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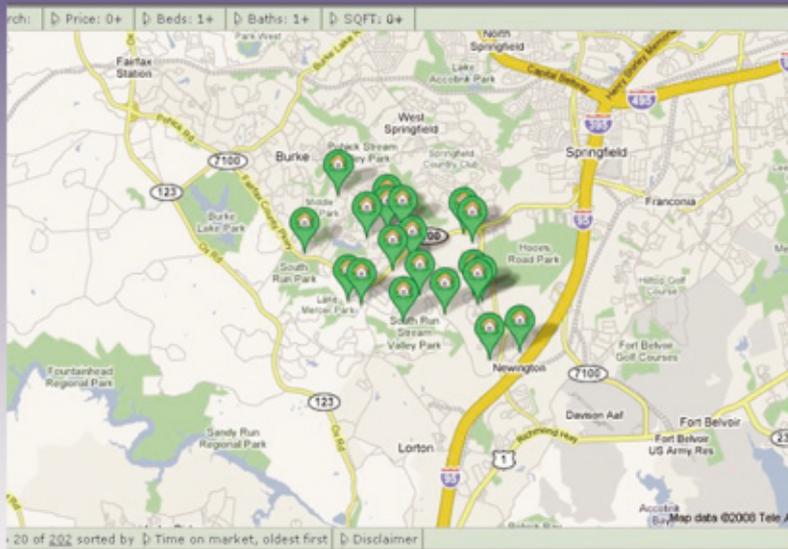
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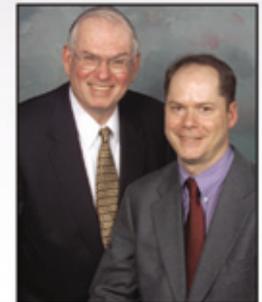
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# School Board OKs Middle School

Financing of project remains uncertain.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

For the second time in six months, the Fairfax County School Board voted on June 19 to build a South County Middle School, though plans for the project's financing remain up in the air.

For the first time, the School Board set a deadline, 2012, for the middle school's completion. The board's action effectively killed a proposal to put an addition on South County Secondary School, which some thought would be used to delay the middle school's construction.

"We don't want a wing. The community has spoken as loudly and as clearly as we can about that," said School Board president Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), who represents the area and proposed the middle school motion.

**AT MORE THAN** 300 students over capacity, South County is the most congested school in Fairfax County. It operates with two more class periods than other school, in part, because it requires more lunch periods than a normal school day can accommodate.

"Clearly, something has to be done as soon as possible. There are too many kids at that school," said Christine Morin, a parent of three children attending Silverbrook Elementary School, one of South County's feeders.

Morin and other community members have advocated for pushing up the construction of a local middle school from 2017 to as soon as possible. South County may have opened as a secondary school three years ago, but the building was originally intended to be a high school.

Constructing a new middle school would not only alleviate overcrowding but also return South County Secondary's facility to its original purpose, according to Morin and others. The middle school activists, who run [www.southcountymiddleschool.org](http://www.southcountymiddleschool.org) and wear "South County Middle School: The Only Solution" T-shirts to School Board meetings, were pleased with the board's decision to support the middle

school construction last week.

The South County group has been able to attract a fair amount of political clout to the middle school issue.

Springfield district voters elected one of its most strident advocates, Liz Bradsher, to represent them on the School Board in late 2007. Fairfax County Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) and Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) convinced their colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to allocate \$10 million for the new school's construction. And last week, Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who secured state funding for the project, stayed at the School Board meeting until 1 a.m. waiting for its final decision on the middle school. U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) also sent a letter to the School Board urging their support of the project.

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— U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11)

"I stand ready to assist in any way possible to see the long-sought South County Middle School become a reality," wrote Davis in his letter.

**NOT EVERYONE** is convinced that Fairfax County Public Schools should be building a South County Middle School five years early ahead of schedule.

The school system's facilities staff recommended building the new wing onto South County Secondary, which they said would adequately deal with the school's overcrowding problem.

A wing would cost approximately \$10 mil

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Fairfax County already owns a piece of property for South County Middle School (o), but a proposed land swap would move the school to a new location (X) that would be closer to South County Secondary School.

## Celebrating with a Bang

**"The parade has gotten bigger each year."**

— Jennifer Heinz

Springfield, Lorton and Town of Clifton plan Fourth of July festivities.

BY NORA BENZAWI  
THE CONNECTION

As the Fourth of July draws near, local residents can find numerous Independence Day events to choose from, including bingo, parades and, of course, traditional fireworks displays.

On Friday, July 4, a parade will begin at 1 p.m. at Hunt Valley Elementary School in Springfield. The parade will include local scout troops, dance teams, elected officials and swim teams, who will march

down Sydenstricker Road to nearby Orange Hunt Elementary School.

"The parade originated when Orange Hunt Estates Civic Association and the Winston Knolls Civic Association teamed up years ago," said Jennifer Heinz, president of the Winston Knolls Civic Association "They have been working together on the parade ever since."

Following the parade, an old fashioned ice cream social will take place in front of Orange Hunt Elementary School, which will include entertainment by an Irish dance

group.

"The parade has gotten bigger each year," said Heinz. We are hoping for a big turnout this year."

**THE LORTON** community is also celebrating Independence Day with a parade. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lorton Independence Parade and Celebration, takes place on Friday, July 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. The parade is set to begin on Lorton Road and proceed up the southbound side of Lorton Station Boulevard into the Lorton Town Center.

"The entire parade route is about a half-mile long," said parade director John Fedorshik. "It should take about 30 minutes to travel the whole thing. The Ameri-

can Legion will also be giving away free American flags to children to wave during the parade."

The parade will lead to a large celebration in Lorton Town Center that will include free merchandise and activities.

"There are plenty of things to do," said Fedorshik. "There will be temporary tattoos, face painting, music playing in our gazebo and a free giveaway of popsicles and cotton candy."

The Inova Bloodmobile and the Lion's Club Screening Van will also be at the celebration and will be sell

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PHOTO BY SARA RONKEN/THE CONNECTION

**Cole Rosenberg stands in front of the site where he will build brush pile shelters to help the wildlife. Rosenberg is looking for volunteers for Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29 at Huntley Meadows Park.**

## Scout To Help County Wildlife

Boy Scouts of America member Cole Rosenberg plans to restore habitats for the wildlife at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria, on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29.

Cole, 13, hopes to reach Eagle Scout status, but in order to do so, he must complete a service project that benefits the community. He has chosen to spend the two days building brush pile shelters at one of the largest parks in Fairfax County. Due to the overgrowth of the surrounding forest and the increase in residential areas, the park's meadows are rapidly diminishing.

"The meadow habitat is disappearing," said Cole. "We're going to build shelters for the animals to live in."

According to Dave Lawlor, the park's natural resource manager, building and expanding the meadows will enable more species to inhabit the area. "The larger the meadows, the more species it can attract," said Lawlor.

Cole's mother, Sheryl Rosenberg, believes the project is a great idea. "He's learning leadership skills and organizational skills," she said.

Cole is looking for volunteers to help out Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Huntley Meadows Park. He hopes to fully restore the meadow habitat and allow many more species to inhabit the area.

"The meadows make it a better place for the animals and for people to come visit," said Rosenberg.

Lawlor agreed. "When the meadows are healthy, they are a beautiful place to be," he said.

— SARA RONKEN

## Diamantes New Deputy Chief

Fairfax County Fire Chief Ronald L. Mastin has selected Battalion Chief John Diamantes for promotion to deputy chief. Diamantes will be assigned as deputy chief, Safety and Personnel Services Division, effective July 5. Currently, Diamantes serves as the acting deputy chief, Operations, C-Shift.

Diamantes became a firefighter in April 1985, when he began his career at Seven Corners Fire and Rescue Station 28. In 1988, Diamantes was promoted to Cave-In Technician and a year later he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Baileys Crossroads Fire and Rescue Station 10.

Diamantes was promoted to the rank of captain I in 1995 and assigned to Franconia Fire and Rescue Station 5 and then Woodlawn Fire and Rescue Station 24. In 1999, Diamantes was promoted to captain II and assigned as station commander at Fair Oaks Fire and Rescue Station 21. In 2003, he was promoted to battalion chief.

As the deputy chief, Diamantes will supervise Safety and Per

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**Kenny Moreland, a Lee grad, made his professional debut for the Bluefield Orioles on Wednesday, June 18.**

# Orioles Sign Moreland

**Former Lee pitcher enters Baltimore Orioles' farm system.**

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

**A**t Lee High School, Kenny Moreland was the athletic star. He was the school's all-district quarterback and sprinkled in perimeter points on the basketball team. But Moreland, the older brother in an athletically driven family, always knew his ticket was on the diamond, as right-handed pitcher.

Less than five years removed from Lancers blue-and-yellow uniforms, Moreland is now officially a professional pitcher, having signed a free agent contract with the Baltimore Orioles earlier this month, following the conclusion of the 2008 Major League Draft.

According to Moreland, the Colorado Rockies, Milwaukee Brewers and Washington Nationals all had hinted at selecting him during the second day of the 50-round draft. But while sitting with friends and family, his name was never called.

"It was a little bit of a roller coaster ride," Moreland said. "I was expecting to get drafted by someone. I wanted to keep my head up, but I was pretty disappointed. Then, 20 minutes after the draft, I got the call from the Orioles. My voice shot right back up again."

The move came as a surprise, considering that Baltimore wasn't one of the 10 teams that Moreland had spoken throughout the spring.

"It went from disbelief, anger and disappointment. ...There was that feeling of what happens next?"

said Karyn Moreland, Kenny's mother. "And then all of a sudden, we didn't have to worry about what happens. Everything was so fast."

**A WEEKEND MINI-CAMP** in Sarasota, Fla. later, he was optioned to the Bluefield Orioles, the franchise's Rookie League affiliate teetering between Bluefield, W.Va. and Bluefield, Va. The club plays in historic 2,000-seat Bowen Stadium and touts the oldest continuous affiliation with the same major-league franchise in Minor League Baseball.

"He is the type of kid in terms of his attitude and his work ethic that all kids want to have every year on the team," said Christopher Newport head coach John Harvell. "His work ethic, kids feed off of it. I couldn't be happier for one person. He's worked so

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hard to get where he is and all he wanted was an opportunity and now he's getting it."

Bluefield is a member of the 10-team Appalachian League, which is composed of newly signed professionals (the oldest Bluefield player is 24-years-old), with teams stretching through Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia and Tennessee.

According to Harvell, it's an intimate place where the 5-foot-10, 195-pound Moreland, can thrive. Citing his above average curveball, even though critics remain wary of his small frame, Harvell believes he can excel with location and competitiveness.

After Bluefield opened the season with a 12-6 loss to the Elizabethton Twins, Kenny Moreland took the mound on Wednesday as the No. 2 starter. He pitched

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# K-9 Officer Dies

Police mourn loss of dog in K-9 division, Charger the bloodhound.

BY WADE RICE  
THE CONNECTION

For many officers in the Fairfax County Police Department, the loss of Charger, a bloodhound in the county's K-9 division, will be sorely felt.

"Charger was the friendliest dog you had ever seen in your life, he just loved everybody," said 2nd Lt. Patrick Ronan, Charger's handler. Ronan has been with the police department for 23 years and 12 years with the K-9 division.

While on a walk on June 13 with Ronan near their home in the Lake Accotink Park area, Charger succumbed to cancer.

Ronan discovered swelling on Charger's leg two weeks prior to his death. Ronan believed that it was from a snake bite Charger sustained in or around Ronan's yard. Charger was treated with antibiotics, but no improvements were made.

A few days before Charger died, the swelling in his leg was diagnosed as cancer. Since the cancer remained in his leg, untreated, Charger's chances of living lessened each day.

Charger and his sister Molly were the first bloodhounds that the Fairfax County Police have used.

Molly, 6, was the same age as Charger.

Bloodhounds are biologically set up to do one thing, use their nose.

A bloodhound's ears are longer than its nose, so when it puts its

nose on the ground, the ears hit the surface of the ground. Charger would drag his ears on the ground on trails, kicking up scent to continue to find remains of a missing person.

Though bloodhounds have a tremendous ability to smell, they lack a lot of the intelligence that other dogs possess. Ronan remembers a specific incident with Charger, in which Ronan had let his five dogs out in his backyard. Ronan opened the a screen door to let the dogs back in his house, Charger however did not figure this concept out, instead he ran into the screen door a couple times, not realizing he could



**Charger the bloodhound, a member of the Fairfax County K-9 unit, died on June 13.**

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# Former Lee Pitcher

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three innings in Bluefield's 5-2 loss, finishing with a 3.0 ERA.

"It's something that every professional should go to," Moreland said. "I feel like you should start at rookie ball and work your way up. ...I want to try work my way up the system."

Harvell credits three consecutive seasons of wood-bat summer baseball, first with the Bethesda Big Train Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League and two more with the Peninsula Pilots of the Coastal Plain League as a jumpstart to receiving a professional contract.

"He's following his dream," Karyn Moreland said. "If a chance comes along, you have to take it, especially at this age."

After starting at the Naval Academy Preparatory School, Kenny Moreland quickly realized he needed to be at a baseball-first school. After getting initial offers from Virginia Tech, Boston College and N.C. State, Kenny Moreland chose Christopher Newport, a Division III school in Newport News, Va.

"I realized that if I went to Christopher Newport, I could jump right in there and get the ball," Kenny Moreland said. "When I went there, it was the best four years of my life. It was perfect for me."

In his freshman season, he was named the USA South Rookie Pitcher of the Year, and eventually made all-conference over the next three years. During his senior campaign, he went a perfect 13-0 and had a 1.97 ERA, both setting school records. He also set career records in wins (35) and strikeouts (378) en route to being named First Team All-American by D3baseball.com and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

At Lee, Kenny Moreland was a three-year all-Liberty District honoree and set school records for most wins and strikeouts in his senior year. He was named the team's most valuable player three consecutive years, was a two-year captain and also set a school-record for home runs in a game.

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## PEOPLE

# Getting To Know ...

## Aimee Holleb, principal of Mark Twain Middle School.

**F**rom her first job as a middle-school puppet maker to her current position as principal of Mark Twain Middle School, Aimee Holleb's focus has been on educating and communicating to young people. Here, she talks about herself and offers her point of view as a middle-school educator.



**Number of years in the community.** Grew up in Springfield and have been in Fairfax County for more than 30 years.

### PROFILE

**Education.** B.A.: University of Delaware, elementary and special education; M.A.: University of Virginia, educational administration and leadership.

**Your first job.** My first job was having my own business as a puppet maker when I was in middle school. I was even featured in the Springfield Connection Newspaper for it.

**Activities/Interests/Hobbies.** Running, travel, photography, playing sports, reading, being with family and friends.

**Favorite Local Restaurants.** Mike's American Grill and Bonefish Grill.

**Community Concerns.** How can we build relationships between youth and community members across generations?

**When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up.** Oprah Winfrey.

**Community "hidden treasure" you think more people should know about.** Burke Lake .. the best circuit running trail. When the weather is warm, I'm there every weekend.

**Personal goals.** Serve the Fairfax County Public Schools community, continue to travel the world, run a full marathon, learn Spanish.

**How did you begin working in the education field.** When I was a kid, I babysat all the time.

### COLLEGE NOTES

University of Mary Washington student **Lindsay D'Adamo** of Springfield, was recently inducted into the Cap and Gown chapter of Mortar Board, a national honor society based on scholarship, leadership and service. D'Adamo is the daughter of Stephen and Lorrie D'Adamo of Springfield. She is a 2005 graduate of J.E.B. Stuart High School. A junior French and elementary major, D'Adamo has been named to the dean's list and president's list. She has been involved with the Community Outreach and Resources Office as a council member and staff member and she has volunteered with alternative spring break and Habitat for Humanity. D'Adamo is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a national honor society for outstanding academic achievement and Phi

Sigma Iota, the language honor society.

**Randall Clarke** of Springfield graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore at its winter commencement.

**Justin Baker**, a University of Mary Washington basketball player, was selected as the 2008 Capital Athletic Conference Men's Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A business major who is completing his MBA degree, Baker holds a 3.67 cumulative grade point average. He is the first two-time Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year in UMW history and earned Magna Cum Laude distinction in his bachelor's degree. On the court, Baker was a four-year starter and a two-time

nominee for the Josten's Trophy and finished fifth in UMW history in career points, assists and rebounds. He is a three-time CAC all-star who led the Eagles to second place in the regular-season, and a berth in the CAC championship game this season.

**Jonathan Brian Twaddell** of Springfield has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga. He is the son of Brian and Kay Twaddell.

**Andrew Berglund** of Springfield has been named to the dean's list at Grove City College of Pennsylvania. The 2006 graduate of West Springfield High School is the son of Jon and Elizabeth

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

I knew I loved working with kids. Then, in high school, I began teaching drama classes to kids at a community center and was a summer camp counselor. In college I began my studies in education and loved it. Each summer of college, I worked at a sleepaway camp and experienced many leadership positions — drama director, unit leader, CIT director. Once I started my teaching career, I knew that public school education was the place for me. I've always been involved in leadership and held officer positions in school and community organizations since I was in high school. That's how I knew leadership was a great fit.

**What, in your opinion, is the most important issue facing elementary-school-aged children today.** The most important thing I can do as a principal is listen. Listen to the students. Listen to my staff. Listen to the community. Listen to my FCPS colleagues. People have a lot to say and will create the vision and actions needed in our continuous improvement design model if they just have time to generate and articulate their thoughts and ideas.

**What do you enjoy most about your job.** Advice to my middle school self: Every time you walk into a room, get to know each and every kid. Just start by saying, "Hi." They'll be glad that you made the first move because every middle-schooler just wants to make friends and "fit in." Oh, and take a foreign language in eighth grade. Everyone should be fluent in a second language — starting in eighth grade opens up the possibilities.

## VIEWPOINTS

### What was the name of your childhood pet?



"A cat named Twinkle."  
**Christina Hancock, Mount Vernon**



"A cat named Claudia Marlene Angelica Christine."  
**Betty Dewey**



"A horse named Beaver. And my best dog was named Poncho."  
**William Amans, South Run**



"Felicia. She was a cat."  
**Kara Kachejian, Springfield**

— BECKY KOENIG



**Sammy Ezzeddine and Omar Ezzeddine, left, and Janane Ezzeddine and Halim Ezzeddine, right, pin second lieutenant bars on 2nd Lt. Amir Ezzeddine at the ROTC Commissioning Ceremony at Radford University. Sammy and Halim are younger brothers of Amir Ezzeddine, Omar and Janane are their parents.**

### Area Man Commissioned into Army

Springfield native Amir Ezzeddine was recently commissioned into the United States Army as a second lieutenant during Radford University's ROTC commissioning ceremony. Ezzeddine graduated with honors with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice and will be stationed in Fort Stewart, Ga. Ezzeddine is the son of Janane and Halim Ezzeddine.

While at Radford, Ezzeddine was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and served as its president for a term. He also served as judicial vice president with the Inter-Fraternity Council. Ezzeddine is branched to be a signal officer, detailed to the infantry.

### MILITARY NOTES

## NEWS

# Celebrating July 4

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ing hot dogs and soda.

The Lorton Independence Parade and Celebration will be coordinated by the South County Federation, American Legion Lorton Post 162 and EnviroSolutions, who each provided support for the event. Local volunteers and community groups, such as the Lorton Community Action Center, will also coordinate the celebration.

"This is the first year we got surrounding restaurants to remain open and participate, such as the Fireside Grille," said Fedorshik.

The Clifton community will conduct its own Fourth of July festivities. On Friday, July 4, Clifton residents are invited to a town parade beginning at 4 p.m. on Main Street. Judges will be on hand to critique floats, and the top three winners will be awarded prizes.

An Independence Day celebration wouldn't be complete until some burgers and hot dogs were thrown on the grill. A potluck dinner in the park will follow the parade. Residents are encouraged to bring a dish. Barbecue, beer, lemonade and cake will be provided, along with plenty of children's activities.

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sonnel Services within the department and he will be responsible for supporting the Public Safety Occupational Health Center.

Diamantes has an associate's degree in applied science, fire administration from Northern Virginia Community College and a bachelor's of science in communication arts from James Madison University. He lives in Springfield with his wife, Cathy and two children, Brenna and Patrick.

## Kings Park Public Hearing, July 17

On Thursday, July 17, from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., the Fairfax County Park Authority will host a Public Planning Workshop to discuss future planned uses at Kings Park Park, located at 8717 Trafalgar Court, Springfield. This will be the second public meeting in the master planning process.

The workshop will take place in the Lecture Hall at Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Members of the community are invited to arrive as early as 7:10 p.m. to preview maps and concept drawings.

Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/kingspark.htm> for information and updates on the project

Once the draft master plan revision is completed, it will be presented at a public meeting for comments from the community, which is anticipated to be held in early 2009.

Comments will be accepted at the meeting or can be mailed to Diane Probus, Project Manager, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. E-mails may be sent to [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Cell Phones for Soldiers Kick Off

The Fairfax County Community and Recreation Teen Centers is collecting cell phones for their Cell Phones for Soldiers program. Donating an old cell phone and any accessories to the cause will allow families to connect their loved ones overseas. Eleven drop-points have been set up around the county. For more information, contact Hector Collazo, regional program coordinator of Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services' Teen Services Division at 703-704-6796 or visit [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com).

## Why Not Adopt a Cat?

The ExtravaCATza is making its return this July at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. The fanCATstic cat and kitten adoption event will highlight the county's felines at the shelter located at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax. Families interested in adopting a cat or kitten are welcome to visit the shelter during July to meet the animals that are available for adoption. The first 100 feline adoptions for the month of July will receive a free spray or neuter, a potential savings of \$70-\$115. The shelter's normal hours will be in place: Tuesdays-Fridays, 12-7 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For the ExtravaCATza program, the adoption hours on Sunday will be from 12-4 p.m. during the month of July only. Call the shelter at 703-830-1100.

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# THE COUNTY LINE

## Media for Hire?

Political campaigns put bloggers on the payroll.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Virginia's delegation takes its seat on the floor of the Democratic National Convention in late August, Lowell Feld will be right next to them.

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) selected Feld, an Arlington resident who runs the left-leaning [www.raisingkaine.com](http://www.raisingkaine.com), to be Virginia's "embedded" blogger at the event in Denver, Colo. After receiving approximately 400 applications, the committee picked a handful of bloggers — people who voice their opinions through online diaries — to cover their state delegations and provide a "local angle" on the convention's proceedings, according to letter posted on the Web site.

Launched in 2005, Feld's blog, which he calls RK, focuses on state and national politics from a Democratic perspective. The Web site features about 12 regular contributors and is popular with political activists, journalists and elected officials around Virginia.

The DNC's decision to hand out convention credentials to more bloggers like Feld, an unapologetic partisan, speaks to the growing influence of this type of media.

According to Microsoft's [www.sitecounter.com](http://www.sitecounter.com), RK averages 2,751 visitors every day. Some Democratic activists say they turn to local blogs before newspapers, radio or television for the most up-to-date information on local politics.

"I find [bloggers] to be a very thoughtful and fair group. They are good about getting information out," said Mame Reilly, an Alexandria resident who is a Democratic Super Delegate and Gov. Mark Warner's former political director.

**YET FELD** and others are not bound by the same rules as traditional journalists. He and a few other local Virginia bloggers have been paid by candidates to do "netroots outreach" and other political consulting.

A mainstream news organization would not employ a journalist who took money from a political campaign, but, for bloggers, the practice often coincides with their reasons for starting a Web site.

"[Blogs] are a hybrid. They are sort of journalism, sort of citizen activism. We are like political operatives in a way," said Feld.

Feld founded RK to help get progressive Democrats elected in Virginia and his paid work on political campaigns can comple-

**Lowell Feld, who runs [www.raisingkaine.com](http://www.raisingkaine.com), will be Virginia's "embedded" blogger at the Democratic National Convention in August.**

ment the mission of the blog, he said.

The Democratic activist worked on U.S. Sen. Jim Webb's campaign and is currently consulting for Democratic congressional candidate Judy Feder, a Democrat who will face U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R) in November.

Feld also received at least \$500 from former congressional candidate Leslie Byrne, according to Byrne's campaign manager, Joe Fox.

Feld and other local Democratic bloggers only work for candidates who share their values, candidates they would support regardless of whether they were paid.

"I think Judy Feder is great. I did two years ago when she was running in 2006 and I didn't receive a penny from her then," he said. Feld uses political consulting to make ends meet. He quit his day job with the U.S. Department of Energy a few years ago, in part because he was prohibited from raising money for political candidates. "I could make more money in a lot more stable job working for the government. I choose to do this," he said.

**THERE IS** some question about whether bloggers who work for political campaigns should be thought of as journalists at all.

"This is an example of the difference between a journalist who blogs and a non-journalist who blogs. The blogosphere is filled with people who are not journalists. They wear multiple hats," said Bob Steel, who studies and teaches journalism values for the Poynter Institute.

Steel went on to say: "Bloggers are not necessarily journalists. A blogger might own a hardware store and write about a product he sells in the hardware store. There is nothing wrong with that but [he is] not being a journalist."

It is important to always bring a dose of skepticism when reading a blog, according to Steel. For bloggers who also work as political consultants, he suggests transparency.

"I think if something is written by a political consultant, the reader deserves to know that it is written by political consultant," said Steel.

**SOME LOCAL BLOGGERS** handle the overlap of their paid political work and Web site content in the way that Steel suggests. If Feld writes about a candidate that pays

him, he discloses his relationship to the campaign at the bottom of the post, he said.

"I am very clear about what I am doing," said Feld.

Kenton Ngo also revealed that he would be managing Ramona Morrow's campaign for school board in 2007 and then shut down his blog [www.kentonngo.com/750volts](http://www.kentonngo.com/750volts), until after the election.

"One of first things I did was to put the blog in mothballs. ... You can say you are going to talk about things other than the campaign but eventually you are going to say something that shouldn't be associated with the candidate," said Ngo.

Blogger Ben Tribbett did not disclose he was being paid by state Sen. Chap Petersen every time he posted about the politician's campaign on his Web site, [notlarrysabato.typepad.com](http://notlarrysabato.typepad.com), last fall. But Tribbett, who is from the Burke area, has also restricted his paid work to candidates who had already employed him during previous campaigns. "I have avoided taking on new people even though I have been asked to work on a number of campaigns," said Tribbett, whose political blog is among the most popular in Virginia.

For Petersen, Tribbett worked on campaign strategy, a topic he would not be posting about on his blog. He also made it clear that "Not Larry Sabato" would not be a "mouthpiece" for the campaign, he said.

"I was not putting anything up on behalf of the campaign. That was the one of the agreements we came to," he said.

Tribbett did promote Petersen and disparage his opponent, Jeanne Marie Devolites Davis, frequently on his blog in the weeks preceding the election. The Democratic activist said he would have championed Petersen, whether the candidate had paid him or not.

**STILL, THE PRACTICE** of paying bloggers has unsettled some local Democrats, especially those who have been suffered under their attacks. "I, myself, don't believe in putting bloggers on the payroll. I think it is akin to putting journalists on the payroll," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly, who is the Democratic nominee for Virginia's 11th district congressional seat.

## Blog Excerpts

Commentary on political blogs ranges from the thoughtful to the ridiculous. Here are some excerpts related to the Democratic primary for Virginia's 11<sup>th</sup> congressional district earlier this month. Fairfax chairman Gerry Connolly won the election by a wide margin, though many Democratic bloggers favored candidate Leslie Byrne over Connolly.

"It is important to note that Gerry Connolly did not win this by running on his record as a proud pro developer centrist moderate. He won by running more to the left than he has in a long time."

✦ wrote Karen Duncan on <http://anonymouisawoman.blogspot.com>, Duncan supported Byrne but has endorsed Connolly since he won the Democratic primary.

"There is plenty of ammo on Connolly; unfortunately none of it has proven effective yet. However, with the bevy of material, there is bound to be some good hits in there somewhere."

✦ Posted on <http://tooconservative.com> by a blogger who supports Connolly's Republican opponent, Keith Fimian.

In spite of being a Democrat, Connolly has been one of the left-leaning blogging community's top targets for criticism. Several local bloggers backed Connolly's opponent, Leslie Byrne, in the Democratic primary June 10. Connolly won the primary by a wide margin. In the days leading up to the primary election, many bloggers posted disparaging remarks about Connolly on their Web sites. Tribbett ran a bracket, much like those put together for a college basketball tournament, of Connolly's "worst moments" as an elected official.

Last week, the Virginia Democrats' 11th congressional district committee chair, George Burke, announced he would circulate a petition among Virginia's Democratic delegates asking them to remove Feld's "embedding" privileges at the national convention. Among Burke's concerns is the fact that Feld and Tribbett do work as political consultants.

"I think it is just inappropriate for people who promote themselves as journalists to be paid hacks for candidates. They present themselves as journalists but they are actually public relations practitioners," said Burke.

But candidates who have hired bloggers for political consulting said they are paying for a person's expertise at networking over the internet, not positive coverage on the blogger's Web site. "I have known Ben for a long time but I don't attempt to have any editorial control over anything he does on his blog. I have pretty much no input on that," said Petersen.

Feder's campaign manager, Luke McFarland, said Feld has mainly been involved in developing a Web site, [www.farewellfrank.com](http://www.farewellfrank.com), on the Democrat's opponent, Republican Rep. Frank Wolf.

McFarland and others said it is common for campaigns to hire bloggers.



# FAITH

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**Springfield Church of Christ offers "Springfield Park: Wildlife in the Word"** Saturday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., for kids 4-12 years old. Bible-based activities, observing wildlife found in the bible, games, crafts, songs and lunch. Springfield Church of Christ, 7512 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. To register call 703-411-4011.

**Jubilee Christian Center sponsors a Tribute to Armed Forces and Independence Day** on Sunday, June 29 during the 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services at the center. The services will celebrate and commemorate the blessing of freedom through music and personal testimonies. Jubilee Christian Center is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. For more, call 703-383-1170 or see [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

**Catholic Charities' annual golf tournament**, now in its 16th year, will raise funds to support programs and services of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. **Monday, June 30, 1 p.m.**, at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax. This year's tournament will feature a putting contest and silent auction. The \$275 registration fee covers lunch, access to the putting green and driving range beginning at 11 a.m., and beverages during the tournament. Also included in the registration are greens fee, golf cart, goody bag, a cocktail reception, and dinner. To register or assist as a sponsor or donor, call 703-841-

3835. Information is also available at [www.ccgolfclassic.org](http://www.ccgolfclassic.org) and [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net).

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**Lunch N' Life for people 50 or older,** Thursday, July 17 from 12-2 p.m. at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. The program will be presented by Dr. Alan Merten, president of George Mason University, speaking on GMU and the community. For reservations, call Faye Quesberry 703-620-0161 by July 10. The cost is \$8. If transportation is needed, call SCFB office 703-323-4788. The summer Adventures in Learning program will be Wednesdays at the Movies, at Cinema Arts Theater, 9650 Main St., Fairfax, starting Wednesday, July 23 at 2 p.m. for four consecutive weeks. \$3.50 admission fee for each show. Visit [www.fairfax-burkesc.org](http://www.fairfax-burkesc.org).

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# OPINION

## Hoping for Something Special

Special session in search of transportation solutions begins this week in Richmond.

**S**natching defeat from the jaws of victory, the Virginia Supreme Court overturned an unlikely and hopeful transportation funding plan passed by the Virginia General Assembly earlier this year.

At the same time, funding for rail to Dulles has hit several bumps that could derail the project.

But at the beginning of this week, members of the General Assembly were back in Richmond, supposedly to produce a plan that would replace the \$300 million or more that the now defunct plan would have raised.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine has made some sensible proposals, but the forces of “no, never, no taxes” say they will scuttle many if not all of the possible sources of new revenue to pay for transit, roads and other transportation improvements.

Kaine points out that Dulles Airport and the Port of Virginia are responsible for an estimated 375,000 jobs and \$895 million in state revenue. “These are our two most valuable connections with the global economy, but they depend upon a network that will allow easy movement of people and goods to and from

these critical transportation hubs,” Kaine said at the opening of the special session Monday.

Here’s what he proposes:

❖ Raising the annual vehicle registration fee by \$10 and increasing the sales tax on automobiles from 3 to 4 percent. Virginia’s auto title tax would still be significantly below the national average.

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❖ Fix the regional packages by imposing a 1 percent regional sales tax on goods other than food, medicine or automobiles.

❖ A grantors’ tax on property sale proceeds — 25 cents for each \$100 in value to create a Transportation Change Fund, with 75 percent of the revenue going for new transit strategies and 25 percent dedicated to projects for economic development. This would support public transit, carpooling, teleworking, etc.

These add up to a sensible proposal, and would provide money needed for maintenance as well as dedicated funding for Metro.

Meanwhile, if you’re sitting in traffic, higher gas prices might be the future source of some relief. Finally, with a clear economic motiva-

tion, perhaps some real alternatives will arise, some plan that calls for something other than millions people with jobs getting into cars one person at a time and heading to and from work at about the same time every weekday.

We can only hope that new technologies and new approaches developed over the next decade or two will provide less need to clog the roadways.

## Without Basics

Electrical storms have left many people without electricity in Fairfax, Loudoun, Arlington and Alexandria in the past few weeks, most of us for brief periods, but some for a couple of days at a time.

Across the river in Montgomery County, hundreds of thousands of people lived without drinkable water for a couple of days.

Being without either or both serves as a reminder that ordinary events (rather than terrorism) also require a little preparedness.

Recommended: Three days worth of non-perishable food and water for everyone in your household, plus flashlights, a battery powered radio and extra batteries. What’s in your storage cupboard?

— MARY KIMM

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## Solution for I-66 Corridor

To the Editor:

The Interstate 66 corridor outside the Beltway may be the most congested corridor in Northern Virginia. Because of this congestion, many of the county’s secondary roads, including Braddock Road, Route 29, Route 50 and Little River Turnpike, are used as alternatives and therefore are also extremely congested. In 1999, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation performed a Major Investment Study for the Interstate 66 corridor. The MIS concluded that a multimodal investment strategy is required to accommodate projected travel demand in the study area by the year 2020. In 2001, VDOT and VDRPT used the MIS as a starting point for a multimodal Environmental Impact Statement for the Interstate 66 corridor from west of the Interstates 66/495 interchange to Route 15. The EIS was stopped in 2002 and there has been no significant work done toward a long-term solution for the congestion on Interstate 66 since.

The funds for the EIS have remained available and VDOT and VDRPT have now restarted the multimodal EIS for Interstate 66

outside the Beltway. The revised schedule for the EIS has not been completed but should be available toward the end of the year. Completion of this study is a critical step in the process toward a solution to Interstate 66 congestion. The completion of the EIS for the Beltway was the key step that attracted the private sector to submit the proposal that will result in a multimodal solution for the Beltway.

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This occurred in a very short timeframe despite the lack of state funding and will put High Occupancy Vehicle lanes and bus routes on the Beltway for the first time. At the last Board of Supervisors meeting, I made a proposal, which was unanimously approved by the board, to send a letter to the Secretary of Transportation and the chairman of the NVTA expressing the board’s full support for the timely completion of the multimodal study and that the county is ready and willing to assist VDOT and VDRPT with the study and to assign county staff to monitor the project. Easing congestion on Interstate 66 is one of my top priorities and completing the EIS would be a major step in the right direction.

**Supervisor Pat Herrity**  
R-Springfield

## ‘Knee-Jerk’ Legislation

To the Editor:

Sometimes the best intentions turn out to only make matters worse. Currently, Congress is debating a very important bill, the Climate Security Act (S. 2191) and if it is passed, it could have a very negative impact on our economy and our way of life here in Virginia and the rest of America.

Global warming is now the new catch phrase in America. We are told we must all do our part to help stop it and help solve this crisis for the future of the planet. However, in an effort to make significant changes to our nation’s energy policy, Congress is taking a knee jerk reaction approach and throwing the baby out with the bath water.

The Climate Security Act would institute a “cap and trade” program for greenhouse gas emissions (CO2). While cap and trade has been successful in other areas, there is no method for removing CO2 from a burning process, as used in the coal industry. Mandating stricter emissions standards before the technology exists means a reduction in the demand for coal, our most readily available resource. This reduction in coal demand also means a reduction in jobs, which will ultimately create

an economic downslide in various regions in Virginia and in other coal producing areas across the country.

If enacted, not only will jobs be lost, but you can expect higher prices for electricity right here in Virginia and around the nation. It also has the very real potential to dissuade “Green Entrepreneurs” and energy companies to invest and expand their research and development budgets in the area of alternative fuels and alternative energy resources.

Congress needs to work on developing a technology based action plan that includes a broad portfolio of energy options: tax incentives for expanded research and development, and the funding and the removal of barriers for clean coal technologies.

Congress has once again failed to enact a comprehensive energy strategy. If you think we have out of control energy prices now, just let our elected representatives keep stalling. We need strong leadership and real science when dealing with our present and future energy strategies. We should not compound our growing energy problem by enacting knee jerk legislation like the Climate Security Act.

**Valerie F. Hubbard**  
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# New Middle School Gets 2012 Deadline

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lion and the middle school, depending on its size, would cost between \$40 million and \$53 million, they said.

Population projections do not indicate that a pressing need exists for a new school building yet in that part of the county, according to the school system. On the contrary, a new middle school could create several hundred extra seats at the high school and middle school facilities in South County and prompt the need for an expansion of the school's boundaries, said Dean Tistadt, the schools' chief operating officer and director of facilities.

Middle school advocates do not consider the school system's population estimates reliable. They point out that it was the schools' staff that underestimated enrollment at South County.

But count staff are not the only ones skeptical of the middle school solution. Four of the 10 School Board members—Stu Gibson, Janie Strauss, Kathy Smith and Tessie Wilson — dissented from the majority vote.

"I can't say I am going to put all these other [school renovations] aside to create 600 extra seats. ... I cannot, in good conscience as a School Board member, vote for that," said Smith, the School Board vice

president and Sully District representative.

She, along with Gibson, said they would have preferred the school system perform a boundary change to deal with South County Secondary's overpopulation. Tistadt was reluctant to recommend any school redistricting for South County this year, since surrounding schools had seen a recent surge in their own populations and could not receive students.

**BUT QUESTIONS** about who will pay for the middle school and how will the project be financed remain.

The school system has limited funds that it can spend on facilities and even some staunch middle school supporters are reluctant to bump other school construction and renovation projects from their place in the funding cue.

Middle school advocates have found some independent funding to help cover the costs of the new building's construction.

In addition to the \$10 million provided by the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, Albo and state Sen. George Barker (D-39) secured \$1.74 million from the Virginia General Assembly. In January, the School Board also voted to use \$2 million it received in conjunction with the military's base realignment and closure (BRAC) decisions on the

middle school project.

South County elected officials and community members have also found at least two proposals for public private education agreements (PPEAs) that could bring in more construction money.

The first, which has been officially submitted to the county, involves a land swap with the Fairfax County Park Authority and assets to a real estate developer. It could generate between \$15 million and \$16 million for the project.

The second PPEA, which has not been submitted to county yet, would require EnviroSolutions, the owner of the local Lorton landfill, to contribute at least \$10 million in exchange for the opportunity to lease some county land, according to proposal written by the company.

But School Board members may have to compromise on their 2012 deadline for the middle school if they want to use PPEA funding.

The school system would have to start construction by next January in order to complete the new school on time. And this would leave the county with just six months to negotiate and implement the private partnership agreement.

County staff said it would not be able to meet the December deadline with regards

to the first PPEA proposal. According to spokesperson Merni Fitzgerald, it would take Fairfax over a year just to work through the zoning changes to property.

Fitzgerald could not comment on the second PPEA, since it has not been submitted to Fairfax County government yet.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS** would still need to come up with anywhere from \$12 million to \$20 million to fully fund the middle school construction, even if one of the private funding sources materialized.

But the School Board placed at least one restriction on itself as part of the middle school action last week. If it had to kick in funding for middle school construction, the School Board would not be allowed to use a "bridge" loan to cover those costs.

According to Gibson, a "bridge" loan would allow the School Board to borrow money over the next few years against future bonds, which have not been approved by the voters, but which the School Board had anticipated using for the middle school construction in 2017.

"We would have to borrow money in anticipation of borrowing money in the future. ... That is a very dangerous road to go down," said Gibson, who offered the amendment.



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**Ian Hale takes a bite out of his snow cone during the 2007 Independence Day parade.**

## Old-Fashioned Fourth in Fairfax

The City of Fairfax is hosting its annual Independence Day activities on Friday, July 4. The full day of activities is sponsored by the American Legion Post 177, Cox Communications, Fairfax City Auto Dealers Association, Patriot Harley Davidson and 97.1 WASH-FM. The day's festivities start with the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Independence Day parade, at 10 a.m. The parade begins at the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Sager Avenue, rain or shine.

After the parade, local fire fighters demonstrate emergency techniques and equipment as part of the Old Fashioned Fireman's Day, from 12:30-5 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive. Food, beverages and games will be available to enjoy.

At 7 p.m., the patriotic celebration moves to Fairfax High School for an evening of music and dancing. Fairfax High School is located at 3500 Old Lee Highway.

The activities will conclude with a fireworks display choreographed to music after dark, sponsored by the Virginia Lottery. The rain date for the fireworks display is July 5.

## SHOPPING

# To Market, To Market

**Farmers Markets offer food, festivity for grocery shoppers.**

BY ESTHER PAK  
THE CONNECTION

**G**rocery shopping does not have to be just about buying food with hands fastened to a cumbersome cart. It can be a social affair for those who seek an experience rather than a chore. Community farmers markets in Fairfax County provide residents the opportunity to engage in this experience.

"I would encourage more people to come share this experience," said Wakefield Farmers Market Master Anne Hosford. "It's a real homespun kind of experience. All the products sold at the markets are produced locally within a 125-mile radius of Fairfax County."

Market masters encourage face-to-face interaction with the vendors, who not only have a long history with the Fairfax County market program, and also sell at multiple market locations across the county. Their farms are family-owned and family-operated, and their products all homemade.

The Wakefield Farmers Market, located on 8100 Braddock Road in Annandale, is open every Wednesday through October, from 2-6 p.m. Hosford decided to volunteer as a way to give back to the community. She helps to serve a wide array of clientele at this market including families, retirees and school groups.

Customers at the Wakefield market enjoy the home-churned ice cream from The Middleburg Ice Cream and Country Store, said Hosford. Owner Kathy Lewis of Winchester, Va., was first motivated to sell her ice cream at the farmers market because she was looking for local, seasonal fruit to make



PHOTO BY ESTHER PAK/THE CONNECTION

**Dana Garner sells produce from her family-owned and operated farm at The Community Market in Downtown Fairfax.**

her fruit ice cream.

"Now, I get fruit here and I sell here," said Lewis. She also sells her homemade ice cream at numerous other Farmers Market locations in Fairfax County.

"You get a better sense of what's in season, and you really get to know the people who produce the food," said Kingstowne Farmers Market Volunteer Sue Wolinsky. The Kingstowne Market, located in the Kingstowne Center on Kingstowne Boulevard, is open Fridays, 4-7 p.m.

"I look at what's going on with the food

system globally, and find it important to support the local producer," said Wolinsky.

The Kingstowne Farmers Market sells several festive treats. The homemade glazed nuts and gluten-free cookies are just two of the numerous treats sold at A Bit More: Sweets and Specialties.

"I bake every single thing I sell. I don't go to sleep on Thursday nights. I bake," jokes Lynn

Dysart, A Bit More owner. Customers also love the kettle corn at Colonial Kettle Corn, hand-popped in a large kettle, because it has just the perfect mix of sweet and salty, said owners Troy and Judy Payne.

The Burke Farmers Market, located in the Virginia Railway Express Parking Lot on 5671 Roberts Parkway, is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. 12 p.m. On a recent Saturday morning, this market was bustling with families with children, sounds of laughter and lively chatter filling the air.

Market Master Giovanna Prestigiaco takes pride in the variety of vendors in the Burke Farmers Market. For an example, one vendor sells hard cheeses and another sells soft cheeses, yogurt and milk. Prestigiaco notes that a vendor now sells buffalo meat — a recent addition to the Burke Farmers Market location.

"People love this market and they come from all over the area to shop here," said Prestigiaco. "They keep coming back week after week. I feel a real kinship here."

Also open on Saturday, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., is the Community Farmer's Market

**"I look at what's going on with the food system globally, and find it important to support the local producer."**

— Sue Wolinsky

## Farmers Markets

♦ **Annandale Farmers Market**, Thursdays through Nov. 6, Thursdays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

♦ **Burke Farmers Market**, Saturdays through Oct. 25, Saturdays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Virginia Railway Express Parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke.

♦ **Fairfax Farmers Market**, Tuesdays through Nov. 18, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Van Dycik Park, 3720 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

♦ **Downtown Fairfax Community Farmers Market**, Saturdays through Oct. 25, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., 10500 Main St., Fairfax between Historic Fairfax County Courthouse and Wachovia Bank. Market is not open on Oct. 11 for City of Fairfax Fall Festival. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition sponsors market.

♦ **Frying Pan Farm Park**, Wednesdays through Oct. 29, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon in front of Frying Pan Country Store.

♦ **Herndon Farmers Market**, Thurs-

days through Oct. 23, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Old Town Herndon, 777 Lynn St., Herndon next to Red Cross.

♦ **Kingstowne Farmers Market**, Fridays through Oct. 24, 4-7 p.m., Kingstowne Town Center, 5595 Kingstowne Center, Alexandria.

♦ **McLean Farmers Market**, Fridays through Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

♦ **Mount Vernon Farmers Market**, Tuesdays through Nov. 18, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

♦ **Reston Farmers Market**, Saturdays through Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Lake Anne Village Center, 100 Village Road, Reston.

♦ **Vienna/Oakton Farmers Market**, Tuesdays through Nov. 18, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Oak Marr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton.

♦ **Wakefield Farmers Market**, Wednesdays through Oct. 29, 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale.

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At the Wakefield Farmers Market, customers are lined up for the homemade ice cream from The Middletown Ice Cream and Country Store owned by Kathy Lewis.



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## Fresh Produce and More

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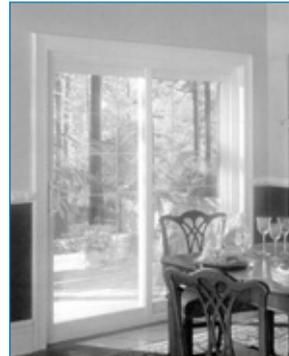
located in the heart of Historic Fairfax City on 10500 Main St. and sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition. "The Coalition is a private, non-profit corporation that provides guidance to promote the positive redevelopment of Old Town Fairfax and the surrounding area," said Market Master Brenda Snyder. Snyder says that this market is non-traditional because local entrepreneurs, artists and craftspeople selling

handmade products are part of the vendor community in addition to ones selling produce and baked goods. The vendor stalls are also placed much closer to each other than at other county markets, which promotes the intimate and familial atmosphere of this market.

"My favorite thing about this market is seeing people interact and connect with one another," said Snyder. "This market has really become a meeting place for the community."

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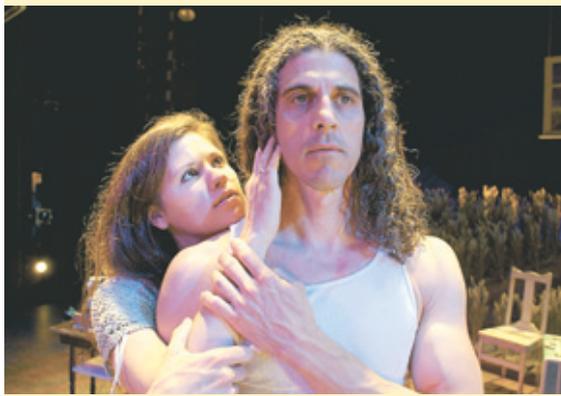
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'Two-Bit Taj Mahal'

## That's a Wrap

George Mason University wraps up its Festival of the Arts this weekend with the final performances of Theater of the First Amendment's 'Mariela in the Desert' and 'Two-Bit Taj Mahal' at the Harris Theater and TheaterSpace. For more information, see listings or visit [www.gmu.edu.cfa](http://www.gmu.edu.cfa) or call 888-945-2468.



'Mariela in the Desert'

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 27

**Janine Wilson Band.** Songs of love, heartache and mischief. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**NVCC Annandale Brass, Summer Pops Collection.** 7:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**Theater of the First Amendment: Mariela in the Desert by Karen Zacarias.** 8 p.m., GMU Center for the Arts Harris Theater. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$30, \$25. Visit [www.gmu.edu.cfa](http://www.gmu.edu.cfa) or call 888-945-2468.

**Friday Flicks.** Bring lunch and join us for stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. Noon. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 28

**Fairfax Choral Society,** Hollywood Goes Choral III: Music That Moves! Family focused performance. 8 p.m., GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$35, \$25. Visit [www.gmu.edu.cfa](http://www.gmu.edu.cfa) or call 888-945-2468.

**Designing with Perennials.** 9:30-11 a.m. How to combine perennials and woody plants in garden design. Karen Rexrode will instruct how to identify and choose plants, where to place and maintain them. \$18. Hidden Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. To reserve, call 703-642-5173.

**On the Ball.** Spinny Johnson, former Harlem Globetrotter, performs fun and amazing basketball tricks. Age 6-12. 2:30 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 29

**The Sunday/June World Children's Choir.** Family focused performance. 2 p.m., GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$15, \$10. Visit [www.gmu.edu.cfa](http://www.gmu.edu.cfa) or call 888-945-2468.

### MONDAY/JUNE 30

**Juggling and Other Amazing Tricks.** Learn to juggle, walk on stilts and more in this workshop with Nicolo Whimsey. Age 12-18. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

**A Day at the Beach With Under the Sea.** See creatures you'd find at the shore and learn about sand, waves, tides and sun. Age 6-12. 2:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. 3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

**Kittie, Dope, Anew Revolution, Panic Cell, Tapered Mind, Infliction, Authors of Ruin.** Doors open 6 p.m., show at 6:15. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. 703-569-5940.

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

**Code-Breaking.** Think you have the "right stuff" to break a secret code? See if you would make a good code-breaker. Age 8-12. 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

### THURSDAY/JULY 3

### Hawaiian Cultural Heritage Night.

Hop on board with a talented band of Hawaiian performers for a virtual trip to the islands. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances) or call 703-324-7469.

**Kittie, Dope, A New Revolution, Panic Cell, (Poor Sweet) Abigail, Tolerance for Tragedy, Prodigal Son.** Doors open 6 p.m., show at 6:15 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. 703-569-5940

**Daytime Book Discussion Group.** "Animal, Vegetable, Mineral" by Barbara Kingsolver. 12:15 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

### SATURDAY/JULY 5

**Kayak with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust.** 7-10 a.m. Launching from 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton.

### MONDAY/JULY 7

**Let's Go.** Hop aboard a train, rocket ship and time machine on Tracey Eldridge's madcap musical trip. 2:30 p.m. All ages. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

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**Teddy Bear Picnic.** Bring your favorite stuffed animal for stories and songs. Age 24-35 months with adult. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610.

**American Wildlife.** Meet and learn about live animals from your own backyard and beyond with Animal Ambassadors. Age 6-12. 2:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

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## WEDNESDAY/JULY 9

**Lunch Bunnies.** Bring lunch and the fun will be supplied. Age 1-5 with adult. 12 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610.

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

## THURSDAY/JULY 10

### Cameroon Cultural Heritage

**Night.** Celebrate Cameroon's cultural heritage with dancing, music, crafts and food. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance).

### The Bangkok Five, The Last Vegas, Violet Wild, and other bands.

Doors open 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-569-5940.

**Let's Play.** Learn how to play games that kids from around the world play.

## Anew Show

**Anew Revolution performs Wednesday, July 2, at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Also on the bill are Kittie, Dope, Panic Cell, Tapered Mind, Infliction and Authors of Ruin. Doors open 6 p.m., show at 6:15 p.m.**



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**Mr. Brian and the Boppets.** Puppet fun and high energy music. 2:30 p.m. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

## FRIDAY/JULY 11

**Blues Jazz Ensemble** performed by the United States Army Band. A component of "Pershing's Own" and one of the few remaining professional big bands. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance).

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**Friends of Richard Byrd Library Summer Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Books and media offerings. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Purchases help fund valuable library programs.

## SATURDAY/JULY 12

**What's the Matter?** Chemistry with fizz, foam and flash presented by Maryland Science Center. 2:30 p.m. Age 6-12. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610.

**Lorton Community Action Center Summer Raffle.** The drawing will be at Lorton Town Center, in the gazebo. Tickets will be sold at various events including the Lorton Fourth of July parade. Proceeds will help fund food bank programs. Call Lorton Community Action Center, 703-339-5161 X22.

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**27th Annual Obon Summer Festival.** This Buddhist observance to honor ancestors, hosted by Ekoji Buddhist Temple, will include Japanese folk dancing, crafts, games, a candle illumination ceremony, traditional Japanese food, temple tours, lectures, and taiko drumming performed by Nen Daiko. Free. Open to the public. 5:30-9 p.m., 6500 Lake Haven Lane, Fairfax Station. For more, visit [www.ekoji.org](http://www.ekoji.org) or call 703-239-0500.

**Maple Ridge Ground Breaking Ceremony and Block Party** hosted by Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia in celebration of the new Maple Ridge condominium building. Face painting, games, and a raffle. Live music performed by Common Ground. Food sponsored by Windows Catering Company. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at 4150 Stevenson St., Fairfax. For more, see [www.habitatnova.org](http://www.habitatnova.org) or call Megan Coleman at 703-521-9890 ext. 111.

## MONDAY/JULY 14

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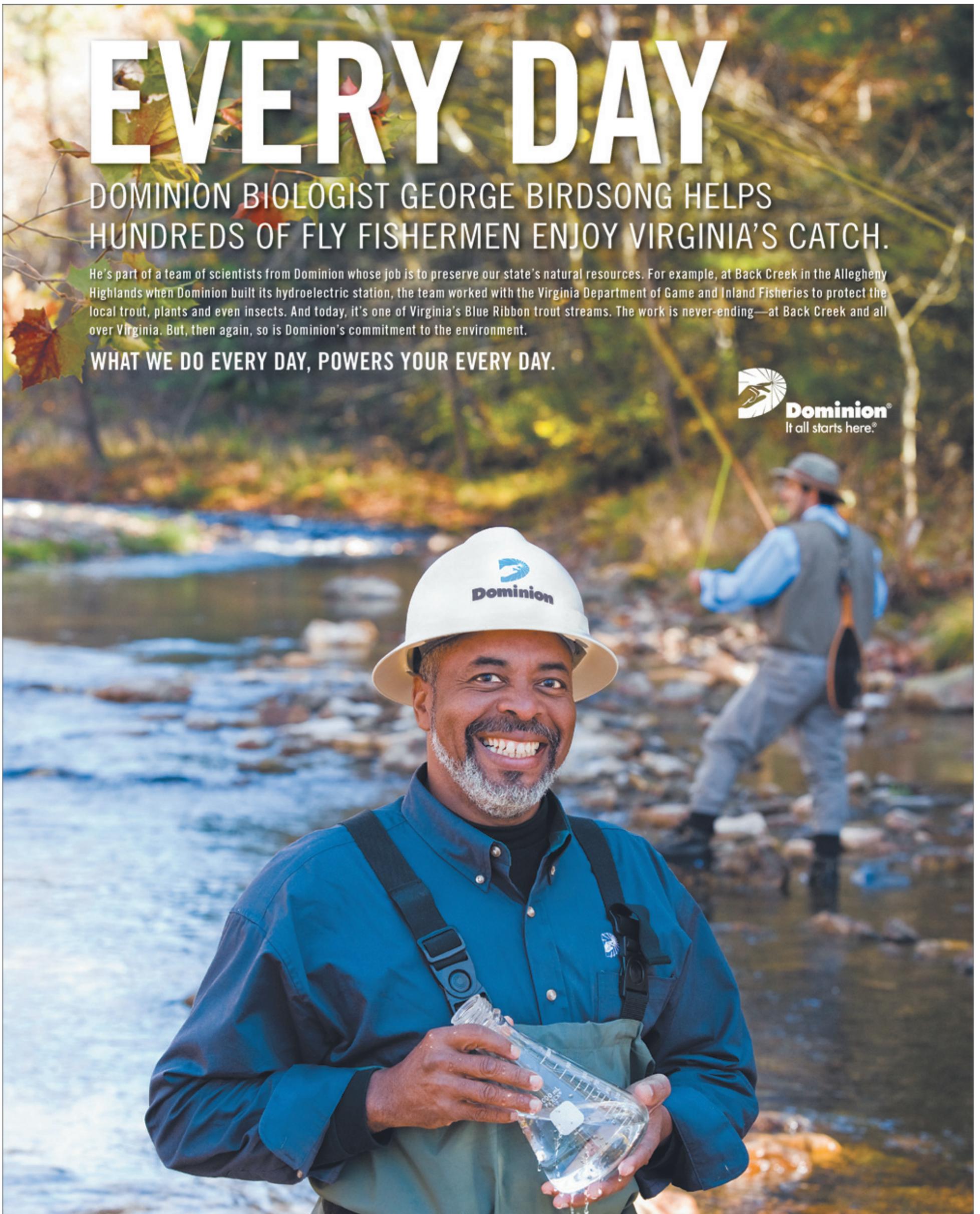
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As this year's class of graduating seniors prepare for the next phase of their lives, the Connection Newspapers would like to take one more look at the student-athletes that made a difference, on and off the field, during their four years of high school. Honorees were chosen for a variety of reasons – whether to highlight the top athletes in our area one last time, to shine light on an athlete who may have been overlooked during their time in school, to praise those whose success on the field was matched by their success in the classroom, or just to tell a story that needs to be told.

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# SPORTS

## Gropp Graduates Head of the Class

Three-sport valedictorian heading to Virginia Tech.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

As good as the Northern Region championship game was for recent Lee graduate Brittany Gropp, it was equally as bad four years prior. Sure, she fondly recalls her four three-pointers and complete dismantling of W.T. Woodson at George Mason University's Patriot Center, giving the Lancers their first-ever basketball regional title.

But she also recalls — a little less fondly — when she was an awkwardly coordinated freshman point guard for a team that rarely contended. Armed with seven freshmen in Rudy Coffield's second year, Lee was a district punching bag.

For Gropp, the polar emotions are perhaps a microcosm of the real world, when sacrifice and hard work eventually pay off, even if tangible signs are few and far between. Maybe that's why Gropp, who will enroll at Virginia Tech in the fall, is the Lee valedictorian.

"As a freshman, I was god-awful. My nerves got me every time, but even though I was point guard and hated it, I knew I needed to keep playing for my teammates. I actually improved through the season. If I hadn't been through out into the fire, I don't think I would have been as I was this year."

Coffield joked after the season that it was his Five Year Plan, even announcing his retirement prior to the end of the season.

"They all came from middle school together, so they knew each other and it was a close— probably one of the closest — groups I've had in my 25 years," Coffield said last week.

For Gropp, who was probably an even



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**Brittany Gropp was a four-year starter for Lee, who won its first-ever region title.**

better soccer player, success on the hardwood meant leaking out on the fast break, and hitting open shots.

"She's a soccer player by heart," Coffield said. "I really wish she had devoted more time to basketball, she probably would have got a D-I scholarship somewhere. She just has that natural knack about the game, being around the ball and being in the right place at the right time."

**LAST SEASON,** Gropp was burnt out on soccer, after being named to the first-team all-region team. She had spent her spring weekends and summers on a competitive

club team, but wanted a change. So she decided to start training with the field hockey team, and although she confessed, "it was a disaster" originally, a few months later she was installed as a starter.

But Gropp was first and foremost a center midfielder, and after Brent Leiba became head coach two seasons ago, she flourished. This past season, she again was a first-team all-region selection in leading Lee to a 10-5-1 record, including a 3-0 pasting of defending state champion Lake Braddock.

"We enjoyed the heck out of going to all the games, and being with the other parents, it was just a great experience for us throughout her whole sports career, from when she first started through high school," said Donny Gropp, Brittany's father. "We're very, very, proud of the whole high school experience for her."

His daughter always kept a disciplined schedule managing a rigorous course load with after school activities. She rarely went to bed before 11 a.m. and sometimes had to stay up until past 2 a.m. to take care of the schoolwork.

"Well, to be honest I was amazed that she found the time to do everything, and kept her school work like it should be, because that was always the priority," Donny Gropp said. "She enjoys the good times a lot more when she knows she's taken care of her responsibilities."

Brittany Gropp, the youngest of three, was accepted to Virginia Tech in December, and may want to major in communications. If her high school basketball coach has any inkling, he'd bet on his sharpshooter being successful in any endeavor.

"She works hard at doing well," Coffield said.

## The Bronder The Better

Lee grad playing legion baseball, hopes to walk-on at Christopher Newport.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

Even with a new coach, and a midseason four-game winning streak, the Lee baseball team hardly had a stellar year. In fact, in Brett McColley's first season for taking over for David Gardziel, most people have already looked forward to next season.

But Clint Bronder, one of the Lancer senior co-captains this past season, was one of the few bright spots. Bronder, the blonde centerfielder and backup pitcher teamed with Ryan Davis to get all-district consideration despite the poor record.

"At the beginning of the year, we were off to a good start. We finished third at the West Potomac tournament, but everything went kind of down from there. We had a young

team."

So Bronder, who was also captain of the varsity wrestling team, was charged with mending McColley, the prior junior varsity coach, into the fabric of the team. If someone was scolded, Bronder attempted to keep the younger players encouraged.

"Coach really looked to me to get everyone off to a good start," Bronder said. "We really organized a lot of what we did. What I really tried to do as a captain was talk to people and get them in the right mindset."

The outgoing senior, who graduated with a 3.5 grade point average will enroll in the fall at Christopher Newport, where he hopes to major in Biology. Currently, Bronder is manning centerfield for American Legion Post 176.

In school, he was active in DECA (Distributive Education Club of America),



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**Clint Bronder is currently pitching for American Legion Post 176.**

American Sign Language Club, and volunteer time at the Central Springfield Little League.

"I grew as a person during my four years at Lee and baseball was a big part of that," Lee said.

## SPORTS

# Klippstein 'Came into Her Own' This Season

West Springfield girls soccer star named Co-Player of the Year in the Patriot District.

BY GREG ROSENSTEIN  
THE CONNECTION

**B**rittany Klippstein ended her high school soccer career as one of West Springfield's most decorated athletes of the school year. This past season alone she was named to the first-team all-district and region teams, and was Co-Player of the Year in the Patriot District.

And though her talent led West Springfield to a 12-4-3 record, head coach Kellie Mastrodonato said Klippstein's biggest impact came before the Spartans even played their season opener.

"This past season Brittany really came into her own," Mastrodonato said. "One of the things that really made a difference for us was that we got a lot of our girls to participate in our strength and conditioning program...a lot of that was Brittany. She was very dedicated to the off-season. I felt like we finally brought Brittany to her full potential as both a leader on and off of the field."

With Klippstein as one of the team's captains, the Spartans captured the elusive Patriot District crown by downing the defending state champions Lake Braddock in the semifinals, and handing South County its first loss of the season in the championship. The center midfielder finished the season with seven goals and two assists.

Mastrodonato said while other area players may have had flashier statistics, Klippstein's ability to lead a team was rare.

"She was the quarterback, the focal point of our team," Mastrodonato said. "She got people involved and made people better soccer players. A lot of our success was because we were playing team soccer and

much of that came from Brittany."

Klippstein credits her teammates, coaches and off-season training as reasons for the increased success on the field.

"We did a lot of stuff preseason with training and conditioning... we were better fit for the season," said Klippstein. "You can't have one good player and be a successful team. Everyone on the team made a great effort."

And while she might not have been the scoring threat opposing defenses keyed on each week, Klippstein's presence was always felt.

"She has a reputation for being pretty rough on the field," said Erika Gleason, a longtime friend and teammate. "I feel like a lot of girls from other teams are afraid to go up against her. She didn't mean for it to be like that, but that's just the player that she is. She just sees the ball and anything that gets in her way is going down."

Klippstein will play at Lynchburg College this coming fall. She hopes to contribute early to a team that went 19-4-3 last season and 8-2-1 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

"I really liked the small school atmosphere and the coach is a really great guy," Klippstein said. "I really have to work hard. You can't just go into a school and be like, 'yeah I am going to play.' This summer I will be doing a lot of training."

Mastrodonato is confident that Klippstein will find success in the college ranks next season.

"I think Lynchburg is very fortunate to get someone like her," Mastrodonato said. "Brittany is going to be able to go in and contribute very quickly. She is only going to get better."

Brittany Klippstein



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## Haeuptle a Leader for Spartans

BY GREG ROSENSTEIN  
THE CONNECTION

**I**t is known around the West Springfield clubhouse as "the catch." The one that should not have been made — the grab that enabled the Spartans to keep their season alive. Spartan baseball coach John James called it "one of the best I have ever seen in centerfield."

But for Jeff Haeuptle, it was another routine play.

During a scoreless tie in a Northern Region quarterfinal match-up between West Springfield and Robinson, a Rams batter smashed the ball toward the right-center fence. From the moment the ball made contact, it looked like the deadlocked score would be broken. But Haeuptle, a first-team all-region

centerfielder, hustled it down to make a diving backhand catch to keep his team in the game. The Spartans eventually won, 1-0, thanks to a walk-off single by Andy Stallings in the bottom of the seventh.

"He was without question our leader," James said. "He gave guys a pat on the back when they needed it but also gave guys a kick in the butt when they needed it. He worked as hard as he possibly could and really worked his way into an all-state player."

As a senior, Haeuptle led the team with 25 runs scored, 18 runs batted in and 20 stolen bases. He was also among the Spartans' leaders in hits, batting average and slugging percentage for a team that finished 15-5 on the year.

"They were a bunch of great guys to play with," Haeuptle said. "This was my last year,

so I had to leave it all on the field. It was just fun to go out there play."

Stallings said Haeuptle was pivotal to the team's success.

"He batted lead off, got on base and scored runs," Stallings said. "Jeff was one of the leaders of our team and always tried to get everyone focused."

Haeuptle used that focus, exemplified on the baseball diamond, in the classroom as well. His 3.91 GPA earned him acceptance to Ohio State University, the alma mater of both his parents, where he will study business in the scholars program and try to make the baseball team.

"I talked to the coaches a little bit and I plan on walking on in the fall," Haeuptle said. "It just comes down to what they need. I think I definitely have a good shot to play and help them accomplish some of their



goals."

James said he sees a bright future for Haeuptle at OSU because of his work ethic and desire.

"Jeff obviously has the physical skills and speed, but I think his baseball instincts are what sets him apart," James said. "If he is given a chance to get out and play on a consistent basis, I think he will do really well."

## SPORTS

# It's All in the Family

White heading to play field hockey at Virginia Wesleyan.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**ara White, the youngest daughter in a field hockey crazed family, will have a different coach on the sideline next season. For the past 12 years, her mother, Ginger White, has been manning the coaching duties either at her daughter's field hockey or soccer games.

Now Joyce Anne Koubaroulis, whom Tara White referred to as Coach K, will be in charge of her athletic development, as she heads to Virginia Wesleyan College with a Presidential Scholarship in tow.

"People think [my mom] treats me like a daughter, but personally, I think I get it worse because if I mess up, she's allowed to yell me," Tara White said. "Even worse, People get to leave her on the field. If I get told something, then she'll tell me at home no problem."

Even though the dinner table discussions might have been one-sided, the daughter reaped plenty of benefits, including being named the National District Player of the Year for the past two seasons.

As a three-year captain, the sweeper finished her four-year Eagle career with 19 goals and 45 assists, missing only one game due to injury. She earned multiple honorable mention all-state honors, along with three consecutive years on the first-team All-Northern Region squad.

But Tara White is most proud of the team accomplishments, having helped Edison to three straight National District championships. After losing to Mount Vernon in the 2007 regular season, the Eagles weren't the favorites heading into the title game against the Majors at Washington-Lee. But after graduating eight seniors in 2006, she helped lead her mother's team back to the team title.

"Tara possesses the ability to have others step up as well as follow her lead," Ginger White said. "She is well liked and respected by her teammates, classmates, peers (male and female alike) teachers and coaches. Tara will be missed on the hockey field and in the halls of Edison."



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**Tara White won three consecutive district titles.**

**IN HER FAMILY**, elder sister Lauren White, who played on the George Mason club team and was a recent Edison assistant, was hired at Hayfield.

"Field hockey really didn't come into the play until my sister hit freshman year," Tara White said. "Now, we do everything field hockey because we've spent 100s of miles in the car together, going to tournaments and going to games. We're inseparable. Next

year, it'll be weird."

"Even as she jokes that she won't know to do when she won't have to face Koubaroulis nightly, Tara White admitted to having to undergo an adjustment.

"Coach K is awesome," Tara White said. "It really seems like an Edison program so I can relate that way. The girls on the team are so relaxed — 'I know I'll fit right in with them.'"

# A Wrestling Mill

Hayfield grad heading to West Point next week.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

**A**t graduation Daniel Mills wasn't about peering into the rear view mirror, celebrating his athletic accomplishments and reminiscing about old times. He's got bigger things to accomplish.

On Monday, Mills will leave for the Cadet Summer Training at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., where he will wrestle for the Black Knights next season.

"My thoughts were already beyond high school nostalgia at that point," Mills said about last week's graduation. "I'm just ready to go and am ready for the next challenge."

According to Mills, if he managed to survive four intimate years of wrestling instruction from uber-intimidating coach, Roy Hill, he can handle any imposing Cadets and officers.

"As far as summer training, they say it's going to be hard because there's people in your face yelling at you, but anyone on the Hayfield wrestling team knows that after having coach Hill yell at you, there's nothing in the world that is going to make you more scared than that moment," Mills said on Tuesday. "Honestly, I'm really not intimidated by a couple of college kids yelling at me."

All kidding aside, Mills, a cross country runner and third-place state wrestler, visited the University of Maryland and the Merchant Marine Academy, but found West

Point best suited his personality.

"West Point was clearly the place that I belong," Mills said. "It was the logical conclusion. I've always kind of thrived under structure. I really look forward to having my schedule filled up with challenges every day."

Mills is following his father and older brother, both of whom attended West Point. With a mother also in the Army, and the brother currently serving in Afghanistan, the five-year required military service wasn't a deterrent.

**MILLS CREDITS** his athletic background with giving him the discipline he'll required for his collegiate choice. He ran cross country, mostly to stay in shape for wrestling.

"I've been running pretty consistently since I was in sixth grade," Mills said. "Running always helped me prevent injuries during wrestling and keep core strength."

But Mills, who wrestled at 189 pounds during his junior season got season and missed a critical national tournament in Fargo, S.D. He decided then to go ahead and move down to the 171-point classification.

It wasn't long after that, that Hill pulled Mills, his co-captain with Steven Ours, aside and wanted him to believe he could potentially be a state champion.

"When coach Hill expresses that amount of confidence in you, that's all he needs to say. He's not one to lie," Hill said.

Mills, who finished with a 74-33 career



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**Daniel Mills finished third in the state in at 171 pounds.**

record, pledged to finish in the podium in every tournament throughout his senior season, and aside from a prestigious tournament in New York when he placed fifth, Mills kept true to his word.

After ripping through most of the Northern Virginia wrestlers en route to the district and region individual crowns, Mills made a mistake in the state semifinals.

Facing Gar-Field's Porker Bowers, the 171-pounder tied the match with mere seconds left by executing an escape. Even though the referee could have given Mills two points for a reversal, the match ended up in overtime, when Bowers won a 12-10

decision

"As a rule of thumb, wrestlers aren't supposed to try high-risk moves in overtime," Mills said. "I wasn't really thinking at that point, I was just going on instinct."

But according to Hill, Mills really showed his character in the consolation match when he used one of his patented pins from his feet in the second round.

"I thought it was very appropriate way for him to end his career," Mills said. "He's got quite a few wins over the years when he's been down and able to pin somebody while he's on his feet. That's one quality that sets him apart from the rest of the crowd."

# Commuters Scramble

Rising gas prices send commuters to slug lines, mass transportation.

BY PAUL D. SHINKMAN  
THE CONNECTION

With gas prices reaching an all-time high, Northern Virginia commuters are struggling for more cost effective alternatives to driving themselves to work. As a result, many more commuters are now turning to an increasingly strained public transportation system and community-organized carpools.

"We have had record high transit usage," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), a member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors. "It's very clear that we're seeing an increase in transit riders, on both rail and bus." McKay, a regular bus rider, has recently witnessed buses so full they are forced to pass people waiting at bus stops.

"We're doing a major bus corridor analysis, to potentially increase express buses in Virginia, Maryland and the District," said McKay, who hopes that modifying bus routes to accommodate population changes and ridership increases will make commuting more efficient for all riders. "We're trying to increase interest in using public transit since gas prices aren't going down any time soon."

On June 5, the WMATA announced its seventh highest ridership day ever, with 819,687 people using Metro that day. That number represented an increase of more than 26,000 more riders than the year before. The announcement came just two days after another record setting ridership day of 812,812. WMATA partially attributes these increased numbers of riders to the Nationals' baseball games, which coincided with rush hour both evenings.

**THE INCREASLY CONGESTED** transportation system has caused some in the community to look

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— Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)

beyond public transit for their commute. Many choose to participate in "slug lines." Commuters bound for Washington, D.C. line up in predetermined areas and wait to be picked up by drivers heading in the same direction who otherwise could not use the more expedient High Occupancy Vehicle lanes.

Last April, Virginia resident Gloria Annan started participating in the slug line that assembles in the parking lot across the street from the Springfield Plaza on Old Keene Mill Road. "It's great," said Annan. "I first started doing it when a friend told me to. I prefer it since I don't particularly trust the Metro."

Those who use the slug line see its benefit, like Tony Hall who saves spending \$13 per day taking the Metro to his downtown D.C. internship, or Kristine Bevan whose trip is shortened by 40 minutes.

"I even paid for a parking spot downtown," said Bevan, "but I don't use it since [the slug line] is so much more efficient."

Mohammad Karimullah has been using the same slug line for six years and has also noticed the impact of rising gas prices. "Three months ago, there were about half as many people," he said. "Gas prices are absolutely affecting [commuters], particularly low-income families." Despite the added wait to get a ride, Karimullah

is still saving time and money and enjoys the sense of community among his fellow commuters.

The idea behind the slug lines dates back to the early 1970s when HOV lanes were first introduced as a response to the oil embargo and rising gas prices. Mike Wheeler, a manager at the locally owned Shell station at the corner of Rolling Road and Old Keene Mill Road, sees parallels between that era and today.

"During the gas shortages in the 70s, [the American auto industry] saw the writing on the wall," said Wheeler, who has 30 years of experience in this field. "They had the ability to produce more efficient cars back then and didn't. Now we need to change our habits to conserve fuel, start using mass transit and stop buying 10-mile per gallon cars." Wheeler also noted that business at his station has not decreased as prices have risen. The key to lower gas prices, Wheeler said, is simply to consume less of it.

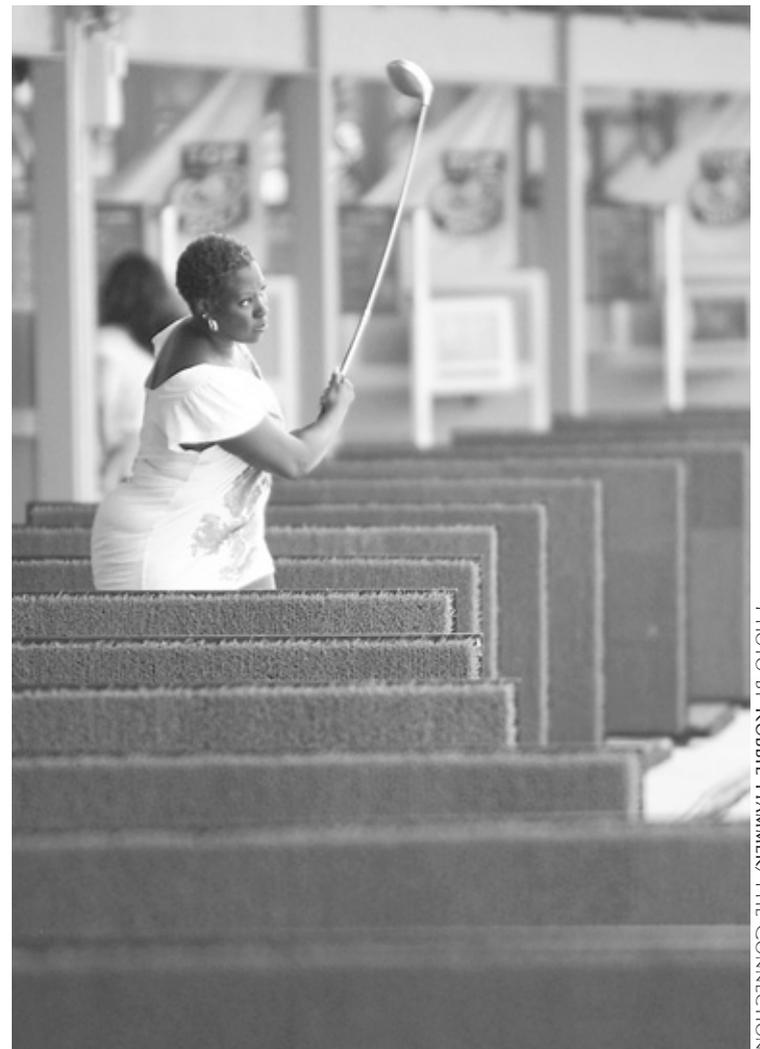


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**Snapshot** Monique Brooks practices her driving technique at the Top Golf USA driving range in Kingstowne on Monday afternoon, June 23.

## AROUND TOWN

**The Virginia Business and Professional Women's Foundation** offers a variety of scholarships, grants and fellowships to assist women to re-enter the job market or further their education and careers, as well as to support the study of women's issues. Visit [www.bpwwa.org](http://www.bpwwa.org).

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# Charger, Member of County's K-9 Division, Dies

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go around it to get inside.

To go with Charger's intelligence, Ronan explained that when they went out on calls in the woods, Charger would find a stick or log he liked, and take it with him. Within a few days Charger would have chewed the stick so much that it would be non-existent. This was Ronan's way of facilitating Charger's need to constantly chew something, this way he wouldn't chew his wife's furniture anymore.

Molly and Scooby are the two bloodhounds left on the force, and two puppies, Cody and Shnoz, are also being trained. The K-9 division also includes 13 German Shepards. Bloodhound dogs are only called

to the scene to find missing people several hours after a crime has been committed. Being a more aggressive dog, German Shepards are used to respond to the scene of a crime. When someone goes missing, such as an Alzheimer's patient, a bloodhound will be called in to find the person, sometimes miles away.

One case in particular that Charger worked on, involving the search for a rape suspect, stands out. About three years ago, Ronan and Charger were requested at the scene on Richmond Highway early in the morning, to find the rape suspect. Using a knife that the suspect held during the crime, but never used, Charger began to follow the suspect's scent.

Charger made his way to the third floor

of the apartment complex and jumped on an apartment door. Ronan took Charger back outside, thinking he had lost the scent, because the victim was raped on the ground floor of the apartment complex. It made no sense to Ronan that the suspect would still be in the building.

They did the scent trail again, and just like before, Charger led Ronan to the third floor. This time, the officers acted upon Charger's nose and ended up arresting and convicting the rape suspect.

To keep the dogs sharp and monitor their performance, the handlers would take the dogs out on test trails. Several times, Ronan's family would help with this. One family member would leave something like a hat behind and then walk several miles

to a store. Once the family member got to the store, another family member would have Charger smell the hat, and then the trail would start. This was done several times a month, to keep Charger interested in following trails.

Ronan has four other dogs at his home, including Zeus, a German Shepherd who is a member of the Fairfax County K-9 and another retired police dog. Though he has several other dogs, Charger meant a lot to Ronan. He expressed how much he appreciates the department's support, including co-workers sending him e-mails with memories of Charger.

"This is the first time I've been able to talk about him and not break into tears," said Ronan. "It gets a little easier everyday."

## COMMUNITY



**Nadine Gualdino smiles during her shift working at McDonalds this past May. In celebration of their 20th anniversary, Virginia Commerce Bank employees helped raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.**

# Bank Marks 20 Years

## Virginia Commerce Bank celebrates anniversary by working with local charities.

BY GREG ROSENSTEIN  
THE CONNECTION

**A**nniversaries are typically celebrated with cake, balloons and presents. The employees of Virginia Commerce Bank had other ideas to celebrate the company's 20th anniversary.

Rather than throw a party in May, Virginia Commerce employees decided to give back to the community that has helped them throughout the years. All 26 Northern Virginia branches chose charitable organizations to work with, ranging from the Ronald McDonald House to the Alexandria Animal Welfare League.

"We figured the celebration is really how much the community has helped us as a company grow," Robin Coracci, senior vice president of retail administration and marketing for VCB, said. "We really felt we owed the community for their continued support over the years. It was just our way of truly giving back."

Dan Marks, branch manager for VCB on King Street in Alexandria, said it was a great opportunity to help local residents in need.

"It was really good to take time out and volunteer to help the less fortunate," Marks said. "We wanted to remind everyone what a community bank is all about."

**SINCE VCB** opened on May 16, 1988, the company decided to devote the entire month of May toward community outreach. Some branches joined together for a particular cause.

Employees from the Alexandria, Arlington and Newington branches worked with Christmas in May, in which they helped a single mother with four children move and settle into a new apartment. As the

workers were about to leave at the end of the day, the 6-year-old boy said, "I have been having a really rough time lately and I cannot begin to thank you for all of these wonderful blessings."

Most of the Alexandria banks partnered with the non-profit Rebuilding Together Alexandria, an organization that provides free repairs to homes in need of assistance.

A group of employee volunteers worked on the home of a 76 year-old widow who raised five children in a three-bedroom townhouse in Alexandria. The workers helped fix a leaky roof, the interior hand-rail to the stairs and the front walkway among other repairs.

"There were safety issues, but it was also the ability to have her to live in place — not to have to have her feel she had to go to a retirement home," said Bob McCoy, a senior vice president and regional manager. "We were able to give her the ability to at least extend those years in her house more safely and comfortably. That is a good feeling."

Katharine Medina, executive director of Rebuilding Together Alexandria, said the organization would not be able to achieve what they set out to do without the help of volunteer groups such as VCB.

"For many years, Virginia Commerce Bank has financially supported us," Medina said. "But this year, they sent volunteers to help work on a house. Without volunteer teams like Virginia Commerce Bank we would not be able to give the services we provide to homeowners that allow them to stay in their homes."

Other services provided by VCB include work with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Loudoun Abused Women's Services and the Fair Oaks Manor Care.

Steve Reeder, executive vice president of retail management, said it was important to give back to a community that has supported them all these years.

"It is very fulfilling and worthwhile for our employees to support different organizations," Reeder said. "The stronger our communities are the better place it is to live and to do business. The satisfaction that you make from helping other people who are less fortunate is like no other."

# Price Pleads Guilty In Store Robbery

## Springfield man says he robbed Chantilly convenience store.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** year has passed since a Chantilly convenience store was robbed, and now a 31-year-old Springfield man has pleaded guilty to the crime. He is Robert F. Price of the 5700 block of Backlick Road.

The incident occurred June 22, 2007 at the Prime Mart in the 4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center. Fairfax County Police said a masked man with a taser/stun gun entered the store just after 6 a.m., while others waited outside. The clerk, 51, of Herndon, was alone, and the intruder overpowered him and demanded money.

The clerk wasn't seriously injured, but the robber took an undisclosed amount of cash, plus store and personal items, and fled. Police were called, and Robert Price was soon apprehended nearby and charged with robbery and abduction with the intent to extort money.

In a June 25, 2007 affidavit to look for evidence in Price's green, 2000, Dodge Durango SUV, police Det. John Vickery detailed the case against him. He wrote that, on the day of the robbery, a customer saw the vehicle parked near the Prime Mart and a man talking on a cell phone while standing in the roadway.

"The customer then observed a second subject exit the business, wearing a hood and ski mask," wrote Vickery. "The witness [saw] the subject on the cell phone run toward the green, Dodge Durango and enter the driver's side." Then the vehicle drove away, and the customer called police and described the vehicle.

Patrol officers from the Sully District Station found it in a parking lot in Chantilly's Rockland Village community — half a mile from the Prime Mart. Then, wrote Vickery, "Approximately 40 feet from the vehicle, officers located [Robert Price], who matched the description of the person" who was seen outside the store and who'd driven the Durango to and from the robbery. And he was later identified as its owner.

During a June 26 search of the Durango, police seized items including: A taser and accessories, ski mask, cigarettes, cigars, lighters, counter displays, a jug with folding knives, bandanas, sunglasses, checks, a bank bag and denominational paper-money bands. They also seized two cell phones and some clothing.

On Sept. 17, 2007, the grand jury indicted Price on both charges — robbery and abduction with the intent to extort money. He was scheduled for a jury trial, March 24, in Circuit Court. But when he didn't show up, Judge Robert Wooldridge issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

Later, when Price reappeared, a date of June 10 was set for his jury trial. But he then changed his mind and, instead, entered a plea to the robbery offense, and the abduction charge was dropped.

This time, the judge was Jonathan Thacher and, before accepting Price's plea, he made sure the Springfield man was pleading guilty freely and voluntarily and because he was, indeed, guilty. Thacher then set Price's sentencing for Oct. 3.

## CRIME REPORT

*Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through June 20.*

### BURGLARY/ARREST

**6100 block of Rolling Road.** On Saturday, June 14 at 4:30 a.m., a school security officer found a door propped open at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road. Officers responded and saw two males running through the building. The suspects were stopped by officers as they attempted to leave the building and arrested. The suspects gained entry into the school by breaking a window. Nicholas Fynn-Tanner, 18, of 7900 block of Greely

Blvd. in Springfield, and a 17-year-old from Springfield were charged with burglary. Fynn-Tanner was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The juvenile was released to his parents.

### LARCENIES

**8400 block of Ambrose Court.** iPod stolen from vehicle.  
**7700 block of Arlen St.** Gasoline stolen from service station.  
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**Tuesday, July 1, 2008**

**At 11:38 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time**

the following property being the property contained in said Deed

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Lot 94, Section 6, FAIRCHESTER, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1425 at page 33, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

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**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$5,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.90 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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**at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time**

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Lot 39, Section 2, Heritage Square North as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 4590 at page 773, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

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**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$30,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.0 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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