

Vienna's most family-friendly, fun-filled festival, ViVa! Vienna!, returns for Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 28.

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VIENNA CRIME REPORTS

Notable incidents from the Vienna Police Reports from May 13-19.

INCIDENTS

Destruction of Property - 400 Block Kramer Drive SE. April 15, 9:30 a.m. A resident advised that he witnessed his neighbor damage his vehicle. The resident was advised of the warrant process if he wished to pursue charges.

Lost Property - Shell Gas Station, 252 Maple Ave. West. May 4, 5:45 p.m. A citizen reported losing his wallet while he was at the gas station.

Vehicle Tampering - 500 Block Walker Street SW. Between May 8 at 7 p.m. and May 9 at 11 a.m. A resident advised someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle while it was parked in her driveway. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Animal Case - Quarantine - 500 Block Park Street NE. May 9, noon. A resident reported that her cat was injured after being attacked by a fox in their yard. The

cat was treated by its veterinarian and released to go home. The fox ran off after the attack. Since the health condition of the fox is not known the cat was placed under quarantine for 45 days.

Grand Larceny - 700 Block Courthouse Road SW. Between May 9 at 6 p.m. and May 10 at 6:30 a.m. An employee reported two water pumps and a camera were taken from a work site.

Domestic Dispute - Hillcrest Drive SW. May 10, 12:16 a.m. Officers responded to the report of a domestic dispute between a resident and his adult son. The resident advised his son has a history of domestic violence and that he came home drunk tonight and began making threats. The family expressed that they wanted the son to leave the residence for the night in concern for their safety. Arrangements were made for the son to stay elsewhere and for a driver to pick him up from the residence. The son left the residence without further incidence.

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Entertainment for ViVa! Vienna! is on three stages.

ViVa! Vienna! Returns Memorial Day Weekend

Rides, food, entertainment, kids' activities and Memorial Day tribute celebrate community spirit.

DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

What has 300-plus craft and merchandise vendors, dozens of carnival-food kiosks, non-stop entertainment on multiple stages, more than 20 amusement rides for kids, and takes over the historic Church Street corridor for three days? The annual Memorial Day weekend festival, hosted by the Rotary Club of Vienna, ViVa! Vienna! does.

Vienna's most family-friendly, fun-filled festival, ViVa! Vienna!, returns for Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 28.

ViVa! Vienna! is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vienna, in partnership with the Town of Vienna.

Three stages (main, children's and a new third stage at Church and Lawyers Road) feature pop bands, dancers and children's favorites — including kiddie pop stars, Rocknoceros. There's pop, rock, blues, dancers, martial arts exhibitions, magicians and children's activities.

Vendors line Church Street between Mill and Center streets, and Mill and Dominion streets.

Food vendors sell traditional carnival food (read: fried candy, funnel cakes, and turkey legs), signature dishes from local restaurants, ice creams and ethnic food.

The annual Memorial Day ceremony begins at 1 p.m., main stage, across from Freeman House on Church Street.

Title sponsors are Navy Federal

Credit Union and the Town of Vienna, plus a plethora of local businesses provide financial support, as well.

ViVa! Vienna! schedule is:

Saturday, May 28

Food and rides open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; live entertainment runs 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, May 29

Food and rides open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; live entertainment runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and vendors are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday, May 30

Vendors, rides, and entertainment run all day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. E-waste recycling spon-



Most amusement rides are aimed at young riders, from a carousel to swing-flight to a funhouse and more.

sored by Navy Federal Credit Union is collected on the grounds of James Madison High School.

For the detailed entertainment schedule, go to <http://vivavienna.org/entertainment.aspx>.

Children can receive one free ride ticket with the purchase of additional tickets by going to <http://www.colerides.com/colorpage.html>.

Shuttle buses leave from Madi-

ViVa! Vienna! Schedule

Saturday, May 28: Food, rides and entertainment, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; festival shuttle service from James Madison High School/Vienna Metro starts at 10 a.m. and stops at 10:20 p.m.;

Sunday, May 29: Food, rides and entertainment 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Vendors 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;

Monday, May 30: Food, rides, entertainment and vendors, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ride tickets sell for \$1 each and rides take one to three tickets. A strip of 24 tickets is \$20 and a strip of 48 tickets is \$40.

son High School and the Vienna Metro station for ViVa! Vienna.

Rotary International is a service club. One hundred percent of the festival's net proceeds, typically in excess of a quarter of a million dollars, go to charitable, community and humanitarian organizations, the overwhelming bulk of which stays in local area.

For details of vendors, entertainment schedule, special activities, and rides, see <http://vivavienna.org/>.

Scouts Pull Invasive Plant Garlic Mustard

Scouts and their families from Cub Scout Packs 913, 1170, 1530, & 1540 and Boy Scout Troops 55, 1530, and 1983 in Fairfax, Great Falls, Herndon, Oak Hill, Oakton, Reston, and Sterling filled 15 large garbage bags with garlic mustard, an invasive plant, from Cub Run Stream Valley Park in collaboration with Fairfax County Park Authority's Invasive Management Area (IMA) program. In addition to learning about the importance of removing invasive plants and participating in this critical community service project, scouts earned a Conservation Good Turn, an award for participating in a hands-on project to help scouts realize that everyone can do things to care for the environment.



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Remembering on Memorial Day 2016

Observe a moment of silence.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of 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.

As many as 620,000 soldiers died in the line of duty in the Civil War, stunningly about 2 percent of the population at that time. To compare, while more than 2.5 million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, that number is still less than one percent of the U.S. population.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,880 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, there are many ways to remember the fallen, including a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, or many other local commemorations. But at a minimum, wherever you are, you can observe a moment of silence at 12:01 p.m. along with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), or you can set your own moment at some point during the day.

More than 52,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded in action, although that number is likely to be revised upward. In 2013, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.5 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries, including mental health consequences, are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans. Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine continue to advocate for better service from the Veterans Administration.

Since Memorial Day 2014, the Department of Defense announced the death of one service member from Virginia, Marcus D. Prince, 22, of Norfolk, Virginia, who died April 26 in Juffir, Bahrain.

Between Memorial Day 2014 and 2015, two military service members from Virginia. Sgt. Charles C. Strong, 28, of Suffolk, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Herat Province, Afghanistan while conducting combat operations. Sgt. David H. Stewart, 34, of Stafford, was one of three Marines who died June 20, 2014 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

EVERY YEAR before Memorial Day, this newspaper names the local men and women who have died in military service since Sept. 11, 2001.

Army Sgt. Lyle D. Turnbull, 31, of Norfolk, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Kuwait, from a medical emergency. Capt. Brandon L. Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, was one of four airmen who died April 27, 2013, near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Master Sgt. George A. Banner Jr., 37, of Orange, died Aug. 20, 2013, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Spc. Caryn E. Nouv, 29, of Newport News, was one of two soldiers who died July 27, 2013 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protegee," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan when his helicopter crashed.

Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, Virginia, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, Virginia, died Oct. 13, 2012, when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, Va., died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicky, 24, of Lexington, Virginia, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011, when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23, of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011, when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23, of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35, of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29, of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19, of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23, of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21, of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40, of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After Sept. 11, 2001, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he successfully lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23, of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Georgia. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27, of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in a "friendly fire" incident. In April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up.

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

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, 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.

Ami Neiberger-Miller lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

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, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

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.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after Sept. 11, 2001.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in Iraq Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James F. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28, of Prince George, Virginia, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44, of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. 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 died April 23, 2011

EDITORIAL



PEOPLE

Marshall Graduate, Tennis Star Focuses on Business



Michelle Fabiola "Faby" Chaillo

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A former tennis champ-turned-budding business leader has received the University of Virginia's Sky Alland Scholarship.

Michelle Fabiola "Faby" Chaillo, a third-year commerce major from Mexico City and Falls Church, will receive full tuition and fees for her fourth year at the University as well as a \$10,000 stipend for living expenses.

The scholarship is awarded to the third-year student who best exemplifies leadership, achievement, enterprising spirit, humility and devotion to the University. The award is named for J. Schuyler Alland, a 1979 graduate of the McIntire School of Commerce and entrepreneur who built a successful national marketing research company before he was killed during a carjacking in 1992.

"My first reaction when I read the letter on the Lawn was to re-read it to make sure I wasn't dreaming, Chaillo said. "And then I cried with happiness.

"I feel so honored and humbled by it. My heart is full of joy and gratitude, and I feel more energized to give back to the community. More than anything, I am very thankful for this honor."

Chaillo won Virginia High School League Group AAA singles championships in 2009 and 2012, and was No. 1 in her age group in the U.S. Tennis Association's Mid-Atlantic rankings and No. 18 nationally.

However, injuries essentially ended her competitive tennis career before she arrived at UVA. Multiple surgeries eventually led her to miss the 2014-15 academic year.

She used part of her time away from UVA to work with Coulter Companies (now MCI USA), a McLean-based association management firm. Fluent in French and Spanish, Chaillo was given responsibility to plan a Chanel Fashion Leadership Meeting in New York City.

As a business major, Chaillo is focused on marketing and is investigating the effects of different colors in promotions across cultures.

"Having lived in three different countries – Mexico, the United States and France – I have personally experienced the power of cultures and their effect on a person's perspectives in life," Chaillo said. "Color is a subconscious processing that is attached to memories and emotions; hence, I believe exposure to colors in different countries, like colors of flags, natural landscape, traditions and more, can affect how people react to pro-

motional contents' colors."

Chaillo, a 2012 graduate of George C. Marshall High School, has been on the dean's list every semester and received a Lorna Sundberg International Scholarship, given to a rising fourth-year international student who has demonstrated academic merit and commitment to community service. She is president of the Commerce School Council; a member

of the Class Council; a trustee on the graduation committee; and a member of Sustained Dialogue and Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Chaillo said she is very grateful to receive the scholarship because it means the people who recommended her see in her the five qualities the scholar is supposed to exhibit. She said it also eases the financial burden of attending college.



Route 7 Corridor Improvements Fairfax County Public Information Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2016
Colvin Run Elementary School
1400 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Meeting Time: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Presentation: 7 p.m.

Find out about plans to widen Leesburg Pike (Route 7) from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and the west end of the bridge over the Dulles Toll Road (a 6.9 mile segment), to increase capacity, decrease congestion, and improve safety, in conformity with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.

The project would also include intersection improvements, as well as a 10-foot shared-use path on both sides of the road to increase mobility for cyclists and pedestrians.

Stop by between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about project design, status of the preliminary noise analysis, and stormwater management. VDOT staff will be available to answer your questions. A brief presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Review project information at www.ConnectRoute7.org, at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2950, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by June 30, 2016 to Mr. William Dunn, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email ConnectRoute7@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "June 16 public information meeting" in the subject line.

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NEWS



Officer Ara Post, Deputy Chief Dan Janickey, and Officer Brad Reedy at the Annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service.

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Vienna Police Officers Honored

Officer Ara Post and Brad Reedy were honored for their enforcement efforts against drunk and impaired driving on May 6. The Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (V.A.S.A.P) in Fairfax County and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) held their 25th Annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Safety at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly. The ceremony honored local police officers and deputy sheriffs from various agencies. Every year since 1991, V.A.S.A.P and M.A.D.D. have honored area law enforcement officers and others for their efforts in the education, prevention and enforcement of the driving while impaired laws of the Common-

wealth.

Officer Post has been a member of the Vienna Police Department since 2015. In addition to her duties as a patrol officer, Officer Post plans to increase her responsibilities to include intoxilyzer operator for the Commonwealth of Virginia and bicycle patrol officer.

Officer Reedy has been a member of the Vienna Police Department since 2013. In addition to his duties as a patrol officer, Officer Reedy is also an intoxilyzer operator for the Commonwealth of Virginia, a R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) instructor, and a bicycle patrol officer.

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LearningRx Donates 20,000 Legos to Autism Society

More than 20,000 Legos were donated to the Autism Society of Northern Virginia by local LearningRx brain training centers in Leesburg, Fairfax, Reston and Vienna, and LearningRx directors committed to trekking a 10-foot "LEGO Walk of Fire" in bare feet upon meeting their 20K Lego goal.

"We're grateful to the community to help us support autism awareness and surpassed our Lego goal," said Maureen Loftus, executive director of LearningRx of Reston and Vienna. "Our Lego Walk of Fire was everything you'd expect...it was painful, but fun...the key is to walk quickly," said Loftus.

ASNV provides LEGO-based activities at various campaigns, but currently have to rent LEGOs for these events. With enough LEGOs, ASNV could have their own set of LEGOs to be used for all of their autism outreach programs.

LearningRx provides cognitive skills training to all ages; whether it be preschoolers or school-age children struggling in school, students and adults looking for a competitive edge, the older adult dealing with dementia or memory loss, or the athlete or military veteran who is coping with a traumatic brain



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Elizabeth Roy, director of development for Autism Society of Northern Virginia Treks Lego Walk of Fire, followed by LearningRx directors, Rebecca Oliver, Maureen Loftus and Don Hollenbeck.

injury. LearningRx creates a brain training program that is customized by an expert trainer, with one-on-one guidance and feedback throughout the program.

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Pete Nielsen and the Madison baseball team are scheduled to face Osbourn at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25.



Katie Vannicola and the Madison softball team entered the 6A North region tournament as the No. 2 seed from Conference 6.

Madison Baseball Four-Peats as Conference 6 Champ

The Madison baseball team won its fourth consecutive Conference 6/Liberty District championship with a 1-0 victory over McLean on Friday night in Vienna.

The victory improved the Warhawks' record to 19-3. Madison has won 14 of its last 15 games and enters the 6A North region tournament as the No. 1 seed from Conference 6.

Madison, the defending state champion, is scheduled to host Osbourn, the No. 4 seed from Conference 8, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25.

Friday's game and had defeated McLean twice during the regular season. The loss dropped the Warhawks' record to 20-3.

Madison entered the 6A North region tournament as the No. 2 seed from Conference 6 and was scheduled to host Patriot on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

The winner of Madison-Patriot is scheduled to face the winner of Chantilly-West Potomac in the quarterfinals.

Madison Softball Falls in Conference 6 Final

The Madison softball team entered the Conference 6 championship game as the No. 1 seed in the tournament on an eight-game win streak. The Warhawks fell short in the title game, however, losing to McLean 8-5 on Friday night at Fairfax High School.

Madison had lost just twice prior to

Oakton Boys', Girls' Soccer Teams Win Conference Titles

The Oakton boys' and girls' soccer teams each won a Conference 6 championship on Friday night at Westfield High School.

The boys' team remained undefeated with a 2-1 overtime win over Herndon in the championship match. The Cougars captured their third conference/district title in the



Aly Rayle, seen earlier this season, and the South Lakes softball team were scheduled to face Battlefield on Tuesday.

last four years and improved their 2016 record to 14-0-1.

The girls' team improved to 14-1 and extended its win streak to 14 with a 1-1 (4-3) victory over Centreville in penalty kicks.

The boys' team was scheduled to host Mount Vernon on Tuesday in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament, after The Connection's deadline. The winner will face the winner of Washington-Lee and Patriot on Thursday.

The girls took on South County on Tues-

day. The winner faces the winner of Madison and Osbourn Park.

The Herndon boys' team faced West Potomac on Tuesday.

South Lakes Softball Falls in Conference Semifinals

The South Lakes softball team lost to eventual tournament champion McLean 3-1 in the Conference 6 semifinals on May 18 at Fairfax High School.

The loss dropped the Seahawks' record to 15-7. South Lakes qualified for the 6A North region tournament with a 6-0 win over Fairfax on May 13.

The Seahawks, the No. 3 seed from Conference 6, were scheduled to face Battlefield, the No. 2 seed from Conference 8, on Tuesday in the opening round of the region tournament, after The Connection's deadline. The winner will face the winner of South County and Westfield in the quarterfinals.

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Summer on the Green Concert Series. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. A series of free performances presented by the Town of Vienna and its sponsors. Please bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. They recommend leaving pets at home. 703-255-7842. viennava.gov.

Summer Entertainment Series. June 1-Aug. 31. Fairfax County Parks. A summer-long calendar of shows, concerts and movies appropriate for you and your family. These concerts held in local parks are the perfect place to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the best local and regional entertainers. Free. To find out what's playing at your nearby park, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/>.

Summer Stories and Sprinklers. Wednesdays. 1:30 p.m. June 29-Aug. 13. Historic Vienna Little Library, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Children can run through the sprinklers on the lawn of the Town Green and enjoy stories. viennava.gov.

Wolf Trap Theatre-in-the-Woods. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday. June 21-Aug. 6. 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. D.C. area summer tradition for children and their families, featuring diverse acts including puppetry, storytelling, dance, theater, and music. wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/JULY 4

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration and Parade. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique



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Come out on Sundays and listen to some live music at the Great Falls Village Centre Green, Sundays, 6-8 p.m., May 31-Aug. 16.

cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/>

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 4-9:30 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

McLean Fourth of July. 6:30 p.m. Churchill Road Elementary, 7100 Churchill Road, McLean. Free shuttle buses. Disc jockey, snack vendors. mcleancenter.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 16

Slide the City. 7920 Branch Drive McLean. Slip and slide the city streets of Tysons at Slide the City. Come dressed to impress because it's not every day you can strut through town with little friction. There will be live music, food, drinks, water, and of course the biggest slip and slide ever to hit asphalt. Don't worry, it's padded. \$30-\$99. <https://www.slidethecity.com/location/tysons/#387>



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Summer on the Green Concerts at the Town Green of Vienna begin May 20. There will be performances on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday nights from May to August.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 16-17

Colonial Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Muster with the militia and re-outfit your home in furniture from the Cabinet Maker. Only at Market Fair can you catch up on the latest news from the frontier and trade stories while enjoying local ale and porter at the Tavern. Try hands-on crafts such as spinning and dyeing, and shop for goods from the finest merchants in the colonies. 1771.org/marketfair.

SUNDAY/JUNE 17

Tour de Tysons. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 10 races between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a closed, circular course. One of the races will be for elite cyclists and will feature a cash purse. <http://www.tysonspartnership.org/event/tour-de-tysons/>

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Kid's Adventure Race. 10 a.m. Southside Par, 1315 Ross Drive, Vienna. All participants will receive a race t-shirt and light refreshments. All finishers will receive a medal. A registration fee of \$7 is required; no registration the day of the race. Ages 5-13. viennava.gov.

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Meadowlark Magic at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. May 2-Through June 20. 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Vienna Arts Society members exhibit their work. 703-255-3631.

"Slice of Life" and The National Gallery of Art Copyists Exhibits. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 3-28. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Two exhibits by the Vienna Arts Society. Free. viennaartsociety.org.

Gentle Yoga. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase your flexibility, improve your breathing and health, reduce your stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

SATURDAY/MAY 28

Capital Focus. 6-8 p.m. Crust, 8415 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna. Traditional jazz music while dining on authentic Neapolitan-style pizza, certified Verace Pizza Napolitana. info@crust-pizza.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 28-29

Model Trains at Open House. 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Train Station, 231 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. Part of ViVa Vienna Days. Thomas and his friends will be there. 703-938-5157. nvmmr.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 29

Taize Contemplative Worship. 5-6 p.m. St. Mary's Chapel, Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE, Vienna. Taizé contemplative worship is a powerful and moving combination of song and scripture featuring lush greenery, incense, candles, icons, and considerable time spent in silent meditation. For more information, please contact David Kelley at dkelley@holycorforter.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 2

Rain Follows the Plow. 9 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Folk Opera about the Dust Bowl. jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Cactus/Succulent Sale. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Hosted by the National Capital Cactus and Succulent Society, will be held in front of the Meadowlark Visitor Center. Cash only sale. novaparks.com.

Community Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Flea market with food and bake sale. Sales space available, \$15, for advanced reservation. oaktonbrethren.org. 703-281-4411.

SUNDAY/JUNE 5

Choral Evensong with Festive Reception. 4-5 p.m. Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE, Vienna. Music will include works by Parry, Sumson, Vaughan Williams, Kelley, and Bach. David Kelley at dkelley@holycorforter.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 6

Joan Shelley. 7:30 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Folky, pastoral music. \$15. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 7

A Walk in the Garden. 1-5 p.m. Atrium Building, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. A standard flower show. Free. lmc323@aol.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

Princess Garden Party. Noon-2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Music, dancing games, lunch, crafts, face painting and portrait. Ages 4 to 8. \$29. Register at NOVAparks.com.

"Animal Kingdom" Pet Rescue and Adoption. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., Nw, Vienna. Artists will offer pet related art. Bring pets for caricatures and portraits. ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-3971.

Brahma Vihara: Heart Practices. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sanctuary of Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Workshop will focus on the Buddhist Heart Practices of lovingkindness, compassion, empathetic joy, and equanimity. 703-281-1767.



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The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

In Effect/ To Affect



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I've been trying to write this column/organize my thoughts/stay on this task for years but haven't been able to do so. It's nothing serious, really, other than the side effects – potentially, of many of the prescription drugs now available (perhaps characteristic of many of the prescription drugs ever since they've been prescribed). But given the frequency and variety of their advertising of late, I have been unable to ignore their message, both good and in some instances, shockingly bad/scary.

Granted, I watch way too much television where many of these ads regularly appear, so I may be a bit of a sitting duck. I won't name names, maybe just a few potential side effects though: ALS, cancer, heart attack, stroke, suicidal thoughts, depression, kidney and liver damage, high blood pressure/low blood pressure, blackouts, blood clots, shortness of breath, four-hour erections; and on and on and on. (I don't recall seeing too many commercials where lung cancer is a possible side effect. I suppose that's because lung cancer is not exactly a "side" effect, it's more of a main effect.) Nevertheless, being a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer patient/survivor, I can't help but have noticed the ads on television for "OPDIVO." Obviously the subject matter interests me, but maybe I've just learned – instinctively almost, to pay stricter attention to such enticements. It might actually relate to me. Or maybe I've simply gotten better at listening to voice-overs and reading small print scrolling beneath the visuals while ignoring more the apparent healthy recipients living wonderfully enjoyable and uninhibited lives thanks to these medications.

Believe me, I understand that these prescription drugs are not "over the counter" so it's unlikely I'll happen on to them sitting on some pharmacy shelf next to the Advil and wonder, on my own, if they could help me. The only way, so far as a law-abiding citizen like myself would have/gain access to any of these prescriptions, would be through a conversation with, and prescription written by, my treating physician where many of the potential side effects and/or risk-rewards would be discussed. Still, trading one set of problems for another, which in turn possibly could lead to their own set of unintended but not totally unanticipated consequences seems a bit problematic – even to me, and all I have is lung cancer.

I don't know that I have a choice, though. There is treatment. There are consequences. There are alternatives. There is life and there is death, and always there is hope. But treatment-to-date, I've never felt as if I was trading one for the other. Oddly enough, I've always thought, I was making decisions to stay alive, not to make my life worse; attempting to sustain it, not diminish it. With some of the prescription advertising I see and hear on television now, I'm confused. Many of it sounds both encouraging and discouraging, and somewhere between cautiously optimistic and a cautionary tale, even as the advisory to "speak to your doctor before you start a..." voices over. Not that it sounds so great in the first place, but in the last place, I am often reminded of the old adage: "If it sounds too good..." Well, when you consider the potential side effects, it doesn't sound too good at all.

Certainly I realize that there are governing/regulating bodies like the F.D.A. that approve/regulate/mandate what is said/advised/printed/labeled, etc., prescribed even, for our mutual protection. Still, it's difficult for me to ignore everything I see, hear and read, especially when left to my own devices. Devices which, had they been similarly regulated, would likely have come with their own set of warning labels.

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NEWS

Community Foundation Establishes Endowment for Innovation Fund

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has been presented with a rare opportunity. An anonymous donor has challenged the community with a \$250,000 matching gift to endow the Innovation Fund, a source of venture philanthropy at the Community Foundation that invests in inventiveness, creativity and new design. The Community Foundation has partnered with Kiddar Capital, to launch a Granted! campaign that seeks community input on how to best deploy this philanthropic support now and into the future. At the Community Foundation's Chairman's Breakfast at Tegna Headquarters, they announced a 30-day public campaign to raise \$30,000 and to collect "wishes" through the Granted! platform. It has already secured \$131,000 towards this match.

The Innovation Fund uses a "Venture Philanthropy" model of grant making in which donors to the Innovation Fund find investment opportunities in Northern Virginia that help diversify the local economy, level the playing field for disadvantaged youth, and promote grassroots innovation.

The Innovation Fund has helped launch the Mason Innovation Lab at George Mason University; launch the very first cyber security course of study in Prince William County Public Schools and expand the Cyber Patriot program in Fairfax County Public Schools into their middle schools; and launch the very first Mini Maker Faire at South Lakes High School in Reston that was attended by more than 3,000 visitors in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Find more information at www.cfnova.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline for submissions is at noon on the Friday prior to publication.

THURSDAY/MAY 26

Home/Investment/Discussion. 8-9 a.m. The Old Brogue Back Porch, 760 Walker Road, Suite C., Great Falls. Informal conversation with experts offers homeowners a fresh perspective on investment and alternative ways to save through property development. 703-865-5065. AVArchitectsbuild.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Gun Violence Discussion. 8:30-10 a.m. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Explore the issue of gun violence in America. The discussion will focus on the Armor of Light documentary available on iTunes. Breakfast provided. 703-356-7200.

SUNDAY/JUNE 11

Disability Resource Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. ServiceSource Disability Resource Center, 10467 White Grante Drive, Oakton. The fair will provide personal access to experts in the disability field. We will have resources, nonprofit partners, and vendors covering a range of disability topics including children, autism, aging, and veterans. communications@servicesource.org. 703-461-6000.

Community Accessibility Forum. 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. ServiceSource Disability Resource Center, 10467 Granite Drive, Oakton. Review the forum information to develop an action plan that addresses community recommendations, barriers, and service gaps. Register at 703-324-5847 or disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

Rights When Dying. 2-4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Rosalind Kipping will tell the Memorial Society of Northern Virginia about efforts to make medical aid-in-dying a legal option for terminally ill, mentally competent adults. She will also explain how, without this right, a dying person can still maintain control. Free. 703-765-4779.

ONGOING

SCOV Caregivers Support Group meets twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays, as coming up from 10 am to noon. All caregivers are welcome to join anytime. Location: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Program Building, Oakton. The group includes those presently and previously caring for a loved one

of any age or circumstance. For more info, please contact the facilitator, Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838.

The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs.** For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax County needs a volunteer **Senior Center Marketing Coordinator** to assist the Friends of Fairfax County Senior Centers with marketing. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Lewinsville Senior Center** in McLean needs instructors for the following classes: Line Dance, Zumba Gold, Certified Arthritis Exercise, Square Dance, Basic Guitar, Art and Basic Spanish. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** has an urgent need for volunteer drivers to take area seniors to medical appointments and other activities. Opportunities to volunteer for other services are also available. No long-term commitment and hours are flexible to fit your schedule. Visit www.scov.org or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 703-281-5086 or email volunteer@scov.org.

Food Addicts in Recovery. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free twelve step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or www.foodaddicts.org.

Vienna Toastmasters. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers. Open to the public.

FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday at noon.

The **Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna**, 543 Beulah Road, is offering the course "Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church." Classes will be April 17; May 1, 15, 22; June 5 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Light lunch and childcare provided. Visit <https://ttsu.me/1tg>.

Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, will host annual sale/flea market on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from

7 a.m.-2 p.m. You can now reserve a 10x10' space (\$25) to sell your own treasures or donate items to the church (they would pick up). Come shop, donate and/or sell your own things. 703-582-1640.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

The Antioch Christian Church

offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly ba-

sis. 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body and Soul Fitness. Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

LETTERS

'Meal Tax' and Fiscal Responsibility

To the Editor:

The never ending push for new revenue streams for Fairfax County with their tax and spend policies really knows no end. The overall real estate tax bill for the typical Fairfax county household increased by 154 percent between the years 2000 and 2016, and now the county will try for a new source of revenue called the "meal tax." In the same period of time, household income increased by 35 percent with overall inflation at roughly 49 percent. Somehow the word needs to be conveyed to the county supervisors that they need to practice some fiscal responsibility. The taxpayers can't afford their Cadillac health plans, pensions with retirement at 55 along with overall 3.5 percent raises for 33,000 county school employees. Fairfax should not try to compete with nearby Maryland county's spending policies. I would like to know how many recommendations the FCSB implemented from the task force set up to find cuts in school spending? Wait, I know the answer; None. If the Fairfax county voters are naïve enough to approve a meal tax in the name of "diversifying the revenue" stream the future increase in the meal tax and property taxes will be well deserved by the voters.

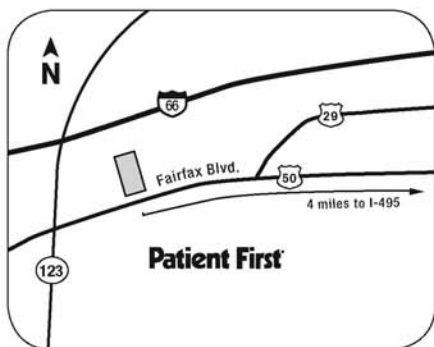
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Remembering on Memorial Day

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in combat in Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being severely wounded months before. Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Afghanistan.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

— MARY KIMM
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