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This pile of bricks may mark an anonymous grave in Stoney Lonesome Cemetery in Lorton, where former inmates were buried.

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Pot Conviction for Former Asst. Principal

Fairfax Station man worked at Cub Run Elementary.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

For years, teachers and administrators have told students to say no to drugs. But a former assistant principal at Cub Run Elementary in Centreville failed to heed that advice himself.

As a result, when Fairfax County Police got wind of a pot-growing operation in Leonard E. Marsh's Fairfax Station home last fall, they arrested him and charged him with manufacturing marijuana.

His offense was later reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor, and on Tuesday, May 27, he pleaded guilty to possession

with intent to distribute marijuana. He received a six-month, suspended jail sentence and was fined and placed on probation.

Marsh, 50, was a Cub Run administrator for two years and a 14-year employee of Fairfax County Public Schools. After his arrest he was placed on unpaid administrative leave. School-system spokesman Paul

Regnier quickly noted that "We have nothing that leads us to believe that [Cub Run] was involved in any way."

But Marsh's activities outside of school, in his Fairfax Station home, were another matter. When police executed a search warrant there they found a "closet, grow operation," packaged marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

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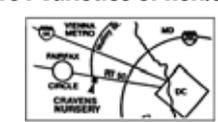
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Career for a Song and a Coke

Opera singer Carl Tanner is selling his Fairfax Station home.

BY WADE RICE
THE CONNECTION

Carl Tanner decided to take his friend's advice and went to a restaurant in New York City called Bianchi's, which is known for having opera singers perform. Tanner asked the bartender for a Coke and was charged \$7.

When Tanner said that this was a high price even for New York, the bartender replied that it would be free if Tanner would sing. The bartender knew that no one walks into Bianchi's unless they hear the opera music from outside, so he knew that Tanner had to be a singer.

"It's been a good ride."

— Carl Tanner

Tanner agreed to sing for the Coke. One of the two people watching him sing offered to buy him dinner and asked Tanner to refer to him as Bob. Tanner agreed to the dinner. He was speaking to someone else at the restaurant and found out that Bob was actually Robert Duvall, the Academy Award-winning actor.

"Son, if there was anyone who was born to sing, it was you," said Duvall.

At first, Tanner was hesitant to agree that he had a shot at a career as an opera singer, but eventually Duvall convinced him.

"So I said, 'Well, thank you.' I was motivated by that. I went back and I pulled out all of my movies and realized this guy (Duvall) is huge," said

Tanner's home features several built-in fireplaces, including two downstairs.



Before becoming an opera singer, Carl Tanner worked as a truck driver and bounty hunter.

Tanner.

Duvall put in a word to the Santa Fe Opera where he had been a supporter and fan, and thus Tanner's opera career started.



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Tanner has lived in his house on Jennifer Marie Place in Fairfax Station for over two years. He bought the house on Dec. 28 and went out and bought furniture which was delivered on Dec. 30. He also had most of the house painted and a movie theater installed in his basement. Tanner's good friend, a caterer, flew in from New York City and he invited 160 people that night to his New Years Eve Party. Eventually about 220 people showed up to celebrate the new year.

Though Tanner enjoyed the many parties that he has hosted, his best memories of his house have been sitting in his sun room and watching deer walk around in his backyard.

Though Tanner enjoys his Fairfax Station home, he is only able to be there one to two months out of the year, so he has decided to sell it. A month after putting his

house on the market, Tanner has already knocked \$100,000 off his asking price, dropping his price \$1,499,000.

"This area is great," said Tanner. "I'm 15 miles from D.C. I just love this area. I've got a brother that lives in Herndon and I've got another brother that lives in Annandale. So I've got the family as well." He plans to remain in the area after selling his house.

Tanner grew up in the Arlington area and went to Washington and Lee High School where he was a wrestler and football player. Tanner had a scholarship to play football at the University of Maryland, but after a week he decided that it wasn't what he wanted to do.

George Martynuk of Artists Management explains Tanner's athletic ability in opera. "Carl Tanner is America's premiere dramatic

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Parents Carry On in Son's Memory

BRYCE Foundation fund raiser June 7 at Burke Lake Park.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

When James and Emily Anderson lost their 27-month-old son, Bryce, to leukemia in 2006, they looked for a way to make sense of their grief.

Two years later, they have created the BRYCE Foundation, providing a helping hand and shoulder of comfort for other families facing childhood cancer.

"We know we'll see Bryce again, but this

is a way of carrying on his memory by helping others in the same situation," said Emily Anderson. "When we provide a healthy meal to other moms and dads, they can feel comforted and loved and turn around to pass that love on to their child."

The BRYCE Foundation, which stands for "Beloved 'R' Youth with Cancer Everywhere" has created two programs to provide support for families and to reward nurses for outstanding care for children with cancer.

The first program, called Healthy Meals, began at Georgetown Hospital, where \$50 gift cards from Whole Foods are given out each quarter to families who have a child in that hospital's pediatric cancer unit.

James Anderson said the BRYCE Foundation gives out 20 gift certificates four times each year because he and his wife remem-

ber how quickly parents can become tired of hospital food after weeks spent by a sick child's bed.

"We started thinking about the little things that make a difference, like the importance of nutrition for the entire family in this situation," he said.

Emily Anderson would take a quick trip to a nearby Whole Foods when Bryce was with a nurse, James Anderson said, and enjoyed not only the break from the hospital but also the respite from hospital food.

The gift cards they purchase are given to nurses for distribution, because "they know who need them most," James Anderson said. He hopes to expand the program to other hospitals in the future.

IN ADDITION to the gift cards, the

BRYCE Foundation has created a program recognizing nurses for exceptional care, called the Extra Mile Nursing Award.

Currently only at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where Bryce spent a good deal of his time receiving treatment, the award is based on nominations made by parents for nurses who do more than is required to care not only for the child, but also for the parents.

"We learned firsthand how vital and critical pediatric oncology nurses are when Bryce spent a year at Hopkins," James Anderson said. "We wanted to both recognize these nurses and inspire others to provide the kind of compassionate care we received."

The first awards were given out in May

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Lonely Times at Stoney Lonesome

Identities of those buried at old prison cemetery remains a mystery.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Just north of the Griffith Water Treatment Plant in Lorton, on an unnamed road, sits a small cemetery named Stoney Lonesome.

Inside the black metal fence are a handful of trees, standing over an

unknown number of unmarked graves, the burial place for inmates at the prison almost a century ago.

"There aren't any stories about this place," said Jeanne Bailey, a public information officer for Fairfax Water, which owns the property.

"The only way we can tell where graves are is by the depressions in the ground."

No headstones are there to mark individual graves, nor names to be read nor histories to be told at Stoney Lonesome, but estimates run between 40 and over 50 men are buried there, under twisty trees.

Individual bricks are laid on a hand-

ful of places, but Bailey does not know whether they were set there to mark graves. Some bricks are stamped with words, others are blank.

"This is one of those things we wanted to preserve when we acquired this land, but we really don't know anything about who is here," Bailey said.

Fairfax Water will care for the property "in perpetuity," she said.

Brian Connolly, an assistant archivist for Fairfax County and author of a book on forgotten cemeteries in the county, said no one really knows much about the cemetery.

"We know it was established early in the life of the prison, probably around 1910 or so, and it was abandoned sometime thereafter," Connolly said.

Any records of who is buried there would be with the District of Columbia Department of Corrections, but there's no telling if those records still exist, Connolly said.

Sadly, this is not an uncommon practice, he said, as many old cemeteries in the county were informal burial places for individual families.

"It would be really hard to track down anyone related to someone who is buried there," he added.



Fairfax Water built a metal fence and placed a marker on the perimeter of Stoney Lonesome Cemetery, where inmates at the former Lorton Prison were buried in the early decades of last century.

PHOTO BY AMBER HEALY/THE CONNECTION

"Their graves should still be honored and respected."

— Irma Clifton

Unlike other small cemeteries in the county, however, Stoney Lonesome seems to be preserved and protected, not a favored hang out for vandals.

Irma Clifton, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County History Commission, said she went to Fairfax Water when they first acquired the land and told them about the cemetery, hoping they

would keep the land open.

"Regardless of what anyone has done in this life, they're still human beings," Clifton said. "Their graves should still be honored and respected."

A local Boy Scout cleaned the cemetery as part of his Eagle Scout service project a few years ago, Clifton said, but otherwise the small, square parcel of land is left alone.

NEWS BRIEFS

Public Hearing Set for Koger Sale

The federal bankruptcy court has set June 17 to hear evidence on Koger Management Group's proposal to sell the troubled real estate management firm to American Management of Virginia, Inc. a business created by two of Koger Management's employees.

Koger submitted an Asset Purchase Agreement to court that "proposed to purchase Debtor's assets for the total sum of \$100,000.00 to pay creditors." The principals of American Management are named as Paullette Heidermann and Ernest Lightfoot, vice president of Koger Management Group, which now operates as Tri-State Management.

"Debtor believes and therefore avers that this offer (or any higher or better offer which may be put forward by any third party) would be the best interest of the estate and maximize the recovery therefrom." The pleading asked the court to approve the sale.

But the proposal seemed unlikely to be well received by Koger's Creditors who have filed nearly \$8 million in claims against the firm.

The Asset Purchase Agreement describes the day-to-day operational materials of the seller, all contracts

with customers and the accounts receivable at the closing date. Koger claims it is losing money and that many of its clients have dropped the firm as its notoriety has grown.

But the list of "excluded assets," items "which are not to be acquired by the Purchaser," include interest in 4105 Rust Road, Fairfax Virginia which is the firm's headquarters; any interest in KMG, LLC, which testimony over the bankruptcy was described as having assets. Also excluded was "any insurance policy" which would presumably include the \$1 million policy that Koger had against theft and embezzlement. Continental Casualty Company has denied the claim, asserting that Koger Management misled it about Jeffrey Koger's role in the company, but Koger Management has filed a suit to get the policy paid in full.

This is the latest step in a bankruptcy that was filed nearly a year ago in July 2007. According to evaluations made under a court order last year, some \$2 million was embezzled from Koger Management's clients. Jeffery Koger, the son of chairman Robert Koger, and chief financial officer has been accused of the diversions.

Jeffery Koger is presently incarcerated awaiting trial on charges of trying to kill a Virginia State Police officer during a shootout with police in February.

— NICHOLAS M. HORROCK

NVCC Offers Biotech Class

Northern Virginia Community College will start offering an associate's degree in biotechnology.

Students will be able to receive training to work in laboratories, research facilities and as manufacturing technicians, learning basic scientific principals in biology and chemistry and preparing to perform lab tests like DNA analysis, electrophoresis and chromatography. After completing the course, students could go on to work in forensic science, research and development, quality control and assurance and manufacturing and production.

Students interested in the program can take some biotechnology degree requirement classes offered during the six-week summer session from July 1 to Aug. 11. More information on the programs and the summer courses offered is available at www.nvcc.edu/manassas/biotech or by calling 703-257-6649.

Who's Your Daddy?

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

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NEWS BRIEFS

FROM PAGE 4

Father's Day is Sunday, June 15, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

Digital photos are preferred, but prints are also accepted. Print submissions must include a self-addressed stamped envelope, if they are to be returned. Do not submit photos that cannot be replaced.

Send photos to The Connection, Father's Day Photo Gallery, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102. Or e-mail them to photob@connectionnewspapers.com.

Print Editions Now On Line

A new feature on the Connection Web site, www.connectionnewspapers.com, allows readers to access pdf copies of the actual newspaper for each of the 18 weekly editions of the Connection, plus five monthly HomeLifeStyle sections.

This means readers can download and read any or all of the papers each week on your computer. If one of your children has been featured in the paper, any relative or friend anywhere in the country can see the page exactly as it appeared in the newspaper.

All of the Connection's stories are available on line in their usual format, but this new feature allows visitors to the Web site to see the exact pages as they are printed each week, including covers, individual pages, display ads and classified ads.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Sully District of the Fairfax County police department through May 23.

BURGLARY

5500 block of Sully Park Drive. The alarm at Stone Middle School was activated on Saturday, May 17 around 4:55 a.m. Officers arrived and with the assistance of school security, discovered two trailers and a door in the main building had broken windows. There was graffiti along the walls. It does not appear that anything was stolen. The case is still under investigation.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT/ARRESTS

6000 block of Union Mill Road. Three men were arrested on Wednesday, May 21 after driving in the 6000 block of Union Mill Road, allegedly waving a toy gun into the air. A witness directed police to their location in the 13800 block of Stonefield Drive. Timothy Covert, 20; Matthew Spencer, 20; and John Hulley, 18, were questioned. It was determined no one was injured. Covert, of the 9500 block of Barcellona Court in Fairfax; Spencer, of the 13000 block of Stonefield Drive, Clifton; and Hulley, of the 6300 block of Battle Rock Drive, Clifton, were all issued summonses for disorderly conduct.

LARCENIES

5700 block of Bent Tree Lane. Money stolen from residence.
4100 block of Chantilly Lace Court. Registration stickers stolen from vehicle.
6100 block of Hoskins Hollow Circle. License plates stolen from vehicle.
5900 block of Trinity Parkway. Cell phone and iPod stolen from business.
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PEOPLE

Getting To Know ...

Jordan Kester, an award-winning artist and Fairfax Baptist Temple student.

Springfield resident Jordan Kester has an eye for art, which he hopes to develop further when he attends the Art Institute of Washington in Rosslyn. He's already received national recognition, earning a third-place trophy in the annual arts competition sponsored by the National Association of Christian Schools.

A student at the Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, Jordan, 17, took some time away from his schoolwork and art to answer a few questions about himself.

Number of years in the community. I've lived in Northern Virginia since 1990, Springfield since 1999. I was born at Fairfax Hospital on Gallows Road.

Family. I live with my Dad and Mom, Peter and Sandy Kester. My older brother, Jeremy, is studying environmental science at the University of West Florida, in Pensacola, Fla. We have two dogs — Max, a laid back Pug, and Peanut, a high energy Jack Russell Terrier.

Education. I've been attending the Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy for 12 years.

Your first job. I delivered the Connection Newspaper at Greenfield Farms on Burke Road back during elementary school. My first real job is currently at the Bagel Bakery on Old Keene Mill Road at Rolling Road. **Activities/interest/hobbies.** I enjoy working with graphics software. I've played soccer for school and county teams. Of course, art is a favorite. I'm getting into video editing using a video camera I got for Christmas. I'm pretty proficient in comput-



This piece of acrylic art, above, by Jordan Kester, right, was recognized at the annual Old Dominion Association of Christian Schools arts competition. Jordan received a third place trophy in April for this work at the National Association of Christian Schools arts competition.

ers, and this year I've been doing a lot of mountain biking with my friend Tim.

Favorite local restaurants. I like hanging out at Chipotle, Outback, Bonefish Grill and Joe's Crab Shack.

Community concerns. Because of my recent interest in Mountain Biking, the care and maintenance of mountain bike trails is pretty important.

What career do you think you'll pursue? Definitely Graphic Design. I am planning to study at the Art Institute of Washington in Rosslyn.

Personal goals. I'd like to travel overseas. I'm going to Sweden in June, and studying art and art styles.

How did you get interested in art?

Probably the annual school arts competition for Old Dominion Association of Christian Schools (ODACS). My first award was for a black/white photograph. I also entered into competition with sculpture, mixed media and charcoal artwork, besides an acrylic painting in 2008. I've used any medium I can get my hands on. I've done designs on sneakers and khaki pants, pen and ink drawings on most anything, and spend a lot of time experimenting with graphics on the computer. This year, I got to help design the cover of our school yearbook and work on the school newspaper among other projects.

What has been the biggest influence on your art? I'm thankful for guidance from my art teacher at FBTA, Mrs. Sue

"Always expanding and changing, usually broad and experimenting, with a lot of abstract ideas."

— Jordan Kester, on his art



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Lewis, and our Computer Lab teacher, Mrs. Deanna Dyck. **How would you describe your artwork?** Always expanding and changing, usually broad and experimenting, with a lot of abstract ideas.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

VIEWPOINTS

What's your favorite summer activity?



"Because I'm taking a full course load of classes at GMU over the summer, I find that I spend the majority of my time daydreaming about being at the beach or some exotic location far away from school."
Saren Nilson, Sterling



"My wife and I go wine tasting in California (Napa Valley) every summer, and we love it. It's great weather, beautiful scenery, nice people and good grapes."
Steve Kinder, Warrenton



"I play volleyball over the summer. There are plenty of sports camps around here, but I mainly focus on volleyball."
Danielle Walcott, Fairfax



"I take art classes that are hosted by my church. I'm not a big fan of the heat, so I find art to be a great way to avoid a sunburn."
Tiffany Yu, Herndon

— NORA BENZAWI

COLLEGE NOTES

Send notes about student achievements to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

Christopher Newport University recently announced that several area students have accepted scholarships for the President's Leadership Program beginning fall 2008. Burke students are **Ashley Canty, Richard Hoeser, David Levenson**; Fairfax students are **Robert Clouse, Laura Howton, Philip Marotto, Taylor Nurmi**.

Evan L. Miller of Fairfax Station, graduated from Lynchburg College with a degree in communication studies on May 10.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

The Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking or Health has published "Your Springfield and Burke Guide to Smoke-Free Dining." The guide was published with grant funds from the Virginia Department of Health's Tobacco Use Control Project. The guide lists restaurants in Springfield and Burke that offer smoke-free dining.

The guide is free. To obtain a copy, visit the South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. To receive a copy by mail, call Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services at 703-324-5213.

People living with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia are invited to the program, "Living Well with CLL," on **Saturday, May 31**, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Life with Cancer Family Center, 2700 Prosperity Ave., #100, Fairfax. The program includes an update on new treatments with Georg Aue, M.D., of the National Cancer Institute and a panel presentation of people living with CLL. To register, call The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at 703-960-1100, ext. 231 or e-mail sarah.singer@lls.org.

Second annual Kid Health and Safety Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Saturday, May 31**, at Fair Oaks Mall, Grand Court, in Fairfax. Activities to include gummy worm surgery, become a "nurse for a day," bike and helmet safety, fitness and nutrition tips and more. Also, meet McGruff, the Crime Dog. Free and open to the public. Visit ww.inova.org/events.

Alternative House, the Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge in Fairfax County, is hosting its 12th annual road race. The renamed "Rock the House 8K" is a USATF certified 8K course that will wind through the neighborhoods surrounding the Fairfax County Government Center, and will take place Sunday, June 8, at 8 a.m., in conjunction with the annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. The cost is \$22, or \$20 for those who own a Champion Chip; after June 6, the fee will be \$27. Register online at www.runwashington.com; click on featured races. Alternative House offers children, youth and families counseling, shelter, neighborhood support and after-school programs; visit

www.thealternativehouse.org.

The **Ostomy Support Group** of Northern Virginia, LLC holds its monthly meeting, **Sunday, June 1**, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Physicians' Conference Center, Inova Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Fairfax. "Meet and Eat" begins at 1:30 p.m., presentation starts at 2 p.m. Featured speaker is Dr. Joshua Katz, colorectal surgeon. His presentation will be followed by "Ask the Doctor" and more. No admission fee. Park in Blue garage. For more information, call 703-802-3457 or visit www.ostomysupportofnova.org.

The **American Red Cross** is teaming up with 3M and Roush Fenway Racing to launch **Red Cross Racing**, a campaign to engage NASCAR fans as blood donors and to raise awareness about the ongoing need for blood. The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region will host several Red Cross Racing blood drives in June, including **Tuesday, June 10**, at the Fairfax Donor Center, noon-6 p.m. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

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Burke Centre Library To Open June 28



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Sarah Pevner, the youth services manager at the new Burke Centre Library, stacks shelves last week while helping to get the library ready for its grand opening on June 28. Pevner just recently graduated from the University of Maryland.

County's newest library boasts green design.

BY WADE RICE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Libraries is focusing on a greener outlook for its new libraries. The Burke Centre Library is a prime example of this. The new building at 5935 Freds Oak Road is filled with natural light, due to large windows surrounding the building. The library features several aspects of the National Resources Defense Council's LEED certifications and the library is applying for the Silver LEED Certification. Even the layout of the library reflects nature, as the building is shaped like a leaf.

The county has constructed three buildings using LEED standards, the Oakton Library, the Fairfax Center Fire Station, and the Crosspointe Fire Station. The LEED program is a rating system that acts as a checklist for the design process. Categories include sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, material and resources, indoor environmental quality and design innovation.

"I am very excited that the library will finally be open and I'm looking forward to working with the new branch manager," said Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock). "She has been very enthusiastic about working with our office. Libraries are community centers, and the library represents Burke's theme well, 'Nature and Community in Harmony.' The library was designed with that theme in mind."

WITH A PRICETAG of over \$11 million, the Burke Centre Library exudes a modern industrial look. The ceiling is open, with the air ducts all visible. The 16,720-square-foot building was completed quickly, with construction starting on Jan. 2, 2007.

Once opened, the library will contain 75,000 items, including books, CDs and audio books. The library will feature the first drive-through window in the county, where patrons will be able to drop off books or call ahead and pick up books.

The building also features an eight-person conference room and a silent study room, which is set up for nine county residents to bring their laptops and use WiFi. An additional study room will offer space for four and will require a sign up. The main library floor will have 16 public access computers and eight library database computers.

The library will be more than a place to find books, the building will function as a community center. A meeting room with a capacity of 90 people will be available for county residents to sign up to use, even after the library is closed.

Twenty to 30 trained paid employees and close to 40 volunteers will staff the library once it opens on

"This is the most open library that I've worked at."

— Linda Schlekau,
Burke Centre Library
branch manager

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FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

Shabba-Be-Que at Adat Reyim, 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield, 6:30 p.m. at **Friday, May 30**. Fun, food, song, and prayer. Cost is \$15 per adult, \$10 per child (5-16 years) or \$36 maximum per family. Children under 5 are free. RSVP to membership@adatreyim.org, and for more information call the office at 703-569-7577.

Fairfax Presbyterian Church's summer worship schedule, with one service of worship at 9:30 a.m., has begun. Glebe Sunday is set for **June 1**, with a casual, outdoor service at 9:30 a.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, parasols and fans. A picnic lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 10723 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-273-5300 or visit www.fairfaxpresby.com.

Jubilee Christian Center offers a Healing Service on Sunday, June 1, at 6 p.m. Rev. Peter Joudry of Bristow, Va. will speak. Joudry, the director of Battlefield Ministries, is on the staff of Manassas Assembly of God Church, and has pastored in Nova Scotia, Canada and Florida. Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170 or visit www.jccag.org.

Marriage Matters: A night of fellowship with other couples, **Saturday, May 31**, 7 p.m. at **Messiah United Methodist Church**, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Bring a dessert to share. A short program will be offered on "Mastering Money in the Marriage." Free child care is available, pre-registration required. Contact Robin Ringle at 703-569-9862, ext. 210 or.

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NEWS

Marijuana Conviction

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Marsh, of 9800 block of South Park Circle in Fairfax Station, was taken to the Adult Detention Center and released on bond, pending his court date.

Police say the search and Marsh's arrest culminated an ongoing investigation into a possible pot-cultivating operation at his home. In the Oct. 30, 2007 affidavit for the warrant, an undercover narcotics detective wrote that he'd begun investigating such operations that fall and that Marsh's address became a "location of interest."

On Oct. 24, 2007, outside the property line for Marsh's home, he collected the discarded trash from that address. Upon inspecting it, he wrote, he "collected a suspected marijuana plant from inside a plastic garbage bag. [I] also recovered mail from the same garbage bag with the name Leonard Marsh and [Marsh's] address posted on it." The detective noted that plant tested positive for marijuana.

Police obtained a warrant to search for possible evidence in Marsh's home. They found and confiscated four mason jars of marijuana from a filing cabinet in the basement, as well as a scale, packing material, records and documents and smoking devices.

From a workbench in the basement, police seized a jar, a marijuana smoking device, marijuana grinder, records and documents and two small containers of marijuana. Authorities also took "marijuana grow books" from a shelf by the workbench and a box of mason jars from the basement floor. Police seized marijuana, drug paraphernalia and documents from a bedroom, plus marijuana plants, a grow light and timers, as well as notes, records and documents, from an upstairs "grow room."

On Nov. 20, 2007, in General District Court, Marsh's charge was amended to possession with intent to distribute marijuana. He appeared Tuesday, May 27, and pleaded guilty. Judge Stewart Davis sentenced him to 180 days in jail, suspending all that time, and placed him on 12 months unsupervised probation. Davis also suspended Marsh's driver's license for six months and fined him \$500. In addition, Marsh had to pay \$147 in court costs.

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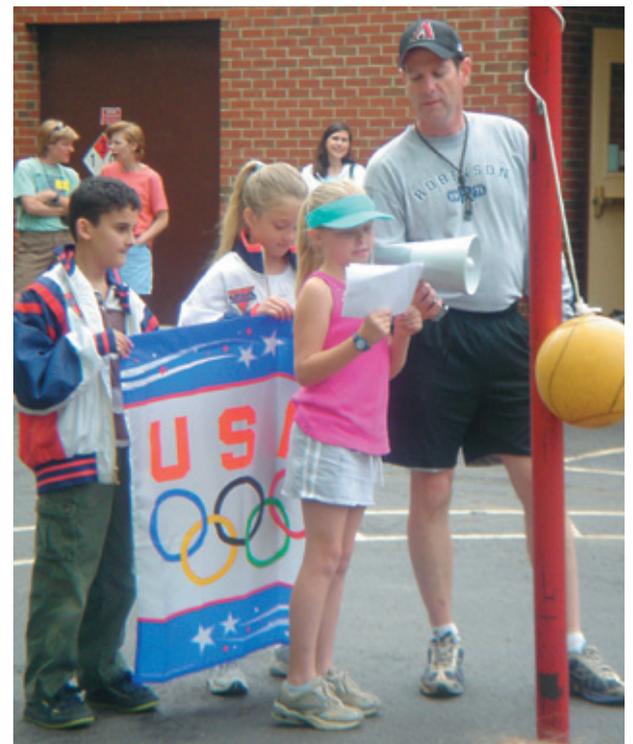
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SUMMER CLASSES FOR RETIREES — The summer session of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University runs from June 16 through July 25. Registration closes May 28. Classes will be at three locations: Fairfax, Reston and the GMU campus in Loudoun. Information is available on the Web: www.ollu.gmu.edu. Call 703-503-3384 or e-mail ollu@gmu.edu.

Tech Adventure Camp is designed to give current fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-grade students an opportunity to explore careers and technology as they rotate through six areas over a two-week program. The courses offered at the 2008 camp are: Design in Mind, Focus on Forensics, A Virtual Life, It's a 3D World, Kid's Chef, and Robotic Engineer. Camp will be held at the Chantilly and Edison Academies, July 7-18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The cost is \$400 for Fairfax County residents and \$500 for out-of-county residents. Registration Form A and information on the camp may be found in the Encore booklet now available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/summer/pdfs/Encore2008.pdf>. Registrations should be mailed no later than June 24th to: Summer School Registration, Adult and Community Education, 6815 Edsall Road, Springfield, VA 22151. Call 703-208-7789.

Gunston Community Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross, is held on Friday, June 6 from 3 - 7 p.m. at Gunston Elementary School Gym. Each blood donation can save the lives of up to three people. The goal is 40 units. Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins are accepted. Contact Anne Gorham at 703-850-6843 to schedule your donation.

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Let The Games Begin

Clifton Elementary third-graders Marcel Eddiani, Hannah Holman and P.E. teacher Donald Dillon listen as Brennen McCarthy reads the proclamation opening the games. Eddiani and Holman are wearing warm-up jackets and holding a banner from the 1996 Olympics, loaned by former Olympian and Clifton Elementary parent, Sharon Lowery. Students in all grades spent an entire day embracing physical fitness by participating in field event activities.

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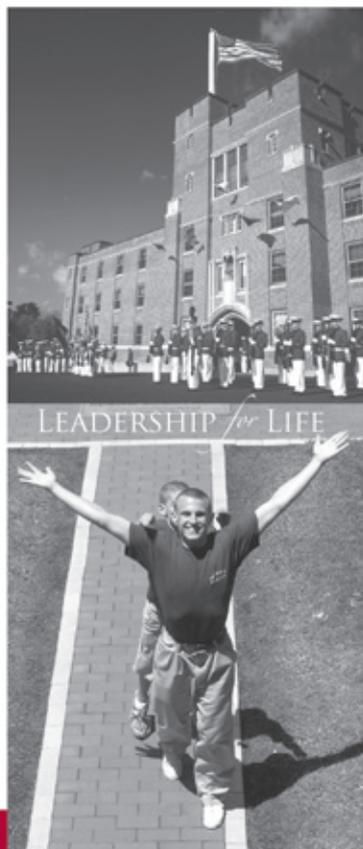
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GOING OUT

Lungs Free, Stomach Full

New guide highlights 100 restaurants that prohibit smoking indoors.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION



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BBQ World on Burke Commons Road is one of 100 restaurants in Burke and Springfield that do not allow indoor smoking.



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Gadsby's At Night

Lantern-led tours allow visitors to see Gadsby's Tavern by candlelight.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

In the garish light of day, Gadsby's Tavern in Old Town Alexandria could be mistaken for just another old building. Historic, of course, but old and strangely distant from the modern world.

At night, however, the tavern is transformed by candlepower. In the flickering glow of lanterns, the tavern seems alive with shadows from the past. People who work at the tavern say that experiencing the tavern at night in the glow of candlelight is an experience altogether different from touring the museum during the day.

NIGHTLIFE

"I know this sounds kind of dorky," said Liz Williams, assistant director at Gadsby's Tavern. "But we always say that the building seems happier when it's lit up by candlelight. There's just something about it that's different."

Experiencing Gadsby's Tavern by candlelight has become such a popular experience that annual lantern-led tours have become a fixture of the Old Town scene. That's why the museum will offer lantern-led tours every Friday in June, July and August unless the building has been rented for a special occasion. Even those who have already toured the tavern by day may be surprised at the secrets it yields at night.

"The people who stayed at Gadsby's 200 years ago would have seen it by candlelight," said Amy Bertsch, spokeswoman for the Office of Historic Alexandria. "So this will give

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For families in Burke and Springfield looking to go out for dinner but dreading a smoke-filled restaurant, a new dining guide is designed to make the search much easier.

The Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking OR Health, along with some help from the Virginia Department of Health, has recently published the Smoke-Free Dining Guide, a list of 100 restaurants in Burke and Springfield that do not allow indoor smoking of any kind.

"We have been putting together these guides every few years," said Lisa Brown, chair of the organization. "We've already published one for Arlington, the Reston-Herndon area and Centreville."

THIS GUIDE, the group's fifth, was compiled by Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking OR Health volunteers who called restaurants to inquire whether any indoor smoking was allowed. If the manager or employee said no, the establishment went on the list, Brown said.

"Northern Virginia has a high percentages of restaurants that are smoke-free," she said. "The state has tried several times to pass a smoking ban on restaurants, but areas of the rest of the state don't see things the way we do."

But the list does not compile the healthier restaurants for the sake of families alone.

"We look at establishments that allow smoking for the sake of the employees," Brown said. "A family can always choose to go somewhere else for dinner, but employ-

"No one has complained of any inconvenience."

— Negatu Tefera

ees need to be there, at their jobs, every day."

Brown cited studies that indicate bartenders, dishwashers and other restaurant employees could develop emphysema or lung cancer after working in a smoke-filled environment for long periods of time.

The list will also help people with asthma, who may have trouble breathing in restaurants that allow smoking, she added.

Melissa Bonilla said she changed the policy at her restaurant, Green Olives on Backlick Road in Springfield, once her family purchased it five years ago.

"The old owner, he allowed smoking, but as soon as we bought it we got rid of it," she said.

Bonilla said her business has steadily increased since the switch was made.

"If people want to smoke, they can go outside," she said. "Our restaurant doesn't

Where To Dine

A free copy of the Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking OR Health Smoke-Free Restaurant Guide may be obtained by calling 703-501-3042 or visiting the South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield, VA 22153

smell like smoke anymore."

Negatu Tefera, manager at Barbecue World on Burke Commons Road, agreed that he has found benefits to going smoke-free.

"We changed because of customer demand," he said. "We haven't seen any change in business except people are happier. No one has complained of any inconvenience."

His customers were not surprised by the change, thinking it was "a natural decision," he said.

"I was surprised too," he laughed.

CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to southcalendar@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440 with questions. Deadline is Friday.

FRIDAY/MAY 30

Springfield Days Festival. This annual community celebration has expanded to four days of family fun, featuring a parade through downtown Springfield, children's rides and games, food, an art show, an entertainment stage, outdoor movie and more. Burger King Family Festival with Children's Rides and Games, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Springfield Mall; Old-fashioned barbecue at American Legion Post 176, 5-9

p.m. Visit www.springfielddays.com.

Mohammad Reza Shajarian and Ava Ensemble in Concert. 8:30 p.m., tickets \$150, \$95, \$75, \$55. GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. For more, go to www.gmu.edu.cfa, or call 888-945-2468.

LOCALPALOOZA: Blood Corps, Prodigal Son, Another Empty Box, Scarecrow's Curse and other bands. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Doors open 6 p.m., show at 6:15 p.m., at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, 703-569-5940

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Car, Truck and Motorcycle show to benefit

the South County Secondary School Automotive Tech Center. Show includes all make/models of cars, trucks and motorcycles, as well as a chili cook-off and automotive flea market. Early registration by May 15 is \$5-\$15 in different categories, day-of registration is 9 a.m.-noon. Event is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the school, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Visit www.southcountycarshow.org or contact frank.cannon@fcps.edu or scott.saylor@fcps.edu.

Springfield Days Festival. This annual community celebration has expanded to four days of family fun, featuring a parade through downtown Springfield, children's

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rides and games, food, an art show, an entertainment stage, outdoor movie and more. Events 9 a.m.-11 p.m., for a full list visit www.springfielddays.com.

Where's the Beat? Tap dance concert presented by the Metropolitan Youth Tap Ensemble and the Soles of Steel tap ensemble. Family-friendly event, 8 p.m. at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 children 17 and under; purchase at www.metroyouthtap.org. Contact MetroYouthTap@gmail.com.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 1

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

U.S. Navy Band Cruisers contemporary entertainment ensemble group performs 7:30 p.m. at the Lee District Park, 6601 Telegraph Road, Springfield. Free, no tickets required. Call 202-433-2525, or visit www.navyband.navy.mil.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Chinese Cultural Heritage Night. Come to an evening of traditional Chinese culture, music and dance spanning the centuries. 7:30 p.m., at Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 6

City of Fairfax Band Concert. 7:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Picnic at the Park from 12-3 p.m. at Burke Lake Park Shelter B, 7315 Ox



'Blue Angel' by Maureen Wolford

Arts at the Mall

Springfield Mall is sponsoring Arts in the Marketplace, an exhibit of over 50 paintings inside the mall, between JCPenny and the information desk. Springfield Arts Guild artists Donnalynne Lefever, Skeeter Scheid, Maureen Wolford, Yvette Monte, Yasuko Riggs, Linda Porten, Ruth Edstrom, Margaret Reynolds, Lynne Horstman, Karen Flann, Thea Rossi Barron, Peggy Crawford, Judy Wengrovitz, Mary Exline are exhibiting. All art is for sale. The exhibit is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The mall is located at 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. The Springfield Arts Guild meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield.

Road, Fairfax Station, to raise money for children fighting cancer and their families. Tickets price includes catered picnic lunch and all entertainment — Banjo Man Frank Cassel, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Soccer and more. Advance tickets \$12 per person, \$15 at the gate. www.BryceFoundation.org, 703-266-0146.

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sponsored by the Arlington Rose Foundation at the Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Exhibits on display 1-6 p.m. Free, no reservations required. For more, call 703-860-0071.

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4:45 at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, 703-569-5940

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

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Gadsby's by Candlelight

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A guide at Gadsby's Tavern.

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will be seeing the room where the mysterious Female Stranger died in 1816, undoubtedly more spooky at night when visitors are likely to get a chill up their spine when they learn about her strangely anonymous male companion.

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be playing a free concert for all ages at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee District Park, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Call 703-922-9841, or the band's website at www.enterthehaggis.com.

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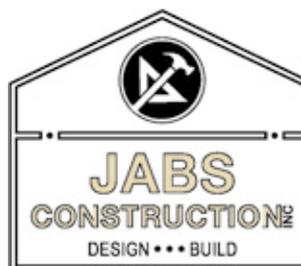
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New Library To Open

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June 28. Many of the volunteers will be members of the Friends of the Burke Centre Library, which has been part of the library since 2002, and was there for the groundbreaking in 2006.

Linda Schlekau, the library's branch manager has previously worked at the Dolley Madison Library in McLean and the Woodrow Wilson Library in Falls Church. "This is the most open library that I've worked at," Schlekau said "As we prepare our branch for opening, placing furniture, filling shelves and welcoming volunteers, the Burke Centre staff is looking forward with confidence to our festivities in June."



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

THE BURKE CENTRE LIBRARY uses the Energy Star compliant mechanical equipment and renewable Green Power, 100 percent non-fossil fuel. The interior finished materials including carpet, ceiling tile, ceramic tile, furnishings, and window frames are made with 30 percent or higher recycled content. The bathrooms feature dual flush toilets and efficient plumbing fixtures that reduce water usage by approximately 41 percent.

Natural light is prevalent in the new Burke Centre Library with wall to ceiling windows in much of the building.

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Morrisroe Gets Hit, Makes South County Pay

Pivotal fifth-inning triple swings Chargers into semifinals.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

Chantilly head coach Kevin Ford debated whether to argue a 2-2 call in the bottom of the fifth inning. Up 3-1 in the quarterfinals of the 16-team Northern Region tournament, with what he's previously called "his best pure baseball player" in first-team All-Region catcher Keith Morrisroe at the plate, Ford took his time heading toward the umpire for his third base box.

"He's been our best hitter," Ford said he

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thought to himself afterward. "He's been clutch all year."

Morrisroe was plunked on the left elbow by a hanging curve from reliever Brennan Miller. But what wasn't apparent for the bi-partisan crowd at Robinson on a blue-skied Memorial Day afternoon, was that Morrisroe, at least according to the home plate umpire, did little to avoid the contact. After initially taking first base, he was thus ordered back to the plate.

"He wanted to hit anyway," Ford said.

"If you watch the kid, he doesn't want to get hit by a pitch, even with two strikes."

With no outs and a runner already on, Morrisroe pelted a fastball into a momentum-boosting triple to the right gap, scoring one run and virtually closing South County's chances at a repeat of last season's state semifinal run. Once on third, Morrisroe pumped his fist, and let out a rare roar.

"I told the umpire thanks afterwards," he said. "It felt good to see the team pumped up and excited."

The hit ignited the Chantilly bats, which had been stymied by South County's Peyton Bartlett in the first three innings. The Chargers started a mere 2-for-12 at the plate.

"A couple of guys were a little too anxious," Ford said. "If we just play our game, we'll be okay. It's when guys do things that they really shouldn't be doing. That comes as you get into the flow of the game and guys relax a little bit. It was nice to hit the ball at the end."

Morrisroe and Max Langford each finished with two hits and an RBI, while Justin Carwile drove in a pair of runs.

SOUTH COUNTY scored first, going up 1-0, following a run in the top of the second. It held the lead until the bottom of the fourth, when Chantilly strung together three runs on four hits.

The Stallions never really recovered.

Chantilly starter Jordan Johnson and reliever Chris Yates were potent, combining on a two-run, seven hit outing. Yates took over for Johnson in the fourth, and tallied five strikeouts.

"We got what we wanted out of them," Ford said.

The Chargers added another run in the fifth when Chris Yates scored Morrisroe on a fielder's choice. From there, Chantilly scored three more insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth to coast into a matchup with Patriot District runner-up West Springfield in the quarterfinals at South County on Wednesday. The result was too late for this edition.

"We're going to have to execute," Ford said. "Hopefully, we'll come out and down that. I don't think we've seen anybody this year that throws as hard as [West Springfield pitcher Mike Kent]. We'll probably do a couple of things to quicken our bats."

West Springfield all-region pitcher Mike Kent faced off with East Carolina commit Pat Somers, Chantilly's hard throwing ace. Heading into the game, both teams knew it was going to be a battle, especially with a berth in the Virginia AAA state tournament on the line.

South County's season is over, having losing two of its last three. The Stallions lost a heartbreaking seventh inning thriller to West Springfield in the Patriot

All-Region First Team

Pos	Player	School
C	Keith Morrisroe	Chantilly
C	Scott Reed	South Lakes
1B	Matt Snyder	Westfield
2B	Kyle Toulouse	Yorktown
SS	Brent Frazier	South County
SS	Jacob Morley	W.T. Woodson
3B	Mike Snyder	Westfield
OF	Jeff Haeuptle	West Springfield
OF	Johnny Bladel	Stone Bridge
OF	Steve Kouril	Yorktown
OF	Shannon Mark	Lake Braddock
OF	Pike Brynildson	T.C. Williams
DH	Keith Werman	Oakton
UTIL	Kevin Wager	Oakton
UTIL	Mike Edwards	Westfield
P	Tyler Basso	Stone Bridge
P	Ty Weaver	Stone Bridge
P	Patrick Somers	Chantilly
P	Mike Kent	West Springfield
P	Brian Derner	Lake Braddock

Player of the Year: Matt Snyder, Westfield

Pitcher of the Year: Tyler Basso, Stone Bridge

Coach of the Year: Sam Plank, Stone Bridge

District semifinals. Meanwhile, Chantilly upset Oakton, 6-5, to win the Concorde District tournament for the first time since 1991. But immediately after the game Monday, the Chargers were focused strictly on their next opponent.

"Like everyone pitcher I've faced, I'm just going to try to make contact on every pitch," Morrisroe said on Monday. "Maybe something special will happen."

Spartans Beat Rams with Walk-off in Seventh

Wahl pitches a complete game, two-hitter to continue Spartans' season.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

As the second-string pitcher, West Springfield sophomore Bobby Wahl had thrown brilliantly in several games, notching 12 and 11 strikeouts respectively. But that was against Hayfield and Lee, two lower-level teams and not against top-level competition.

BASEBALL

Wahl stepped out of the shadow and into the spotlight with a commanding complete-game, two-hitter to continue the Spartans' season. West Springfield won, 1-0, over Robinson on its home field during the quarterfinals of the 16-team Northern Region tournament on a beautiful blue-skied Memorial Day.

"Bobby's matured a lot this year," said West Springfield head coach John James. "He's got

the stuff where if he's commanding it, he's awfully tough."

While Wahl, who only reached three balls on one Ram hitter and had a career-high 13 strikeouts, was certainly in control throughout, the Spartans continually couldn't close the door, leaving eight batters on base through six innings.

That, however, wasn't the case in the bottom of the seventh for dramatic West Springfield, who previously had won three games in walk-off fashion, and lost at least two in the same manner.

Senior Patrick Nutbrown, batting in the No. 9 hole, led off the final frame with double to the left field line. All-region centerfielder Jeff Haeuptle beat out a subsequent bunt, leaving runners at the corners with junior Andy Stallings stepping to the plate.

With the infield in, Stallings stabbed a roller past the Robinson second baseman and shortstop to score Nutbrown, and end the game.

"They're a competitive group," James said.

"They never say die. They don't go down without a fight."

Stallings had a team-high three hits in four at-bats, while Tucker Tobin and third baseman Ryan Sullivan both went 2-for-3. West Springfield had nine hits, but the combination of Robinson's Austin Freer and Michael Del Buono only relinquish six through the first six innings. The Rams had several defensive gems, turning multiple double plays.

"We felt like if we continued to put pressure on them and continued to put guys on base, at some point we were going to find holes," James said. "And we did, it just happened to be in the bottom of the seventh."

Robinson had a glimmer of an opportunity in the top of the sixth. With no outs, Ram sophomore pinch hitter Rutger Floyd blasted a seemingly surefire double to the right center. According to James, the West Springfield outfield, including Haeuptle, shifted to the right to account for Floyd's lack of power.

Haeuptle pedaled back to the right, while still trailing all the way to the warning track. On a dead sprint, he made nabbed a backhanded catch to get the crucial out. West Springfield got three straight outs in the inning.

"You're not going to see too many better plays in high school than that one," James said. "We had them shifted to right shallow. It didn't surprise me in the sense that he's been making good catches and tracking balls down all year. That really provided a spark for our team."

WEST SPRINGFIELD (15-4) edged Langley, 5-2, in the opening round after losing 12-8 in the Patriot District championship to fellow semifinal participant Lake Braddock.

"Coach James told us that it really doesn't matter about the Patriot District championship, that we really needed to concentrate on the Northern Region championship," said junior all-region pitcher Mike Kent. "We came back and fought hard."

In the Northern Region semifinals Wednesday at South County, Kent faced off with East Carolina commit Pat Somers, Chantilly's hard throwing ace. Kent and Somers are both all-region pitchers. The result was too late for this edition.

Robinson (13-11) ended Yorktown's 17-game winning streak in the opening round with a 5-0 victory to earn the second round home game.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Senior Melanie Akwule (center) took second in the girls 100-meter hurdles at the Northern Region Track and Field Meet.

Bruins Win Another Title

Lake Braddock girls win 6th consecutive crown.

The Lake Braddock girls outdoor track and field team won their sixth consecutive Northern Region title on Friday, easily outscoring second place Centreville, 101-56.50. Bolstered by strong performances by senior Melanie Akwule, sophomore Liana Epstein and senior Anna Corrigan, the Bruins placed in the top three in seven events during the two-day meet.

TRACK AND FIELD

Akwule was the leading point-scorer for the Bruins, taking 2nd in the 100-meter hurdles (14.74 seconds), 2nd in the 300 hurdles (45.22), 2nd in the triple jump (38 feet 10.5 inches), 3rd in the long jump (18-05.50) and anchored the Bruins' winning 4x100 relay team (48.77).

Epstein took home two gold medals at the meet, winning the girls 1600 run (4:57.46) by .42 seconds over Herndon's Hiruni Wijayarathne. Epstein was seeded a full 10 seconds behind Wijayarathne entering the event. Epstein also anchored the Bruins' winning 4x800 relay, joining senior Lindsey Luria, senior Michaela Sands and junior Taylor Moore to win the event with a time of 9:26.83.

Corrigan also battled Wijayarathne during the meet, placing second to the Herndon junior in the 3200 run. Corrigan finished with a time of 11:12.81, beating out third place Thomas Jefferson senior Connor Fleming by 4.01 seconds.

The Bruins will take to the track this weekend in Newport News for the AAA Virginia State Outdoor Track and Field Meet.

Field Hockey camp, running from June 23 to June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the South County Athletic Complex. Rising second through ninth graders are eligible. The cost of the camp will be \$150. For more information, contact Leah Conte at 703-446-1571 or email at leah.conte@fcps.edu.

Lake Braddock will hold two baseball camps this summer. The Future Stars Little League Camp, for ages 7-12, will run for three sessions. The first session will run from June 23 to June 27. The second session will run from June 30 to July 3 and the third will run from July 14 to July 18. Each session will cost \$140. Attending two sessions will cost \$250. Three sessions will cost \$350. The Bruins' Big Diamond Development Camp, for ages 13-16, will run for two sessions. The first session will run from July 7 to July 11 and the second camp will run from July 21 to July 25. The cost will be \$140 for one session or \$250 for both. Each camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.lakebraddocksports.org.

The 2008 Lake Braddock Bruins Boys Basketball camp will run for three weeks this summer. The first week, for third graders to rising freshman, will run from June 23 to June 27. The second week, for third graders to rising freshman, will run from July 7 to July 11. The third week, for rising seventh graders

Rynex Shuts Down Stallions

Senior pitcher strikes out 12 in first start since March 28.

BY PAUL FROMMELT
THE CONNECTION

Katie Rynex still remembers how she felt after breaking her ankle sliding into second base two months ago. When the Hornets' pitcher learned that she would lose a sizable chunk of her senior season, the first thing that she thought of was her teammates.

"It affected me a lot because I felt like I let down the team," said Rynex, who was injured on March 28 against St. Frances.

Rynex, watched as the Hornets rebounded and finished the regular season tied for second place. She watched as the Hornets advanced to the Concorde District tournament finals for the first time in school history.

"It was hard to watch," she said.

By May 16, however, Rynex was finally cleared to play.

"The doctor gave her clearance and she wanted to pitch [immediately]," said Herndon head coach Bonnie O'Hearn. "This is what she has been waiting for."

Rynex worked 1 1/3 innings in the Concorde District final, allowing one hit and striking out two in the Hornets' 4-2 loss to Robinson.

It wasn't until the Hornets' Northern Region quarterfinal matchup against South County on Monday that Rynex got her chance to start.

"She is a competitor," said O'Hearn. "Her goal was to get back in time for regionals. This was our goal."

The Hornets' hurler didn't disappoint, pitching a complete game shut out against the top-rated Stallions, allowing only three hits and striking out 12 in Herndon's 1-0 victory.

"It was intense," said Rynex. "My team was behind me all the way and I just did what I do best. It felt great."

Each week will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$175 per week. For more information, feel free to contact the Lake Braddock basketball office at 703-426-1068.

The West Springfield High School boys basketball program will be holding three weeks of basketball camps this summer. The first week – the "offensive camp" – will run from June 30 to July 3 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. and will cost \$100. The Spartans will also have two full-week, all-day camps July 7 to July 11 and July 21 to July 25, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both sessions will cost \$150. Further information and registration forms can be found at www.spartansports.org. Call Dick Wickline at 703-913-3874 or email at wshsbbcamp@gmail.com for more information.

The 2008 Lake Braddock Bruins Girls Basketball Camp will run from June 30 to July 3 for third graders to rising freshman. The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$140. For more information, feel free to contact the Lake Braddock basketball office at 703-426-1068.

Hayfield High School will hold its 2008 summer boys basketball camp in three sessions starting June 23. The first session will be held from June 23 from June



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Herndon's Katie Rynex held the Stallions to three hits.

When Herndon's Marra Hvozovic singled off of South County's starting pitcher, sophomore Chelsey Dunham, to lead off the game and then scored on a double by Rynex two batters later, it looked as though both teams had a high scoring affair in front of them. It turned out, however, that Hvozovic would be the only player on either team to touch home plate.

"That is all it takes at this level," said South County head coach Al Thompson. "It is tough when you drop one run in the first inning."

After the first inning, Dunham, two-time Patriot District Pitcher of the Year, matched Rynex pitch for pitch. Dunham scattered seven hits, using carefully placed pitches and plenty of movement to induce 11 infield pop outs.

Thompson, who led the Stallions to their second consecutive district title this year, admitted that he was surprised to see Rynex start for the Hornets.

"We were looking forward to seeing [Katie] Briggs. We are proud to say that they had to bring her in for us," he said with a smile.

The second session will be from June 30 to July 3.

The third session will be from July 7 to July 15. Each session will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Sessions one and three will cost \$175 for walk-ins and \$165 for early registration. Session two will cost \$140 for walk-ins and \$125 for early registration. The basketball camp will emphasize the development of fundamental basketball skills. The players will be given the opportunity to participate in daily competitions. Please direct all questions regarding the camp to coach Stanley Babbit at 703-786-8591 or Stanley.Babbit@fcps.edu.

The Northern Virginia Region Cheer Coaches Association will hold its annual summer cheerleading camp in three sessions. On July 12, the NVRCCA camp will be at Centreville High School. On July 19 and July 26, the camp will be at Fairfax High School. Each session will cost \$35, or \$90 for all three. For more information, contact NVRCCA Secretary Sarah Krawchuk at sarahsantoro@hotmail.com.

To advertise a summer camp, contact Connection Newspapers Sports Editor Paul Frommelt at pfrommelt@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6409.

SUMMER CAMPS

South County will hold its summer boys basketball camp in three sessions this July. The first session will be held from July 14 to July 18. The second session will be held from July 21 to July 25 and the third session will be held from July 28 to August 1. Each session will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are open to ages 18 to 15. The camp will cost \$180. For more information, call South County boys head coach Mike Pflugrath at 703-446-1680 or email at Michael.Pflugrath@fcps.edu. For the latest information, go to www.StallionsSports.org.

South County Athletic Boosters present a Summer 'Real' Girls Lacrosse Camp from June 22 to June 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. First graders through junior varsity-level players are welcome. At the camp, rookies will learn solid basic skills and positioning in game-like situations. Experienced players will learn skills necessary to play in high school with emphasis on defensive techniques. The cost of the game will be \$80. For further information and a registration form, check www.stallionsports.org or contact Barbara Mahony at 703-446-1681 or email at Barbara.Mahony@fcps.edu.

The South County Athletic Boosters present the Stal-

OPINION

Silver Lining, Aptly Named

County should capitalize on rare opportunity to expand permanent affordable housing.

When affordable housing advocates around the county — and around the nation — praised Gerry Connolly and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for dedicating one penny of the real estate tax to affordable housing, it was with the expectations of big accomplishments.

The one-penny fund has in fact accomplished a great deal, protecting more than a thousand units of affordable housing. Some people have been disappointed that the fund has not so far added much new affordable housing, with very few eligible families moved off of the long waiting list.

Some supervisors have responded that the fund was intended to preserve the affordable housing stock we currently have, not add to it. But with sizeable resources — more than \$20 million a year — we should expect a steady increase in the supply of long-term affordable

housing.

NOW COMES the “silver lining.” It’s an opportunity to use the housing downturn and the increase in foreclosures to purchase more housing units at bargain prices and to assist those on a waiting list to become first time homebuyers.

The county should not make the mistake of defining this effort too narrowly.

With more than \$20 million a year, and a likelihood of two more years of increasing foreclosures, the “silver lining” could help many qualified families waiting to become first-time homebuyers and greatly increase the permanent stock of affordable housing. The one-penny fund can underwrite the purchase of scores — perhaps hundreds — of foreclosed condos and townhouses, turning them over to housing authorities and nonprofits to maintain

as affordable housing permanently.

The language of the current proposals suggests that the county would purchase “up to 10” such homes. We’d rather see the county limit the amount that the one-penny fund spends on salaries and overhead, while it maximizes the number of families and individuals it can move into affordable housing.

This requires housing for families with children and efficiency apartments for individuals who are not homeless. It means buying housing that is in foreclosure and building some housing.

It requires courage and action, which Connolly and the Board of Supervisors have demonstrated. But they must be bold, and make their efforts really count.

As to those who say the county should not be in the business of buying private property, that’s a ridiculous argument. Were we to follow that theory, we would have no parks, no protected open space. And almost no affordable housing.

— MARY KIMM

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School Board Remarks on Budget

The mantra ‘location, location, location,’ really means ‘schools, schools, schools.’

BY DAN STORCK, CHAIRMAN AND
PHILLIP NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER,
BUDGET CHAIR
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

A member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors was recently quoted as saying that whatever amount the county government transfers to the school system, “it is never enough.”

This view belies the financial pressures the School Board faces just to continue to operate an excellent school system that benefits all county residents by attracting and keeping businesses and a workforce that are the foundations of our dynamic economy and high property values.

It is true — as parents, students, and others have told the School Board in testimony, e-mails, and phone calls during the months-long process which led to our final vote on May 22 — that many residents would prefer a school system that spends much more than we do. What parent does not want his or her child in a class of 18 students (the exception), rather than one of 25+ students (the norm)?

But Fairfax County Public Schools has prided itself for decades on its ability to provide an excellent education to a large number of children with widely differing needs at the lowest cost possible. We are nothing if not cost-effective, as any comparison of per-pupil costs with other comparable school systems in the region reveals: nearly \$1,300 less per student than

Montgomery County, and over \$5,000 less per student than Falls Church City.

OUR STAFF and the School Board work daily to achieve the best value for the taxpayer. This means that we must sustain a high-performing and highly diverse school system for the least amount of investment. This year, we had made \$33 million in cuts before we submitted our budget to the Board of Supervisors, including millions saved by delaying a maintenance program for an aging infrastructure.

Federal and state unfunded mandates, and a shortfall in local resources, means that we must make further cuts, not in “frills,” but in basic, ongoing costs. We will spend \$22 million, more than half the increase in school funding from the county, simply to educate the estimated 3,500 additional children who will arrive in our schools this fall. We have done much to reduce demand for commodities to offset increasing costs; buses need fuel, however, and diesel prices are up 70 percent over last year. Fixed costs (such as state pensions) cannot be cut back. Reducing employee compensation below market rates could undermine our long-range ability to attract and retain employees who make excellence possible. It has been difficult to produce a budget that does not require that we “eat our seed corn” by making reductions that will make it more difficult to recover momentum in future years.

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POLITICS

Connolly, Byrne Address Democrats

Primary election scheduled for June 10.

Former U.S. Rep. Leslie Byrne and Fairfax County Chairman Gerry Connolly touted their credentials to a little over 100 members of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee May 27.

Byrne and Connolly are two of the four candidates campaigning to be the Democratic Party pick for Virginia's 11th District seat in Congress. Lori Alexander and Doug Denny, the two other candidates, did not attend.

Voters can participate in the Democratic primary June 10. Whoever wins the primary will face Republican Keith Fimian in the November general election.

DURING HER REMARKS, Byrne championed her accomplishments as a member of the General Assembly.

Byrne was the only legislator to get a bill requiring truck covers through the General Assembly in 20 years. She also got tax breaks for senior citizens passed.

"In 14 days, you get to decide who can speak for you. Stop pay to play and let me be your voice in the 11th."

— Leslie Byrne

The former congresswoman emphasized her early opposition to the Iraq war. She spoke out against it in January 2003 when it was less popular to be critical, according to Byrne.

The candidate said these actions speak to what kind of elected official she has been and would be.

"In 14 days, you get to decide who can speak for you. Stop pay to play and let me be your voice in the 11th," said Byrne.

CONNOLLY focused on his successes

as chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors during his speech.

"I have given you the most progressive county government in history," said the elected official. The Fairfax government had banned work place discrimination based sexual orientation and preserved more than 2,000 units of affordable housing while he was in office, he said.

The chairman also took some credit for the Democrats rise to power in Fairfax County. He noted that his election as Providence District supervisor 14 years ago split the county board evenly with five Democrats and five Republicans. This year, the board has eight Democrats and two Republicans.

"I have never lost an election and I have had coat tails," said Connolly.

He also added that he had raised thousands of dollars for the county Democratic committee. Connolly said he went out and raised \$10,000 quickly one year when the committee had no money to send out a joint campaign brochure for the election.

BOTH candidates have supporters. Burke residents Paula and Ron Seward said they intended to vote for Connolly, in part because of the candidate's 10 years of experience working for the Senate foreign relations committee on Capitol Hill. Oakton resident Mary Ann Hovis said she had been impressed that Byrne had come out against the war so early and that she won Sen. Jim Webb's endorsement.

Most members of the county committee said they intended to support whoever emerged as the nominee from the primary.

"Just like we would support Hillary if she won, even though we are supporting Barack Obama right now," said Ron Seward.

Some committees said they had hoped the Democratic candidates would be more reserved about attacking each other.

"I kind of wish they would tone it down a little. I always wish they wouldn't [attack each other]," said Hovis

But many said they were excited to have so many well-qualified candidates in the primary.

"It wasn't too long ago when we couldn't have raised this number of quality candidates at one time," said Hovis.

AROUND TOWN

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The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office will photograph and fingerprint children for free at several upcoming events: Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, June 8, 12-4 p.m. at Celebrate Fairfax at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center

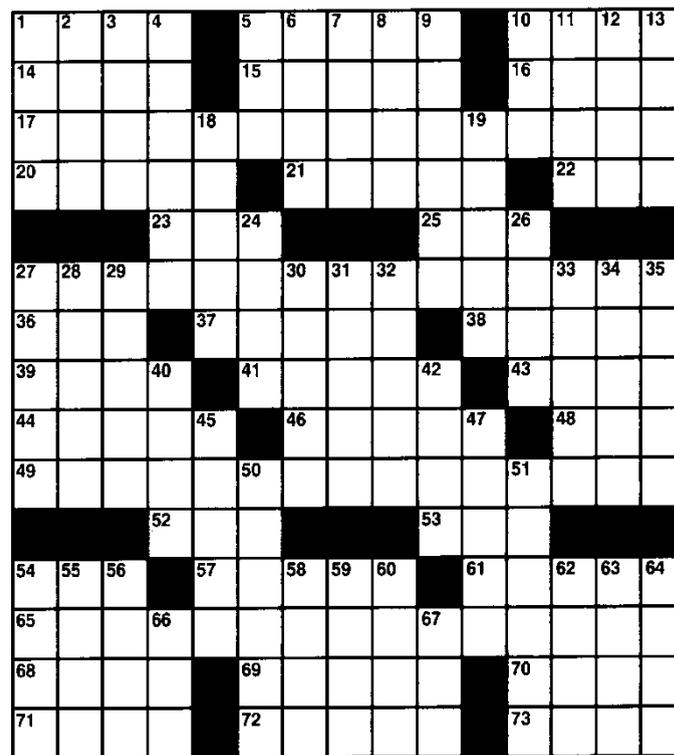
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Puzzle by Wesley R. Johnson

ACROSS

- 1 Center of an old-fashioned roast
- 5 Old Jewish scholars
- 10 Kid
- 14 Fully fit
- 15 Coin being replaced by the euro
- 16 Got down
- 17 What boxer #1 did
- 20 Got up
- 21 More wily
- 22 Political grp. since 1854
- 23 Umbrella part
- 25 Launch of 1986
- 27 What boxer #2 was
- 36 Slice of history
- 37 "— so right!"
- 38 "Li'l" guy
- 39 Othello's betrayer
- 41 Dishonest sort
- 43 Actor Morales
- 44 Bloodhound's guide
- 46 "A Garden of Earthly Delights" author
- 48 Pipe joint

DOWN

- 10 Boxer's move
- 11 Designer Cassini
- 12 Forage holder
- 13 Start of a Web site address
- 18 Uplift
- 19 Writer Jong
- 24 Ringside responses
- 26 Boxer's wear
- 27 Franklin, religiously
- 28 Spinachlike plant
- 29 It's made at fights
- 30 Like some sentences
- 31 Trick's alternative
- 32 Moor
- 33 Remove stitches from
- 34 Football Hall-of-Famer Greasy —
- 35 Bird's sound
- 40 — about (near)
- 42 Hoard
- 45 — a kind (pair)
- 47 Recipe direction
- 50 Protected from the elements
- 51 Back from flying
- 54 "Pygmalion" dramatist
- 55 Only
- 56 Practice in the ring
- 58 Art Deco name
- 59 London's — Gallery
- 60 Hurler Hershiser
- 62 Classic Langston Hughes poem
- 63 Play opener
- 64 Whisky amount
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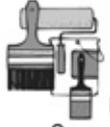
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Charity Honors Memory of Bryce Anderson

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of this year, and unbeknownst to the Anderson family ahead of time, one of the recipients was a nurse who spent a lot of time with Bryce.

She and the three other nurses honored received a \$1,000 award for their work, he said.

"We had nothing to do with her getting the award, but we were very pleased," James Anderson said.

To keep their work moving forward, and to keep their son's memory alive, the Andersons are hosting a fund raiser on Saturday, June 7, from 12-3 p.m., at Shelter B at Burke Lake Park.

"We know we'll see Bryce again, but this is a way of carrying on his memory by helping others in the same situation."

— Emily Anderson

Money raised from the event, which features children's amusements, games, activities and a catered lunch, will go toward funding the

BRYCE Foundation's current outreach programs, along with research efforts of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, James Anderson said.

HIS HOPE is that other parents and their children will receive treatment less invasive and dangerous than Bryce endured. Chemotherapy may be the normal, accepted and anticipated treatment for cancer now, but it was the side-effects of that process that eventually took Bryce's life, he



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Bryce Anderson lost his battle with leukemia in 2006 when he was just 27 months old.

said.

"Bryce had significant hearing loss because of his chemo," a frequent long-term impact of childhood cancer, James Anderson said. "There's a long list of secondary cancers kids are at risk for developing later in life. There's all these long-term side effects that come after having cancer and hopefully, in the future, we'll have treatments that are less dangerous."

Emily Anderson is eager to help other families facing the heartbreaking task of caring for a child with cancer. This work is helping her deal with her grief, she said, and makes Bryce's memory live on.

"We are bereaved parents. We hurt for other parents who have lost their child too, but we also want to care for those parents who need someone to turn to," Emily Anderson said.

The more they reach out to other families, the more they feel they are healing, she said.

Winnie Murphy has been involved since the BRYCE Foundation began, helping in any way possible to make their efforts successful.

"A lot of people say they want to do something when a catastrophic event like this happens, but the difference is, James and Emily are actually doing it," she said. "They are very dedicated to making this a success."

She believes their efforts on behalf of nurses and other families is a sort of therapeutic release for the Andersons and their young son, James, 6.

Murphy said anyone who visits the BRYCE Foundation Web site can easily see the serious nature in which the Anderson family is approaching their work and their determi-

Get Involved

The BRYCE Foundation's Picnic at the Park is Saturday, June 7, from 12-3 p.m., in Shelter B at Burke Lake Park. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the event, and include a catered lunch, games, activities, a performance by Banjo Man Frank Cassel, soccer training from the Soccer Academy and Granny's Crafts Table. For more on the event or to purchase tickets, go to www.brycefoundation.org.

nation to continue expanding the programs they sponsor.

"They're learning as they go," she said. "They want to branch out and do other things, maybe create some kind of product they can sell like a teddy bear or something to raise money."

THE STEPS the Andersons have taken thus far have been carefully measured out to have the most impact on the right people, Murphy said. "There's nothing impulsive about what they're doing," which is why she thinks they will continue to be successful.

Denise Taylor became re-acquainted with James and Emily Anderson when another friend also had a child battling cancer at Johns Hopkins. She has lost five people to leukemia or lymphoma in the past five years and has dedicated her time to participating in fundraisers for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

The work the Andersons have done with the BRYCE Foundation has been therapeutic for the family, she said, and their faith and determination to help other families through a difficult time is inspiring.

"They're two of the strongest people I've ever known," she said. "I see it in the eyes of parents who come by and get information about leukemia, it's their worst nightmare to lose a child. We're all called to do something, and James and Emily are called to be of assistance to other families."

Opera Singer Tanner Puts Home on Market

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tenor, one who sings the heavy duty roles in big Grand Operas such as Aida and Turandot," he said. "This is big singing, and it takes a real athlete to pump this out into a huge opera house with no mikes and no amps."

Tanner decided to go the Shenandoah Conservatory of Art and Music where he got his degree in music. At the time, he got the degree for his mother, as he did not want to be an opera singer when he finished high school.

After graduating from Shenandoah, Tanner got his CDL license and started to drive trucks. He became a partner for a bounty hunter through a mutual friend and had a career as a bounty hunter for 2 1/2 years, with a success rate of about 87 percent. After he had some eye-opening encounters with criminals, he decided that he needed

to switch careers.

Tanner took a bus up to New York City with a bag of clothes and \$75, with plans of starting an opera career. He continued to drive trucks to survive, but he began to get tired of the job. After a few weeks of living in New York, Tanner decided that he should finally give opera a chance. After being discovered at Bianchi, Tanner started to audition everywhere he could and, within two years, he was on his way to having a successful career. After 9/11, Tanner moved back to Arlington from New York City.

HIGHLIGHTS OF Tanner's career include singing at the Lighting of the National Christmas tree in Washington, D.C. with President Bush, at the Crystal Cathedral in California and on the "Today Show" in New York City. Tanner released his Christmas album, "Hear the Angel Voices," about a

year and a half ago. The album was originally only released on the Internet and it was in the Billboard chart's top 10, with the digital sales alone.

A month after Tanner's album was released, he received about 65,000 e-mails. One of the e-mails was from a woman that had heard him sing "O Holy Night" on the "Today Show." By the time Tanner had finished the song, she was on her knees in front of the TV, crying. She said that the only other person's voice that made her cry was her brother's, John Denver.

"It's been a good ride," said Tanner. "I told someone the other day that you never know what's going to happen in life. If it ended tomorrow, and I couldn't sing, then I had a good time. I've been blessed with much more than the average person and that's why I'm extremely thankful, extremely thankful."

Tanner is booked with performances until 2013, so it looks as though his career has longevity. However, if Tanner decided to do something other than opera he believes that he would want to get into acting. He went to high school with Hollywood actress Sandra Bullock and has been offered a few roles. Tanner's hobby is making jewelry and has been since college. He has a jewelry workshop in his basement and he is a silver and goldsmith. After Tanner retires from his opera career he said that he would like to travel and actually have time to see the places he travels to. Usually, when he travels to different locations to perform, he doesn't have much time to see the sights and experience the culture.

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