most affirmatively for secession.” He referred to those afraid to take up arms in defense of the South as “yellow-bellied.” He probably would have spoken more bluntly but there were ladies present and he called himself a Southern gentleman.

Vienna Votes Against Secession

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Parents like the spinning teacups as much as their children do. The Memorial Day celebration known as ViVa! Vienna! returns to the Church Street corridor for three days of fun, food, entertainment and vendors.

ViVa ViVa! Vienna!

Three-day Memorial Day weekend festival features fun, food, 300 vendors and entertainment.

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It’s that time of year again: the Memorial Day celebration known as ViVa! Vienna! returns to the Church Street corridor for three days of fun, food, entertainment and vendors. Fifty thousand people are expected to take on carnival rides, eat foods ranging from funnel cakes and cotton candy to ethnic and gourmet, and buy and browse from vendors and exhibitors offering crafts, goods and services. Even politicians will set up booths.

ViVa! Vienna! at a Glance

Saturday, May 28: amusement rides open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Shuttle bus leaves every 20 minutes.

Sunday, May 29: amusement rides open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entertainment 11:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Monday, May 30: vendors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Festival closes at 6 p.m.

The festival covers Church, Mill and Dominion streets.

Memorial Day Tribute at 3 p.m., Monday, May 30, Vienna Town Green.

Free shuttle bus service from James Madison High School and Vienna Metro Station on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Montgomery County GCDC offers e-waste collection, sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union ATM available adjacent to midway entrance.

Tickets required per ride varies from three to five tickets. Cash or credit card accepted for ticket purchase.

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Summer Concerts Season Kicks Off

After early rain-outs, concert season finally begins.

By Donna Manz
The Connection

Concerts on the Town Green finally kicked off on Friday, May 20, after two earlier performances were rained out. Even the May 20 concert looked “iffy” late Friday afternoon.

Wet grass didn’t stop concert fans from staking a spot on the lawn. About 150 people showed up to hear Bill Emerson and Sweet Dixie despite cloudy skies. Emerson is from Vienna.

“We don’t come here based on who’s playing,” said Tracy Urman, of Vienna. “It’s a great way to get out for an evening. It’s close and convenient. It’s cheap entertainment.”

Tracy Urman’s husband Tom echoed her sentiments, adding, “It’s a nice variety of music. You get to sample a lot of different genres.”

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Multi-generations came together. Four-month-old Alexandra Hughey and her 3-1/2 year-old sister Kiki and mom Nina joined Nina’s parents, Nestor and Randee Pino-Marina. Family friends Marvin and Nancy Steffen brought the Steffens’ 2-1/2 year-old grandson Trenton Allgyer. The Steffens brought a table to hold their buffet.

Research Study

The Department of Global and Community Health at George Mason University is in need of girls 10 to 14 years of age to participate in a research study. Participation in this research involves the collection of non-invasive samples on two different days and to complete a short questionnaire. The research is being conducted to help researchers better understand how normal bacteria on the body interact with each other.

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For more information, please contact the "The Role of Normal Bacteria in the Health of Girls” study at cfranken@gmu.edu or 1-703-993-1911.

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Educational opportunities are available for enthusiastic college students to join our new website launch team. This is an exciting opportunity to help develop content and sections for our new website, due to launch in late spring. Throughout the summer, we’ll be adding unique, educational experiences to our entertainment and events sections, creating special projects and content, and exploring new media. Internships are unpaid, but offer an unusual chance to work with award-winning editors while developing first-rate online presence.

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Concerts on the Town Green

Summer on the Green is a series of free performances presented by the Town of Vienna and sponsors. All performances are held at the Vienna Town Green. Concerts are held at 6:30 p.m. or as noted. The town Department of Parks and Recreation suggests patrons bring chairs or blankets. No alcoholic beverages permitted and dogs are not encouraged to come.

Weather cancellations are made two hours prior to performance. Call the weather line at 703-255-7842 for update. Hosted by the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation.


❖ SATURDAYS: May 14, The Music of Vienna, noon; May 21, Fit On the Green, 10 a.m.; Open Mic Night; June 4, Teen Tunes on the Green; 2 p.m.; No Admittance, 3 p.m. - In Laymans Terms, 4 p.m. - Nocturnal Rush; June 25, Open Mic Night; July 23, Open Mic Night; August 20, Open Mic Night

❖ SUNDAYS: May 15, Mama Tried – Bluegrass; May 22, Tommy Lespon Band – Blues; June 5, Split String Soup – Bluegrass; June 12, Blacktopped Alte Kamerdan – German; June 19, Fat Chance – Rock; June 26, Splinters – Rock; July 10, Richard Walton Group – Jazz; July 1, 7 Tonics – Blues/Rock; July 24, Vienna Community Band; July 31, 5:30 p.m. - NOVA Summer Brass Ensemble; 6:30 p.m. - The Village Jazz Band; August 7, Difficult Run Jazz Band; August 14, SOHO Down – Country; August 21, Redstone

❖ WEDNESDAYS: June 29, Rocknoceros – Children’s Show; July 6, Ob Gussannah - Children’s Show; July 13, Peter McCory One Man Band – Children’s Show; July 20, Doc Dikekan - Big Band; July 27, Emy Tsong - Brazilian Jazz.

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On Memorial Day, we remember those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam. Earlier this month, the number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001, exceeded 6,000. Nearly 50,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded. Memorial Day is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. We must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year. Here are the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11.

We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

Capt. Charles Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetor Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire.

Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27, of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Joubor, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the “warrior poet,” and he and his wife helped injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, 22, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides support and services for families of the fallen.


Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy T. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Air Force Staff Sgt. Classy L. LeBlanc, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006. U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26, of Burke, and a rundon grad, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.


We invite you to share the memory of friends or family, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Mary Kimm
An outsider, clothed in foreign garb and calling himself Chap Petersen, appealed to voters with allusions to the Commonwealth’s closeness with its brothers in the North. He believes the Commonwealth is positioned to mediate between the United States government and the Confederacy, to find a solution without going to war. It was noted that Mr. Petersen referred to Richmond several times in his remarks. Another oddly-dressed fellow, by name of Mark Keam, stood near Mr. Petersen. He, too, commented on doing things in Richmond.

As men debated, rather loudly at times, the issues confronting the Commonwealth’s position, women from the area interrupted with demands for the right to vote. Voters made light of the women’s demands.

“The last thing we want to do is throw this country away by giving women the right to vote,” said one of the men inciting the crowd on the steps of Lydecker Store.

LADIES OF THE DIXIE ROSE
Relief Society stood under a tent promoting their cause, sending medical supplies to troops in Southern states. The table that Mrs. Abigail Stackhouse attended to held bandages and medical herbs. She expressed concern that, perhaps, the supply of quinine, used to treat malaria, would run out during hostilities should war break out. Her nephew, she said proudly, had already joined the South Carolina infantry.

Mrs. Stackhouse’s husband, John Stackhouse, was on his way to Fairfax to vote for secession.

Sandi Stadelman, one of the ladies demanding the right to vote, explained her journey to Virginia from New York. “Virginia has wonderful weather for growing crops,” Mrs. Stadelman said. “We came to show the farmers here how to make their crops more productive. They spend all their time growing that horrible crop tobacco.”
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THURSDAY/MAY 26
Sarah Jarosz and Joshua Brown.

FRIDAY/MAY 27
8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. "Jack and the Bean-Stalk." A musical inspired by the P. G. Wodehouse stories of Bertie Wooster and Jeeves. $30 adults, $15 students.

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MONDAY/MAY 23
11 a.m. and 2 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. With an irreverent sense of humor, "Jack and the Bean-Stalk" is coming to the stage in a theater adaptation not to miss. $15, adults. 703-854-1856.

TUESDAY/MAY 31
7:30 p.m. Saint Luke Parish, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Works by Aaron Copland, Edvard Grieg, Alba Rosa Pedding Stranger and a saucy Hen Fairy Tale at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. With an irreverent sense of humor, "Jack and the Bean-Stalk" is coming to the stage in a theater adaptation not to miss. $15, adults. 703-854-1856.

Fry and Tyler Herman.
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The ‘Jack and the Bean-Stalk’

Non-threatening; really not very scary. 

If you live in Northern Virginia, your siding and perhaps your roof may indeed be entitled to a complete vinyl wrap of your home.

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Jack and the Bean-Stalk is the fairytale of the boy who sells the family cow for a bean, much to his woodland neighbors' dismay. The boats really were magical and contained a number of fairly amusing and non-threatening scenes.

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The performance is the third partnership between 1st Stage and Peter Duff. Kellefry noted, “In these current times, I know that families are being careful about their limited entertainment budgets and that affordable technology volunteer. Call for details. 703-814-5012.

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While Jammin’ Java, the local music club and cafe, was hosting its crowd of music lovers with one of their regulars playing ear splitting music, three high school students were distributing surveys and collecting them back, planning to come again the next day.

Kimberly Gollogly, Jocelyn Golden, and Maggie MacDonnell of Marshall High School won third place in Sports and Entertainment Research at the recently held International Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) career development conference held in Orlando, Fla.

The purpose of their research was to find out the average demographic that attends Jammin’ Java and what methods of communication they mostly use. Through this data they planned to increase the average target market of the club, by planning different events and using the social media sites to publicize them and gain an audience.

One of the main things their project stressed was the deviation from the popular social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook. So they used other sites, one being GetGlue, which is “a new and upcoming social website,” and tumblr, according to Gollogly. “We used sites like Tumblr and suggested new features like video blogging,” to really be able to connect people with their favorite musicians and bands, Gollogly added.

Using paper and online surveys they researched to find out the average demographic that attended Jammin’ Java to write a 30 page manual to be presented in the International DECA conference.

**THROUGH THEIR RESEARCH** they wanted to not just increase the attendance of Jammin’ Java through technology, but also show that the club is aware of the community and what the public wants.

The surveys usually included questions relating to the concertgoers lifestyle, hobbies and ethnicity.

The project proved to be an eye opener for the participants as they “learned a lot about promoting businesses and I also learned about some new websites that are up and coming,” Golden said.

They also learned the different techniques to popularize businesses.

“I found it was interesting how important social media is to companies,” MacDonnell said. “Companies can easily and effectively promote their brand through social media websites.”

In addition to the 30-page manual, they also made a presentation board with their data and gave a 15 minute presentation which described their research and the data they collected to the judges at the conference.

One of the most difficult parts of their research was the venue selection. Since Jammin’ Java offers such a variety of concerts, it also attracts a lot of different aged people.

“It was really hard to find the median,” Gollogly said.

In addition, the length of the manual posed a challenge because no matter how many times it was revised, it never reached the level of quality they wanted.

**MOST OF THE COMMENTS** they received from the judges focused on their research methods and they seemed “very impressed with our idea,” MacDonnell said. “Sometimes it got hard to explain what GetGlue was and what it does,” Gollogly added. “Especially to people who weren’t very technology savvy.”
ViVa! Vienna! Returns

The Church Street corridor closes to vehicular traffic on Sunday and Monday and that's when the vendors take over, lining Church Street, Mill Street and Dominion Road. ViVa! Vienna’s footprint is on the Town Green, as well.

Capping off ViVa! Vienna! is a Memorial Day tribute, at 3 p.m. on Monday, to “remember the American heroes who have fought for our nation ... some making the ultimate sacrifice,” Svigals said. The tribute was started last year as an integral element of the Memorial Day festival.


Proceeds of ViVa! Vienna! are donated by the Rotary Club of Vienna throughout the year to support local civic initiatives and contribute to local and international humanitarian activities. In 2011, the Rotary Club of Vienna will disburse $146,000 to these causes. In the past five years, more than half million dollars was donated from proceeds generated by Viva! Vienna.

To alleviate the parking problem, the Rotary Club arranges free shuttle buses from the Vienna Metro parking lot and James Madison High School. Parking is free at both lots.

For details of ViVa! Vienna!, maps and list of vendors, see http://www.vivaviennava.org/.

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A late innings rally by the Langley Saxons fell just short as Madison High, behind the springboard of a big first inning, won Monday night’s Liberty District tournament baseball game finals, 8-7.

Madison (16-5), the tournament’s No. 3-seed playing in front of a large, partisan home crowd on its school campus in Vienna, held off a determined, No. 5-seed Langley team that never stopped believing or playing hard even after it fell behind 8-2 after five innings.

The Saxons broke through for five runs in the top of the sixth inning to get within 8-7. Then, in their final at-bats in the seventh, they put their leadoff hitter on base — an infield single by No. 3 batter Matt Moser — and looked poised for final inning dramatics.

The next Langley batter, clean-up hitter Michael Byrne, rifled a hard line drive that initially looked as if it might get through for a base hit. But Madison second baseman Tim Davis, a junior who was not in the starting line-up, caught the hard hit ball before throwing to first baseman Johnny Graham to double up the runner for the huge double play.

Madison right-handed pitcher Nate Favero, a junior second baseman who had been called on in relief during the previous five-run Langley sixth inning, induced the next Langley hitter to ground to the ball to Davis, who picked it up and threw to Graham for the game’s final out, clinching the district title for the Warhawks and setting off a spontaneous, on-field Madison celebration.

“I’m not going to lie to you, it was pretty intense,” said Favero, of the pressure he felt on the mound during his 1-2/3 innings of work. “That was the toughest situation I’ve ever been in during my baseball career.”

Favero, who bats left-handed, had homered for Madison way back in the first inning as the Warhawks built an early 4-1 lead. On the mound in the seventh inning, he was as happy as anyone when his defense got the key double play off of Byrne’s grounder for the game’s final out, it was upon one another in celebratory fashion on the infield.

“It’s unbelievable,” said Favero, of the feeling of winning the title. “There’s nothing like it. This is what we worked for all year.”

LANGLEY HEAD COACH Kevin Healy, who saw his Saxons (12-12) reach the district finals with wins over No. 8 Jefferson, No. 4 Fairfax, and top-seeded Stone Bridge, was proud of his team’s marvellous run to the district finals where the Saxons were on the brink of an improbable title.

“These kids have battled their hearts out all year,” said Healy, whose team was just 6-8 in district games during the regular season before reeling off three straight victories at the district tournament. “They continue to do that.”

The coach said left-handed hitting Byrne’s seventh inning line drive that was caught could have been an extra base hit if it had been a few feet to either side of second baseman Davis.

“Three feet one way or another, that ball’s in the gap and we tie the game,” he said.

Healy said his team stayed alert and confident even after falling behind Madison by scores of 4-1 and 8-2. The Saxons displayed their fortitude with their big five-run sixth inning in which the team batted around the order.

“It’s very easy to go in the tank (when you’re losing),” said Healy. “(In the sixth) we had great-at-bats by kids lower down in the order. We were drilling the ball into the gap.”

MADISON STARTING PITCHER Dan Powers, a sophomore right-hander who earned the win, gave his team a championshipship caliber outing, working five strong innings in which he allowed two runs, struck out five, walked none and hit one batter. His first pitch of the game, to Langley lead-off batter Robert Hood in the top of the first inning, resulted in a line drive double pulled down the left field line. Later that inning, Hood scored on an RBI ground out by Byrne, and Powers and the Warhawks were in a quick 1-0 hole.

But Powers benefitted greatly from a Madison offense which, in the bottom of the first, stormed back with four runs, the result of a pair of two-run homers. With one on and one out, Favero, Madison’s No. 3 hitter in the line-up, pulled a high fly ball down the right field line which left the park for a two-run homer to give the Warhawks a 2-1 lead. Two batters later, after catcher Jay Kenyon grounded a single into left field, sophomore shortstop Andy McGuire sent a towering fly ball over the center field fence, a few feet left of the flag pole, and Madison was up 4-1.

Madison scratched out a run in the second on a bases-loaded walk to McGuire making it 5-1. There was no more scoring until the top of the fifth when Langley, with one out, got a single from Jeff Solomon followed by a ground-rule double into left field by pinch-hitter Colin Cantwell to put Saxon runners on second and third. That brought up Hood, whose sacrifice fly into right center field scored Solomon to get Langley within 5-2.

Madison, in its half of the fifth, appeared to put the game away with three runs. The Warhawks got three doubles in the inning, the two-baggers coming from McGuire, Joe Corrigan (RBI), and senior Alex Tyroler (RBI). Madison’s leadoff hitter. Another big hit that inning came on a run-scoring single into left field by pinch-hitter Matt Livingston.

Ahead 8-2, Madison looked to be on its way to an easy win. But Langley broke out for five runs in the sixth. Big hits came from catcher Nick Amano-Dolan, who grounded an RBI single into right field; and Hood, who’s RBI double plated a run. Max Mraz hit a sacrifice fly and Brandon Bast had an RBI grounder.

Langley’s five-run sixth got the Saxons within 8-7 and that was the score heading into the seventh where Favero, the Madison reliever, got the final three outs as the Warhawks won the hard-fought game.

“It just didn’t turn out in the end,” said a disappointed Matt Moser. Madison’s junior third baseman who had three base hits in the game. “We’ve been through it all this season. When we’re down we know we can come back.”

Powers was the winning pitcher for Madison with his five strong innings of work.

“He pitched a really good game,” said Moser. “He kept his fastball on the outside.”

Favero, who earned the save, said he and his teammates never let down even when the Warhawks built their six-run lead.

“We knew it wasn’t going to be easy,” said Favero, of beating a talented Langley team. “We’ve had tough games this year. We were lucky to pull this out.”

Healy, the Langley coach, said his team thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing in such a big game.

“They like the fact that people don’t expect us to win,” he said. “In the Fairfax and Stone Bridge games, people didn’t think we’d win. Hopefully we can continue [our good play] at regionals.”

Madison, which has won its share of district crowns over the years under coach Mark Gjormand, now has another banner for its gymnasium walls.

“It’s tradition here,” said Favero, of Madison’s winning program. “We’re trying to follow it up. We’re wearing targets on our shirts because we’re Madison, so we have to bring it every day.”
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