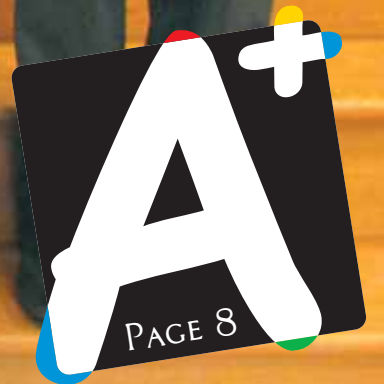


Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna
volunteers honored for their contributions
to the senior service organization in 2014.

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Vienna Theatre Co. Presents 'Other Desert Cities'

Performances for the Vienna Theatre Company's spring production of "Other Desert Cities" opens at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, on Friday, April 17, and will run Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. through May 2, with Sunday matinee performances at 2 p.m. on April 26, and May 3. This comedy, drama,

mystery-filled play is Jon Robin Baitz story of the fictional Wyeth family. This clan, led at the top by a mother and father, is highly regarded in old Hollywood circles and admired by Republicans for their service to and friendship with Ronald and Nancy Reagan in their heyday.

Tickets are now on sale and are \$14 general admission. Tickets are available for purchase in advance at the Vienna Community Center or at the door. To reserve tickets, email vtcshows@yahoo.com. For more information, call (703) 255-6360 or visitwww.viennatheatrecompany.org.

Historic Vienna to Hold Used Book Sale

The Historic Vienna, Inc. Annual Used Book Sale will be held from Friday, April 17-19, at the Town of Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Hours for the event are 7-9 p.m. on April 17, 9 a.m.—7 p.m. on April 18, and noon until 5 p.m. on April 19. Friday evening is a special reception and pre-sale for Historic Vienna members only. Those wishing to attend the pre-sale who are not members of Historic

Vienna (HV) will be able to join at the door.

Thousands of books donated to HVI will be available for sale. The books will be sorted into several dozen categories including cooking, history, arts, mystery, religion, health, travel, and much more. A large section will be devoted exclusively to children's books. The nominal price, regardless of condition of the book (which will range from practically new to used), will be \$2 per hardback, \$1 for softcover. Children's books are often priced lower. There will be an

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Shepherd's Center Volunteers Honored

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV), Executive Director Michelle Scott honored SCOV's 237 volunteers, recognizing outstanding contributions with a pin presentation to several of the service organization's members. The annual volunteer appreciation luncheon was held Tuesday, April 7 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna, and more than 100 guests attended.

Calling them the "heart and soul" of the organization, Scott thanked the volunteers for their selfless contribution to the SCOV mission, promoting and supporting "purposeful, independent living for mature adults."

THE BOARD AWARDED recognition "pins" to Gerry Hamilton, Betty Sommerville (in front of Gerry), Joan Hood, Julius and Mary Ann Hankin, Carol Shapiro, Ross Johnson. Not present for the pin presentation were recipients George Kralovec and Ed Lowry. Mary Ann and Julius Hankin were singled out for being there since "day one," Scott said.

The Hawaii State Society ukulele hui



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[club], along with dancers in Hawaiian dress from Leolani's hula school, provided courtesy entertainment.

Lunch dishes came from Maggio's in Vienna.

Great Falls Assisted Living and The

Crossing provided major support for the luncheon. Vienna mayor Laurie DiRocco, Virginia Delegate Mark Keam, and Mike Collins, representing Congressman Gerry Connolly's office, attended the luncheon.

IN 2014, SCOV VOLUNTEERS contributed 11,830 hours to 387 clients, providing services from senior transportation and social resources to office support and classroom learning adventures. Drivers provided 2,000 round-trip rides to seniors needing SCOV's most in-demand service.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is a faith-based senior support organization, seniors serving seniors. It offers classes instructed by experts in the field, caregiver support, transportation to doctors' office and drug stores, social events and friendship, all contributed by volunteers. SCOV's offices are based at 541 Marshall Road SW, but programming is offered in church halls in Vienna and Oakton. For more information about SCOV, call 703-281-0538 or e-mail office@scov.org. Go to www.scov.org for details.

— DONNA MANZ

Taste of Vienna Serves Up Food and Family Fun

Restaurants bring their dishes to grounds of Vienna Volunteer Fire Department on April 25.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Thirty local restaurants have signed up to participate in the 4th Annual Taste of Vienna celebration, coming up on April 25, on the grounds of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department [VVFD]. Taste of Vienna is sponsored and hosted by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

"This is a fun-filled community event with food and family activities," said Vienna Volunteer Fire Department president, Anthony Stancampiano. It's an opportunity to meet and mingle with acquaintances and friends, enjoying great food while supporting VVFD, Stancampiano said.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS include Donatos, Al Nakheel Lebanese Café, Ya Hala Restaurant, Turmeric Indian Dining, Crepe Amour, Tara Thai Vienna, The Fresh Market, Caffé Amouri, Bazin's on Church, Elevation Burger Vienna, Viet Aroma, Robeks Fruit Smoothies, Culinaria Cooking School, Famous Dave's BBQ,



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Thirty of the area's most popular restaurants and food sources will sell their signature dishes at the fourth annual Taste of Vienna sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department on April 25.

Blackfinn Ameripub, Paddy Barry's Irish Pub & Restaurant, Maplewood Grill, Pure Pasty Co, Social Burger, Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar, Vienna Inn, Lombardi's Pizza/Church Street Pizza, Ayoba-Yo, Yuengling's Ice Cream, Sweet City Desserts, Bistro 7107, Whole Foods Market, Clarity, and Potbelly Sandwich Shop. Beer, wine and soft drinks are for sale, as well.

"Taste of Vienna is another great community event that we enjoy because it showcases many of our delicious area restaurants like Maplewood Grill, one of our family favorites," said Dan Govan, Vienna.

Admission is free, and, guests purchase meals and drinks directly from vendors. Live

musical entertainment plays throughout the day. There's a bounce-house and face painting for kids, as well, and musical talent from Vienna's own School of Rock perform early in the day. Proceeds from Taste of Vienna benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

"I always enjoy the Taste of Vienna because there is a huge variety of food to sample from many of the restaurants in town," said Mike Davis of Vienna. "I can try something from a restaurant I have never been to before, or, have some cuisine from a restaurant I love. It's all right there in one place, no traveling all over town. I enjoy seeing many people I know and socializing with them ..."

THE VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN SERVICE to the Vienna community for more than 100 years. It is anchored by volunteer first-responders and administrators, as well as by Fairfax County career professionals.

Taste of Vienna is VVFD's most dominant fundraiser. Proceeds help pay off the mortgage or buy new equipment. In 2014, VVFD brought in about \$45,000, and, after expenses, netted \$15,000. The funds went to paying down the building's mortgage.

Beer and wine sales, sponsorships, and vendor entry fees bring in revenue. This is the first year that Taste of Vienna has sold out its vendor space. "It's growing," Stancampiano said.

Taste of Vienna is sponsored in large part by Navy Federal Credit Union.

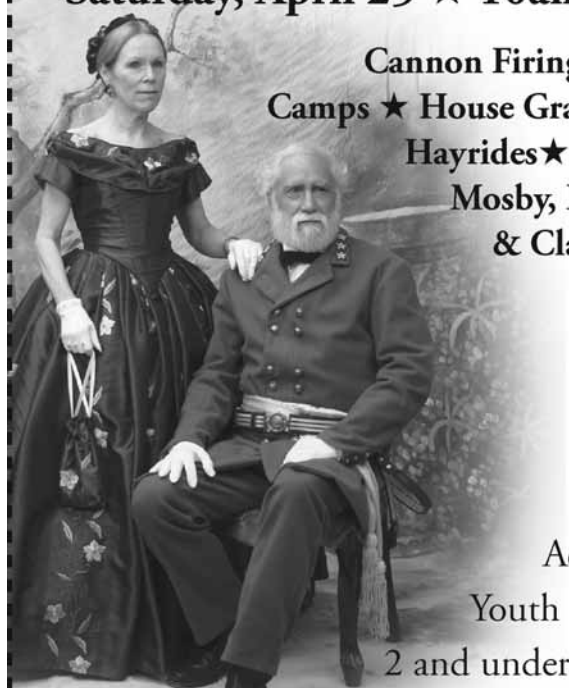
Referring to Taste of Vienna, Davis said, "it's a great way to help support our local fire department, and an opportunity to thank all of the personnel who are working there that day," said Davis. "Oh, and then there is the opportunity to taste many varieties of beer ... I'll be pouring it again this year."

THE 4TH ANNUAL TASTE OF VIENNA is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 400 Center Street South, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. To learn more about Taste of Vienna, go to <http://www.tasteofvienna.org/>. For updates on the 4th Annual Taste of Vienna, go to <https://www.facebook.com/tasteofvienna?fref=ts>. Rain or shine.

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Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Honors Three Town of Vienna Police Officers

On March 26, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce awarded Town of Vienna Police Officers, MPO Tim Seitz, Officer Marcos Herrera and Officer John Digan with Certificates of Valor at the 37th Annual Valor Awards Ceremony.

MPO Seitz was honored for his selfless actions to force open a barricaded door to disarm an emotionally disturbed individual who was armed with scissors and determined to end her life. MPO Seitz's placed himself in danger to prevent her from further injury or possible death.

Officers Herrera and Digan responded to the Wolf Trap Hotel to conduct a welfare check of an individual who had been staying at the hotel.

When the individual did not answer the door the Officers gained entry with the help of a key from the hotel management. Upon entering the room Officers Herrera and Digan discovered the individual lying on the floor and unresponsive. Without hesitation the



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Pictured, from left, Deputy Chief Daniel P. Janickey, MPO Tim Seitz, Officer Marcos Herrera, Officer John Digan and Colonel James A. Morris.

officers began performing CPR and continued to do so even as members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department arrived. Although their efforts were unsuccessful both Officers Herrera and Digan are extremely deserving of their Valor Award.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Annual Valor Awards

Ceremony recognizes members of the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Department,

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entire section devoted to Treasures, rare, valuable or unusual books which will be priced higher, but well below retail prices. Attendees may, if they wish, purchase books to be immediately donated to the Wounded Warriors program. All proceeds from the sale are used to support the operation of HVI and the Freeman Store and Museum at 131 Church Street, SE. The Book Sale will also feature an exhibit of posters created by students participating in the Thoreau Middle School's Oral History Project.

Celebrate Arbor Day, Green Expo April 23

The Town of Vienna and the Community Enhancement Commission invite the public to attend the annual Arbor Day ceremony on Thursday, April 23, at 4 p.m. The tree planting ceremony will be held in front of Peet's Coffee at 332 Maple Avenue E, Vienna.

After the Arbor Day ceremony, the public is invited to attend the seventh annual Vienna Green Expo at the Vienna Community Center from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Vienna Green Expo is a juried showcase of local and regional earth-friendly exhibitors educating the public on how to achieve a green lifestyle. Presentations and discussions for children and adults from 30 juried

exhibits, includes information on energy efficiency, purchasing local organic products, creating green gardens, recycling options and more practical ideas to save money.

New this year, Solarize Vienna, a community-based pilot project jointly sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the Local Energy Alliance Program. The Green Expo will be a one-stop-shop for residents to learn about solar power options, meet installers or to sign up for a home energy checkup. Also, featured during the Expo; tips on purchasing local organic products, creating sustainable gardens, recycling, and the latest in electric and bi-fuel vehicles.

The Vienna Green Expo is a free event. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

American Legion Post 180 to Host Breakfast Buffet

On Sunday, April 19, Breakfast Buffet, 8 a.m. to noon, at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., Vienna. Omelettes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, blueberry pancakes, biscuits, sausage gravy, home fries and fruit. Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$3. Call 703-938-6580 for more information.

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OPINION

Counting Homeless; Solution Is Housing

Results of the annual census of homeless show progress, persistence of the problem, and some worrying trends.

On the night of Jan. 28, 2015, there were 1,204 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax County area.

Of those, 715 were people in 213 homeless families, with 431 homeless children; 347 of those children were under 12. Sixty-two percent of the adults in these homeless families are employed, but don't earn enough to avoid becoming homeless. Domestic violence was identified as the cause of homelessness for 41 percent of the people counted in homeless families. Women made up 78 percent of the adults in homeless families.

Men accounted for 77 percent of the single homeless people.

Of the single homeless people, 55 percent, 268 people, are identified as having serious mental illness; 203, or 42 percent were identified as chronically homeless.

Twenty-five percent of the single homeless individuals were employed.

Eight percent were veterans. Four percent, or 21, were former foster children.

Some troubling trends:

This year, 123 or 25 percent of the single homeless people were over 55.

This year, 52 or 11 percent of the single

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homeless people were transitional adults, aged 18-24.

This year, 58 percent of homeless individuals in families and 43 percent of single homeless people counted were African American. This is disproportionate to the overall African American population of 9.7 percent.

This year marks a reduction of 21 homeless people, or approximately 2 percent reduction over the previous count in 2014. It is a decrease of 34 percent since 2008 when there were 1,835 literally homeless people counted, including 1,091 in families. The Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness credits adoption of housing first and rapid rehousing models, heightened prevention efforts and prioritizing housing for longest and most vulnerable homeless for continuing decrease.

What's needed is more affordable housing, more housing affordable to those with very low income, more affordable housing designated for formerly homeless people with the supports they need. Without a commitment to more affordable housing, it will be impossible to continue to reduce the number of homeless people in the region.

It's critical to note that those who are literally homeless are a small part of the problem. In terms of preventing homelessness, literally thousands of families live at risk of becoming homeless in our region. Very high housing costs combined with the growth of low-wage service jobs mean that many families are one unexpected bill away from homelessness. Nonprofits in the county play a huge role in preventing homelessness by responding to crises.

As the development of the Silver Line brings a wave of new residential construction in the county, we must insist that affordable housing be a part of that growth.

Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is May 10 and, every year at this time, The Connection calls for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery. Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. (We will not print your full address or contact information.) You can upload photos and information directly to www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/ or email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inappropriate 'Choices'

To the Editor:

My name is Donna McHugh and I am writing in response to your article ["Moving: From Institution to Community"] printed on April 2 regarding the Northern Virginia Training Center.

I am the sister and co-guardian of my 58-year-old brother Joseph F. McHugh (Joe) discussed in the article. He lives at the Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC). Joe is minimally verbal, non-ambulatory, has serious digestive issues with spasticity and without continual preventative medical routines, performed by others at NVTC, he would be dead.

The article states that we have

been provided a multitude of community placement choices. The choices presented to me and Joe's other legal guardians have been inappropriate. The community does not have the skills or supports necessary for his real medical needs for his survival. We are actively investigating and reviewing choices — but nothing is available. There are not comparable and appropriate choices in Northern Virginia like we were promised. Currently, my only choice is the Central Virginia Training Center in Lynchburg, Va., which is slated to close in 2020 and go through the process of placement/discharge all over again which is stressful and

full of anxiety.

No one can predict the future of the state-funded a-la-carte waiver, currently funded at 60 percent, which is being offered as my brother's source of funding while currently he has a fully-funded (100 percent) Medicaid/Medicare federal waiver which means whatever his needs are they are met, so from a fiduciary standpoint as a legal guardian why would I change that? I can't predict how he will react to a new home, staff and routine. My hope is this will be a positive transition. But, I strongly feel that the impending closure date is unrealistic and makes me wonder if the department/state is more interested in "discharge" and closure than fos-

tering the correct and appropriate placements.

Finally, the Commonwealth of Virginia has had 40 years to develop community homes and resources. Virginia has the solution to serve many of its citizens including the medically fragile by using the property they already have and renovating it to meet individual/group needs. This is a solution that involves compromise and cooperation and would have Virginia leading the country.

I fear that my brother as well as many of the remaining residents will not find good, appropriate placements.

Donna McHugh
Centreville

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Fairfax County will sponsor **Strategies for Managing the Stress of**

Caregiving on Tuesday, May 12, 7-8:30 p.m. at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, **Falls Church**. Find out more about this free event and register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711.

Fairfax County presents **"Alive Inside"** Movie and Discussion on Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.-Noon. This free movie focuses on the Music & Memory program's ability to combat memory loss and restore meaning to the lives of those with Alzheimer's disease.

Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Dr., Ste. 100, **Fairfax**. Find out more and register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711.

Get the facts about health insurance for older adults at Fairfax County's free presentation on **Medicare 101**. Tuesday, May 19, 3-4:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., **Fairfax**. Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm.

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BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
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Inside an elementary school classroom in Bethesda, Md., a class of third grade students is divided into small groups and given a task: to cross a desert using a limited supply of tools that often include a jump rope, a foam noodle or a scooter. Their mission is to devise a plan to cross the desert without touching the sand.

This classroom exercise at Norwood School requires cohesive collaboration, quick analytical skills and, most of all, creative physical movement.

"This type of activity is so much more than who has the most points on the scoreboard or how to kick a football," said Jane Martens, physical education coordinator at Norwood School. "It shows the direct relationship between movement and academic success, particularly when it comes to focus. Twenty minutes is long enough for little ones to sit and focus on academics. After that they need movement to refocus their attention."

Martens and other educators and researchers cite substantial evidence that physical activity can boost academic performance, including grades and test scores. In fact, many say the recent trend of sacrificing physical education for the sake of academics is counterproductive.

"Unfortunately, with an increased focus on academic standards of learning and budget dilemmas, physical education and outdoor play have often been among the first things to be cut," said Ivy Beringer, Ph.D., assistant dean, early childhood education and substance abuse, Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Based on research findings this appears to be counterproductive to the development of the whole child. Even when there is limited time in the daily schedule for physical activity and outdoor play, teachers can engage children in classroom activities designed to get them moving."

Experts say aerobic exercise has the greatest effect on academic performance, and elementary



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Students at Norwood School engage in a movement exercise during the school day. Researchers say physical activity can boost academic performance.

school students benefit most from being physically active.

"Some of the largest cognitive benefits were linked, in order of importance, with mathematical achievement, IQ and reading achievement, all critical components of the standardized testing movement," said Dominique Banville, Ph.D., director, division of health and human performance at George Mason University in Fairfax. "Physical education is the only subject in school specifically dedicated to not only make students move during class time, but also to provide them with knowledge that will allow them to be active outside of school."

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The effect is physiological as exercise increases one's energy level, increasing one's capacity for cognitive activity. "Exercise increases blood flow to the brain and has been shown to increase one's ability to focus," said Beringer.

The lessons that students learn

from physical education are life-long and extend beyond an elementary school spelling test or a middle school science project.

"In addition to promoting concentration in the classroom, it gives children an opportunity to develop competence in using their growing bodies," said Christine Pegoraro Schull, Ph.D., professor, early childhood education, Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Everyone needs to learn how to run, stretch, climb, be agile and use rules in a group. In a fundamental way, it teaches children to not be sedentary."

ONE SOLUTION for a lack of time or space for activity is melding it with academic subjects.

"Teachers and school leaders need to see movement and play more through an interdisciplinary lens," said Glenn Whitman, director, Center for Transformative

Teaching and Learning and girls' varsity soccer coach at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md. "Teachers need to recognize that regardless of the length of a class period, students need to move."

"Simple solutions are to have students move among different work-

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"10 Simple Ways to Encourage Physical Activity in the Classroom." These suggestions do not require equipment and are easy to incorporate throughout the day. Visit www.yourtherapysource.com/10simple.html.

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stations in class or to collaborate with their peers while standing up," Whitman added. "Students can recreate the movements of historical battles. Before an assessment, students can do some jumping jacks or stretches, which elevate dopamine levels in the brain and have been shown to lead to increased academic performance. Building movement into class is only limited by the level of a teacher's willingness to be creative."

Parental involvement is critical, say educators, particularly in schools where physical education is limited. For example, parents can suggest ideas for brief movement activities that are interspersed with academics, volunteer to lead such activities or form focus groups to brainstorm ideas to increase movement.

"Movement is so important that parents need to be more vocal about it," said Martens. "Parents need to be informed about what they're losing when they take away physical activity and movement."

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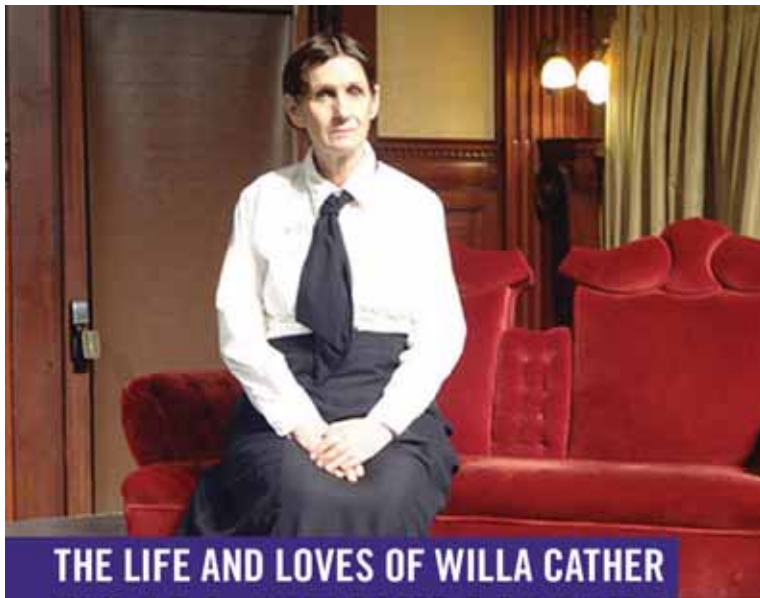
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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15

Arts Jam Anniversaries. 7:30 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. A Flint Hill School music and dance extravaganza, at More than 150 performers and 8 ensembles, and the cast of the Upper School Musical, “Bye Bye Birdie.” Free and open to the public. No reservations required. Free Parking in Lot K with Flint Hill mini bus shuttle service and paid parking at the Mason Pond Deck parking garage attached to the concert hall.

Pokemon League. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. School age kids drop-in and play Pokemon with your friends.

THURSDAY/APRIL 16

Introduction to Painting. 1-4 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, NW, Vienna. If you have always wanted to learn how to paint, attend this class with Donna Grone and you will take home your own finished painting. All supplies provided by the Vienna Arts Society. No experience necessary. Free. Call to register: 703-319-3971.

FRIDAY/APRIL 17

“Other Desert Cities.” 8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. The story of the fictional Wyeth family — a clan highly regarded in old Hollywood circles. The play explores the dark family secrets that threaten to destroy external and internal perceptions about the life the family members lead. Runs through May 2. www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

Eileen Ivers. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. This virtuoso's award-winning skill and Irish-inspired playing prove she is “the Jimi Hendrix of the violin,” according to The New York Times. \$27-30. 703-255-1900.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18

Model Trains and Thomas at Open House. 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Train Station, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. See and hear model trolleys and steam and diesel trains plus Thomas and some of his friends. The layout reflects the mountainous terrain and towns of Western North Carolina with award winning structures. Free admission. 703-938-5157. www.nvmr.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 19

Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-noon. American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., Vienna. Omelets, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, blueberry pancakes, biscuits, sausage gravy, home fries and fruit. Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$3. Call 703-938-6580 for more information.

TUESDAY/APRIL 21

Table Panache for Festive Celebrations. 10 a.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, NE, Vienna. The program will feature eight tables designed by Five Hills Garden Club Members and will be



On April 17 catch a performance of the Pilobolus Dance Company at the McLean Community Center. Acclaimed for its mix of humor, invention and drama and for the quickness and athleticism of its dancers, the Pilobolus Dance Company continually breaks down barriers and challenges the way people think about dance. For more information, visit www.aldentheatre.org.

held on in the Great Hall. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to browse the boutique of unique vendors. The program will begin at 10 a.m. Tea and a light lunch will follow. For ticket information call 703-988-9324 or email mariansanders@cox.net.

THURSDAY/APRIL 23

John McCutcheon. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk expert with a vital, narrative voice performs classics like “Christmas in the Trenches” and “Hail to the Chief.” \$25-28. 703-255-1900.

Arbor Day and Green Expo. 4 p.m. Peet's Coffee, 332 Maple Ave E, Vienna. The tree planting ceremony will be held in front of Peet's Coffee. After the Arbor Day ceremony, the public is invited to attend the 7th annual Vienna Green Expo at the Vienna Community Center from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Vienna Green Expo is a juried showcase of local and regional earth-friendly exhibitors educating the public on how to achieve a green lifestyle.

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FRIDAY/APRIL 24

Sybarite5. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. String quintet blurs boundaries with exacting musicianship and adventurous programming for a transfixing result. \$35. 703-255-1900.

SATURDAY/APRIL 25

Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Melodic island music with uncommon tunings and finger picking by Hawaii's finest players. \$25-27. 703-255-1900.

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SUNDAY/APRIL 26

“Walk On the Hill.” 2-5 p.m. Free. Windover Heights. Experience a peaceful time as part of Vienna's Quasiquicentennial (125th) celebration by touring the historic district and meandering through any yard with a “Yard Open” sign. Programs throughout the event, including native habitat at Salsbury Spring and concerts by The Old Time Machine, Green Hedges School and Vienna Community Band. Roads closed to vehicles at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. (Rain Date: May 3) For information call 703-938-5187 or visit www.historicviennainc.org.

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SATURDAY/MAY 2

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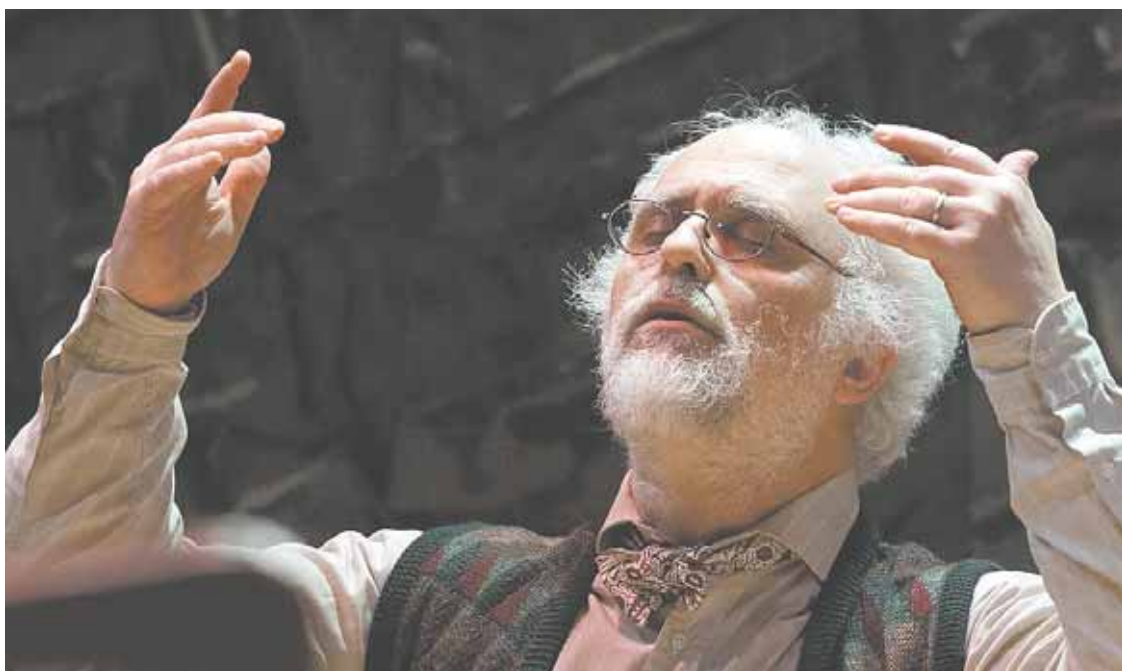
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Philip Hosford as Professor Josef Mashkan in 1st Stage's production of "Old Wicked Songs."

'Old Wicked Songs' at 1st Stage

Masterful production to run through May 3 at Tysons.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

High accolades are due for 1st Stage's production of "Old Wicked Songs," a play powered by a heart-tugging premise, precise high-caliber acting, with an evocative set and piano music from composer Robert Schumann that opens anyone's heart to tenderness. And all as two characters are fraught with personal demons and the turmoil of the Holocaust.

"Old Wicked Songs" by Jon Marans was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1996 and has been staged not only in the United States but across Europe. However, it has been rarely produced in the D.C. metropolitan area.

The play is set in Vienna, Austria in the mid-1980s. An American piano student; a rather brash, tense 20-something piano prodigy, Stephen Hoffman (Aaron Bliden well-tuned to resentment) arrives at the music studio of a seemingly over-the-hill, eccentric, music Professor Mashkan (a charming, wise-cracking Philip Hosford). Bliden has hit a creative wall and can't play in public anymore.

"Old Wicked Songs" explores their relationship; as teacher and student, as two men of different generations, and of two individuals coming to terms with their own personal secrets and connections



Philip Hosford as Professor Josef Mashkan and Aaron Bliden as Stephen Hoffman in 1st Stage production of "Old Wicked Songs."

Where and When

1st Stage performs "Old Wicked Songs" at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances through May 3. Performances are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$23 - \$28. Student and military tickets are \$15. Tickets online at www.1stStageTysons.org or by calling the 1st Stage box office at 703-854-1856.

to the Holocaust and the Dachau Concentration Camp.

Under the assured direction of Michael Chamberlin, the production is full of real passion given off by the two actors. Bliden and Hosford have a felt empathy throughout their entwined characters.

There is a mysterious emotional spark that binds them.

With "Old Wicked Songs," the audience is confronted with the "sadness and joy" and humor of life and music. Through the music direction of Walter "Bobby" McCoy the audience basks in the

lush melancholy sounds of Schumann's music like patrons at a dazzling private piano recital. The music becomes a third very key actor in the show's proceedings.

The technical design elements start with a gorgeous set devised by Kathryn Kaweck. The audience nearly surrounds the stage, providing intimacy with the close-by actors. The set is wonderfully detailed; one can almost smell the oiled wood of the furniture. The costuming, also by Kaweck, gives the two characters a visual sense of who they are whether a constricting tie for Hoffman, or casual attire for Mashkan. Lighting design by Brian Allard and sound design by Kenny Neal add changing sunlight and the sounds of nature, along with trembles from darkness inside the sounds of train box cars.

"Old Wicked Songs" is a fascinating journey for both the characters and audience.



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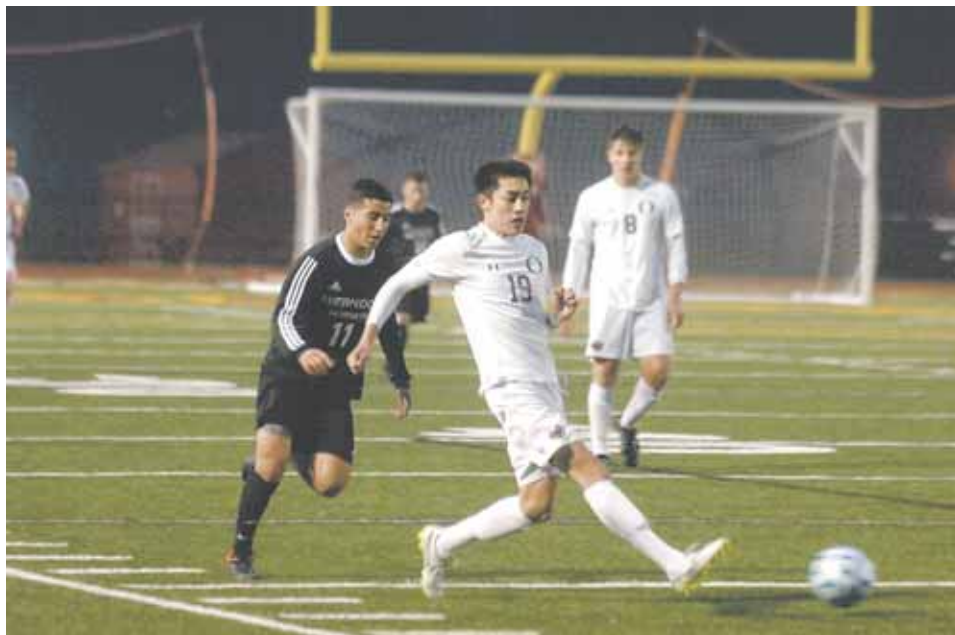
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Tyler Morgan (19) is a returning starter for the Oakton boys' soccer team. Oakton senior Millan Khadka (7) scored a goal against Herndon on April 9.

Oakton Looking for Fourth Concorde Title in Five Years

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**Cougars defeat
Herndon 1-0 on April 9.**

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Two days after beating Robinson, 3-1, in an early-season Conference 5 match, a reporter asked Oakton senior forward Armand Jeffris what the victory meant in regard to the Cougars' confidence.

"Oakton, as a team, we don't really have a confidence issue," Jeffris said. "We go in planning on winning with the mentality that we want to win and we want to put these teams away. We are playing very good teams and it's always nice and always good to get a win under our belts. Battling through it and getting that win is tough sometimes, but you can always count on Oakton to pull through."

Oakton head coach Todd Spitalny was also asked about the significance of the win over Robinson, which entered the April 7 contest with a 4-0 record. Spitalny said it was just another conference match.

"It's our district," Spitalny said. "We've



Oakton senior captain Armand Jeffris battles for the ball against a pair of Herndon players on April 9.

won it three out of the last four years. We don't plan on giving it up to anybody."

The Cougars have plenty of confidence early in the 2015 campaign. On April 9, Oakton defeated Herndon 1-0 in a rematch of last season's conference championship match. The victory extended the Cougars' win streak to four games following a sea-

son-opening loss to McLean on March 16.

Oakton senior Millan Khadka scored the lone goal against Herndon in the seventh minute with an assist from Jeffris.

Oakton has been one of the most competitive teams in Northern Virginia the last four seasons. The Cougars won the Northern Region championship in 2013, ad-

vanced to the state semifinals and finished the season with an 18-1-2 record.

Last season, however, Oakton was upset by West Potomac in the second round of regionals. The Cougars entered the match having won five straight, but lost 2-1 on their home field.

"It was an absolute upset in the match," Spitalny said. "We out-shot them 22-4. We dominated the game [but] we made two mistakes. ... To West Potomac's [credit], they won it. There's nothing I can say to take it away from them. Were we the better team? Absolutely. But you've got to win the match."

Jeffris said the Cougars use the loss as motivation.

"We are a very young squad, but the older players, the upperclassmen, definitely remember stuff like that," he said. "It does hurt and that is what drives us."

Jeffris, an all-state selection last season, is one of four returning starters for Oakton, along with junior defender/midfielder Trey Lodge, senior defender Sam Bundren and junior defender/midfielder Tyler Morgan.

After losing to McLean, 1-0, Oakton responded with wins against Lee (2-0), Yorktown (2-0), Robinson and Herndon.

Oakton will host Chantilly at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 17.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Oakton Girls' Tennis Beats Chantilly

The Oakton girls' tennis team on April 13 finished its match against the Chantilly Chargers that was interrupted by Friday's rainstorms.

The Oakton Girls Varsity Tennis team won 6-3.

Oakton's Annie Clark (10-6), Lindsey Le (10-7), Alekhya Nanduri (10-4) and Kaitlyn Hyun (10-4) won singles matches. The Cougars' doubles teams of Clark/Le (10-4) and Andie Carroll/Anna

Klinker (10-4) were also victorious.

Oakton Baseball Topples Madison

The Oakton baseball team defeated Madison 11-3 on April 18, improving its record to 7-0.

Madison fell to 7-3, dropping three of its last four.

Oakton will travel to face Centreville at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17. Madison will travel to face Langley.



Meaghan O'Reilly and the McLean girls' soccer team remained undefeated with a 2-1 victory at South County on Monday. The victory improved the Highlanders' record to 4-0-2. McLean will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 17.

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SPORTS



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Up and Down and All Around

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



No. That's not my stomach talking. Nor is it the recurring effects of the six-plus years of chemotherapy. Fortunately, nausea has rarely been a part of that experience. However, like so many others, I have endured my share of side effects: I've lost my hair, lost weight, lost interest in food/lost taste, lost energy, lost sleep and a few other things I can't remember I've lost ("chemo brain"), but amazingly, I've not lost my life. Neither have I lost my will to live. Still, living with cancer is hardly the stuff of which dreams are made; more likely, they're nightmares. And though living is its own reward, for a cancer patient/survivor, it's not a given; you sort of have to take it.

To say that "living with cancer" – meaning you're the one afflicted – is like being on a roller coaster, would be unkind to all roller coasters. I can't really see that there are any thrills to being on board for this emotional/physical ride. Aside from there not being a safety bar, there are no guarantees that you'll survive the trip/ordeal; and unlike the ride at the amusement park, it's unlikely you'll want to go on again. For cancer patients, being diagnosed once is more than enough. And if your diagnosis is the terminal kind, once really is all there needs to be. Because if there's one thing that cancer has proved to be beyond a reasonable doubt, is an indiscriminate killer with reach beyond many a grasp.

Ergo; assimilating, integrating, processing this fact into your daily existence is hardly the pause that refreshes. It's more of the premature finish that you worry about. Immediately, your outlook on life changes. Whatever plans/expectations you may have had for a long life may have to be modified. I had a modest plan, more like a presumption: that I would live into my mid eighties, as both my parents had. Learning at age 54 and a half that my presumption turns out to be an assumption I shouldn't have made, is unsettling to say the least, and extremely disappointing to soften the most. Finding a level, a mechanism, a rationalization, a sense of purpose in the midst of such a devastating change of plans is the axis on which your life – with its cancer-related fits and starts – twists and turns.

As difficult as this challenge is, it is particularly difficult during the weeks leading up to your CT Scan and the days following, until your appointment with your oncologist when the results are finally discussed. Then you'll know where you stand or whether you should be sitting; whether your life hangs in the balance or whether the balance is completely out of whack. It's rare that you'll be pardoned; realistically speaking, all you can hope for is lighter duty. But that's the problem, there's nothing light about it. It's all heavy and often very unpredictable. And there's very little that's amusing about it. And unlike a roller coaster which has a beginning and an end with a middle to die for, cancer's beginning, middle and end is all to die for.

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

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by Friday.

From examining the genes in the monkey flower, to exploring the Rev. Martin Luther King's political, social and theological beliefs, to epilepsy therapies, to sustainable tourism, 38 **University of Virginia** undergraduates will pursue 36 grant-funded research projects this summer. Thirty-five of the proposals received Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards and another student has had his research underwritten by the Stull family of Dallas. This marks the 16th year of the program, which helps further a key component of the U.Va. student experience: hands-on research.

The research awards support students who present detailed plans for projects that have been endorsed by a faculty mentor. In February, a Faculty Senate committee selected the winners, who receive up to \$3,000. Faculty mentors who oversee the projects receive \$1,000.

This year's Harrison Undergraduate Research Award winners and their research topics include

♦ **Pasha Davoudian, 21, of McLean**, a third-year neuroscience major, who is researching the role the thalamus plays in epilepsy therapy.

♦ **Daniel Naveed Tavakol, 19, of Vienna**, a second-year biomedical engineering student, who is researching angiogenesis, or blood vessel growth, in the mouse cornea and retina, distinguishing key factors in support-cell recruitment and location in vascular networks.

Four Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have won **national awards in the 2015 Scholastic Writing Awards Competition**. Sixteen FCPS students won regional Gold Key awards, and 29 students won regional Silver Key awards.

♦ Olivia Dabich of Marshall High School for Flash Fiction, "A Defector and Family's Guide to the Aftermath of Defection from North Korea." Dabich won a Gold Key award for this entry in the regional competition.

♦ Peiqi Wang of Carson Middle School for Critical Essay, "A False Dichotomy: Privacy and Security in the Digital Age." Wang won a Gold Key award for this entry in the regional competition.

National Silver Medal award winners were:

♦ Mei Baek of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) for Poetry, "Grandmother." Baek won a Gold Key award for this entry in the regional competition.

♦ Samiksha Kale of Kilmer Middle School for Poetry, "3-2-1 Fun, My Spark of Inspiration, The Jewel of India, Wretched Soul." Kale won a Gold Key award for this entry in the regional competition.

Regional Gold Key award winners are:

♦ Colleen Flanagan of Herndon High School for Poetry.

♦ Olivia Dabich of Marshall High School for Short Story and Poetry.

♦ Tara Abrishami of TJHSST for Poetry.

♦ Suzie Bae of TJHSST for Personal Essay-Memoir.

Vienna Idol Returns for Fourth Year

Auditions open to vocalists and musicians through May.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Growing bigger every year with stakes growing higher, as well, Vienna Idol kicked off its qualifying rounds – auditions – in early April. Local musical talent is vying for a \$1,000 grand prize in 2015.

Vienna Idol, a music competition benefiting the Khristin Kylo “Dream Big” Memorial Fund, and S.U.D.E.P. [Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy] research runs auditions semi-weekly at either Caffè Amouri or Whole Foods Vienna. The competition culminates with four finalists on June 5 when fans vote for their favorite “idol” with dollars. The contestant who garners the most donations wins.

“We do it because it’s a community event that can also do good for other people,” said Vienna Idol founder and producer, Michael Amouri of Caffè Amouri.

MICHAEL AMOURI, OWNER OF CAFFÈ AMOURI, put together the idea to support the Khristin Kylo memorial fund with a talent competition. Khristin died unexpectedly of complications from epilepsy at the end of her first semester at Princeton University in 2010. A James Madison High School graduate in 2010, she was a softball stand-out. Amouri coached her in basketball at Madison.

Amouri first conceived of the talent competition as a community event to promote local talent, but, then, he thought of his former player and her parents’ fundraiser, Kylopalooza. It seemed like a natural partnership.

“You come to support local musicians and support a good cause,” Amouri said.

On April 15, Whole Foods Vienna donated five percent of its day’s proceeds to Vienna Idol. Caffè Amouri, Whole Foods Vienna, and Kiln and Company are Vienna Idol’s primary sponsors.

Contestants who advance qualify for the semi-final competition held over the Memorial Day weekend at the ViVa! Vienna! festival. Finals take place at a Concert on the Green on Friday, June 5 beginning at 6 p.m. Rain date for the finale is Saturday, June 6.

The first qualifying event was April 14 at Caffè Amouri. Qualifying events – auditions – are held throughout April and May. At each qualifying event, judges active in the community evaluate the performances and vote for those who will advance to the semi-finals. Contestants are judged on overall talent, originality and stage presence.

First-place winner gets \$1,000; second place gets \$500, and third place gets \$250.



Crowds of family, friends and fans take over the Town Green in the Vienna Idol finals. Dollar votes determine the new Vienna Idol. Friends and family have been seen stuffing the ballot jars.

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Semi-finalists perform outdoors during ViVa! Vienna! in 2014.

Vienna Idol Rules

Minimum age is 12. Maximum age is 100.

Entry fee \$20, to be donated to the Khristin Kylo Memorial Fund and S.U.D.E.P. payable in advance or at the time of audition.

Entrants must submit a registration form and accompanying photo (preferably a “headshot”) and a short bio.

Caffè Amouri will supply sound amplification equipment. Mics, speakers, and a mixer will be on-hand for acts. All instruments to be provided by participants.

Qualifying rounds will be held at Caffè Amouri and Whole Foods Vienna.

The names of musicians who advance in Vienna Idol will be announced the week of May 18, prior to the semi-final rounds on Memorial Day weekend during ViVa! Vienna!

Contestants do not need to be a Town of Vienna resident to participate.

Entrants agree to be available for the semi-final competition to be held over the Memorial Day Weekend at the annual ViVa! Vienna! festival, and for the finals to be held at a Concert on the Green on Friday, June 5, beginning at 6 p.m. Rain date for the finale is Saturday, June 6.

Memorial Fund was founded in 2011 by Khristin’s parents, Tom and Julie Kylo. The fund awards scholarships to local high school students who reflect Khristin’s outlook and character. Funds that remain after scholarship is awarded go to S.U.D.E.P. (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy) research. Last year, the Fund raised \$15,000. It awarded two scholarships, one at \$5,000, the second at \$1,500. A percentage of the funds goes to S.U.D.E.P. research.

“We do it because it’s a community event that can also do good for other people.”

— Michael Amouri of Caffè Amouri, Vienna Idol founder and producer

“We want people to come to Vienna Idol because it’s a good, entertaining show that also raises money,” said Tom Kylo. “We don’t feel comfortable asking people for money for the fund, but, this show is a good value for your donation.”

CONTESTANTS MAY REGISTER online at www.viennaidol.org or at Caffè Amouri on Church Street. Go to www.viennaidol.org/ for audition details, dates, and locations.

To learn about or to donate to the Khristin Kylo Memorial Fund, visit khristinkyllomemorialfund.org.