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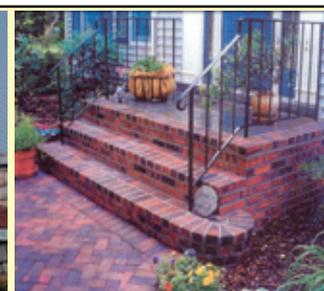
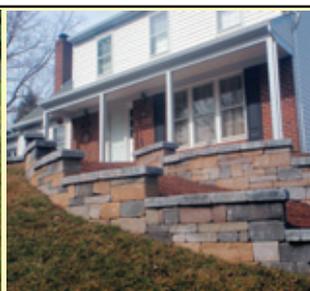
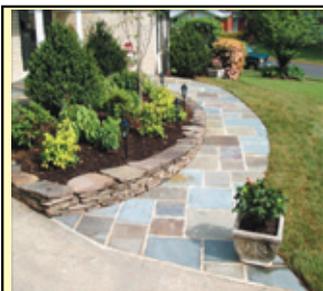
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Bulova Achieves Budget Consensus

Supervisors vote unanimously to back chairman's spending proposal.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

A year ago, Supervisors Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) and Michael Frey (R-Sully) were so opposed the 2009 Fairfax County budget proposal backed by then-chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) that they came up with an alternative plan.

The only two Republicans on the county board at the time, Herrity and Frey suggested scrapping the county's affordable housing preservation program. They wanted to lower how much the average homeowner paid in real estate taxes and allocate fewer dollars to Fairfax County Public Schools.

Herrity and Frey voted against the budget Connolly and other Democratic supervisors supported. The final budget vote tally was eight to two, along party lines.

BUT IN 2009, all the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including Republicans, voted unanimously April 20 to back Democratic chairman Sharon Bulova's 2010 budget pro-

posal. They will take a final vote on the spending plan April 27.

"This may be on of the first times we have a possible unanimous vote on the board," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D), who has represented the Mount Vernon District for 21 years.

"I think this budget package represents a good start to returning the county to fiscal responsibility," said Herrity.

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— Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield)

The budget could easily have split along party lines this year too.

Fairfax faced the largest budget shortfall it has seen in recent years. Bulova had

to close a \$650 million gap in the county's \$3.3 billion budget, approximately a 19 percent deficit.

"This was not an easy process. It was one of the most difficult budgets you have had to handle," Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) told Bulova.

Even though Democrats still hold the majority of the seats on the board, county Republicans gained momentum in recent months, giving the more conservative supervisors a confidence boost.

Bulova narrowly defeated Herrity in the



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)

special election to replace Connolly as county chairman last February. Republican Supervisor John Cook won Bulova's open seat in the Braddock District last month.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I was going to get a unanimous vote on this budget," said Bulova.

REPUBLICAN SUPERVISORS said Bulova made concessions in the budget that made it easy for them to support.

"I don't go into the budget process looking for reasons to vote against it," said Frey.

The chairman proposed raising the real estate tax rate from 92 cents per \$100 of

assessed value to \$1.04 per \$100 of assessed value. But a 12 percent drop in housing values across the county overall means that most residents would see a slight decrease in their tax bills.

The Bulova budget also calls for cutting in half funding for the affordable housing preservation program and holding steady the amount of money given to the school system, two measures the Republicans supported last year.

"The previous chairman pretended to listen to me, but he never heard what I was saying," said Frey. "Sharon understood the issues that I raised. She clearly tried to take a balanced approach. She said right up front that everything was on the table."

The only dissent on the budget came from within Bulova's own political ranks.

Supervisors Hyland and Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) tried to push for the board to impose a \$25 annual vehicle registration fee to cover the money cut from the affordable housing preservation program.

"There are still over 1,700 people who are homeless in the county and that does not include people living in overcrowded conditions. ... We did not fund one of our core values because we are not committed to it," said Hudgins.

Hyland said he was disappointed that the county would continue to dedicate a penny of the real estate tax rate to storm water management but would not continue to maintain its commitment to affordable housing.

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Act of Kindness Ready To Go

Burke girls gather suitcases, backpacks for foster children.

BY LINDSAY GSELL
THE CONNECTION

Rolling bags, old-fashioned duffels, backpacks and classic suitcases filled the Reitzel family's basement earlier this month, but the bags didn't stay for long.

Kim Reitzel, 16, used her family's home in Burke as a storage area for around 40 suitcases as she collected them for foster children in the area. Reitzel read that many foster children do not have suitcases and are forced to carry belongings in plastic garbage bags as they relocate homes.

"I know how it is to move," said Reitzel, who is a self-described military kid. "When I heard these kids are moving around without even backpacks, that just really tugged at my heart, and I knew that needed to change."

So Reitzel took matters into her own hands, and organized a suitcase drive. The junior from Lake Braddock Secondary School enlisted the help of two Girls Scouts, her younger sister Katie, 11, and friend Megan Crow, 11. Together the team posted flyers around their neighborhood asking for spare suitcases to donate to local foster children. After about a week, suitcases started showing up at the family's home.

As a member of the Lake Braddock Secondary crew team, Reitzel also recruited teammates and their families to donate as well. The drive not only brought in suit-



DONATED PHOTO

Kim Reitzel of Burke smiles among some of the suitcases she, her sister and a friend collected for foster children.

cases, but also collected backpacks and personal care items for foster children.

Reitzel, along with her Girl Scout helpers, thoroughly cleaned each suitcase they received. When the collection was over, they delivered them to various foster care pro-

grams in the area.

THE GIRLS donated around 20 of the suitcases to Phillips Teaching Homes, a service

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'We've Become Like a Little Village'

Robinson Theater stages Broadway Classic 'Fiddler on the Roof.'

By BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Tevye, Golde, Yente the Matchmaker — all these characters and many more comprising the heart and soul of "Fiddler on the Roof" will burst upon the stage in Robinson Secondary's rousing rendition of the famed play and musical.

"It's a Jewish story, but also a very human story."

— Chip Rome, director

Emily Nice, also in charge of research. "We learned what they'd do before eating and drinking, how the wedding scene would go

Some 102 students are in the cast, crew and orchestra, and the school's Cappies show is April 30. They've been rehearsing since February and are striving to make it as authentic as possible.

"I brought in a rabbi to talk to our cast about [Jewish] traditions and things they'd do in their daily routine," said Assistant Director

Emily Nice, also in charge of research. "We learned what they'd do before eating and drinking, how the wedding scene would go



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The women in the village dance during the show's opening number, 'Tradition.'

Teens Find Way To Trumpet Diversity

Local women's group honors four teens for promoting diversity.

By JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

The four girls that stood together in front of an audience of proud families and teachers could not have represented the award they received any better. Each was from a different culture, but all shared the same dream: diversity.

The Springfield-Annandale Branch of the American Association of University Women conducted its 2009 Student Diversity Awards Program on Thursday, April 16 at the Braddock District Supervisor's Office, honoring area high school girls for their efforts in promoting diversity in their communities.

This year's area honorees were Areen Hosein of Lake Braddock Secondary School, Aleena Inthaly of Robert E. Lee High School, Macy Warren of West Springfield High School and Aishwarya Venkat of Annandale High School. Each girl is a junior at their respective school, as last year, the branch decided to award juniors instead of seniors so that its members could have a year to spend with the girls.

"This is a new world in which we live," said Gwynette Peterson, member of the branch's diversity committee. "Accepting our likenesses and differences is very important. We now live in a global village."



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AAUW Diversity Committee members Betty Fields and Joanna Shows stand with award recipients Aishwarya Venkat, Areen Hosein, Aleena Inthaly and Macy Warren.

Hosein, a first generation Jordanian-American, is set to be the first person in her family to attend college, setting an example for the family members who may follow in her footsteps. Hosein is class vice president and next year's President, a student representative for Lake Braddock Secondary in FCPS' College Partnership Program and a member of the National Honor Society.

Hosein also organized the upcoming International Show at her school, which this

year, will carry the theme "Bridging the Cultural Gap." The program, which is slated for May 1, will include a cultural exchange session and a fashion show and performances that will showcase the different customs and styles of various cultures.

"I am extremely fortunate to have grown up in this diverse population," Hosein said. "It gives me great joy and pride to see my peers of all backgrounds socializing with no barriers."

Inthaly, who is of Laotian descent, was

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— Areen Hosein

recognized for her work with Invisible Children, among other things. Inthaly co-founded and is the current president of the Invisible Children program, a group that raises awareness of child soldiers and other abused children around the world.

At her school, she organized a book drive to donate books to children in Africa, where she offered free Chipotle food as a prize for the homeroom that donated the most books. Modest in her expectations, she assumed she would collect 2,000 books at most. On the final day, she walked into a room in the school to find 4,000 stacked against the wall.

"I didn't have to be perfect academically or be a model, I just wanted to help others," Inthaly said. "When I saw all of those books stacked up, I knew that is what we were here for."

Warren began her career of service at an age where most children are thinking about the latest video game or what mom packed for lunch, not proposing ways to help the homeless. When she was 10, she raised money for an Afghan family.

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Unanimity on Budget

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The reduction in the affordable housing preservation program allowed the county to reallocate money for other housing or housing-related programs that were in danger of being completely cut, said Bulova. She added that the federal stimulus money would allow the county to keep the affordable housing program almost at full funding level in 2010.

Moving forward, Bulova said the county should look at restructuring its affordable housing program to be more flexible.

The affordable housing preservation fund currently has a very narrow focus — to purchase affordable housing units in danger of being converted to higher-end housing. With the foreclosure crisis underway, a greater need may exist to use that funding for other purposes, she said.

Other members of the board supported implementing vehicle registration for different reasons.

McKay wanted the county to impose the \$25 annual fee on each car so that Fairfax could drop the real estate tax rate another cent. Hyland and Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence) supported the motion.

“We have the highest foreclosure rate in the county in Lee District and we need to provide some real tax relief. ... I would much rather have people shed a car or two than lose their home,” said McKay.

Smyth said she was concerned about senior citizens on fixed incomes who haven't seen a large drop in their home values and may end up paying more in real estate taxes this year because of the rise in the rate.

But Bulova and Herrity said the average household would end up paying more in taxes if a vehicle registration fee were substituted for a penny of the real estate tax rate.

One penny of the tax rate equals approximately \$45 for the average Fairfax household, but most Fairfax

families have about three cars, meaning they would be pay \$75 each year if an annual vehicle registration fee was collected, said Herrity.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) also called the car registration fee “regressive.”

A person driving a car worth \$500 would be paying the same price as someone driving a car worth \$50,000. At least with the tax rate, a person living in a \$300,000 home pays less than a person living in a \$3 million home, he said.

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— Sharon Bulova (D-At-large),
chairman, Fairfax County
Board of Supervisors

Collecting Luggage for Charity

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of Phillips Programs for Children and Families in Annandale. Phillips Teaching Homes is a therapeutic foster care agency that works with children with emotional or behavioral problems. The program places children in foster homes to help address issues they are coping with, and aims to reunite the children with their families.

As with any foster care program, children can be removed quickly from homes without time to properly pack. Having suitcases will ease this transition, and children in the foster care system will benefit from having a backpack of personal care items. All of the donated suitcases were distributed to programs like Phillips Teaching Homes in Virginia.

Chauncey Strong, the director of communications for Phillips Teaching Homes, said the girls were happy

and eager to help. “We really appreciate their gesture,” said Strong. “Kids in foster care, they’ve gone through difficult situations. Anything we can do to help them is important.”

“These girls knew they were doing something good that they may not ever hear a thank you for, but they did it anyway,” said Strong. “Their efforts are really going to help the kids in the program.”

Although the suitcase drive was Reitzel’s first time doing a project of this

caliber, she’s already gearing up to start another one. Right now, Reitzel is brainstorming ideas for her next big project. Although she’s not sure what it will be, she’s eager to continue aiding others in the community.

“I can definitely see myself doing this type of thing again,” she said. “I really want to stay involved and help out however I can.”

“When I heard these kids are moving around without even backpacks, that just really tugged at my heart.”

— Kim Reitzel

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Twitter, Facebook, and more. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road in Fairfax will serve as a host location for the broadcast. The meeting is free and all are invited to attend. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and all are encouraged to be seated by 7:50 p.m. Visit www.lordoflifelutheran.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 25
How To Minimize Your Risk for

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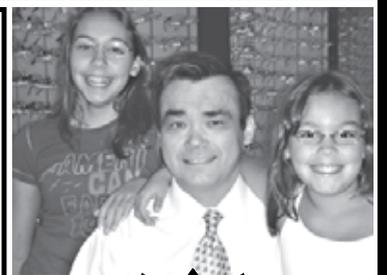
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Extend Earth Day through Spring

Celebrations this month and beyond can lead to more small steps for families and individuals.

While you may or may not be set up to consider biking to work on some days, or any day, it's worth considering getting to work without your car on Bike to Work Day on May 15, and if possible, one day or more a week thereafter.

With dozens of local events this week marking Earth Day, it's a good time to think about taking steps small and large to improve the environment and increase your family's connection to the natural world.

One of the easiest ways to help air quality and traffic this spring and summer involves more telecommuting. Press your employer to allow you and other employees to work from home at least one day a week.

One of the best ways to benefit the environment for the indefinite future is by instilling an appreciation for the natural world in your children and family. This can be as simple as getting out into your own yard and talking about the trees, plants, birds and animals living right along side of you. Get out into a local

park, walk along a stream. Go to programs at the local nature center or classes run by the Audubon Naturalist Society, audubonnaturalist.org.

Make a commitment to be a little warmer in the house this summer, to let the thermostat stay a little higher and the air conditioning a bit warmer. When the light bulb burns out, replace it with a compact fluorescent.

The Washington, D.C. chapter of the Sierra Club offers simple tips for things you can do to help the environment at <http://dc.sierraclub.org/volunteer/lifestyle.asp>. Suggestions range

from reducing the amount of junk mail you receive, using cloth bags at the grocery store and cloth napkins at the dinner table, conserving water, buying local food, not buying bottled water, leaving the car parked at least one day a week, and sharing your values with your children and neighbors.

—MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

Story Behind The Story

To the Editor:

My wife and I were disappointed in this newspaper's coverage of the alleged Westboro Baptist Church's protest of (Gay) Pride Week at George Mason University [Fairfax Connection, April 2-8, 2009]. The problem with the article would be obvious to any Christian of any denomination: a legitimate Christian church would not espouse the hateful messages that this

LETTERS

Topeka group demonstrated on its posters. Your newspaper should have pointed out the facts about this severely misguided group so as not to malign the Christian faith. Westboro is not recognized by any bona fide Baptist church (e.g., American Baptist, Southern Baptist, Primitive Baptist). This group is so radical, even bizarre in its thinking that its members have traveled the continent staging protests against not just gays and lesbians, but also the United States government (at funerals of fallen American soldiers because their deaths are seen as God's judgment against a corrupt United States), the Catholic Church (Pope Benedict XVI is referred to as "The Godfather of Pedophiles" and "Pervert Pope"), and Billy Graham revivals calling Billy Graham a "Hell-bound false prophet." All of this

information was found at the Wikipedia Web site: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westboro_Baptist_Church.

Perhaps the Fairfax Connection assumed that its readership was already cognizant of Westboro's bizarre doctrine and practices, but if so, this assumption was in error. The full story of Westboro needs to be told.

William C. Tirre
Fairfax

Taxes Still Too High

To the Editor:

I voted for the FY 2010 budget because it represented a reasonable, bipartisan compromise in a very difficult budget year.

Each year for longer than we can remember, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has spent more money than the year before, continually growing the size of government. With the passage of this budget for Fiscal Year 2010, we chose a different path. The 2010 Budget calls for less spending than the 2009 Budget. While the county needs to continue to look for efficiencies and common-sense solutions to problems, this budget is a good starting point.

Furthermore, this budget holds the line on property taxes. The tax rate of \$1.04 plus a cent for storm water management will result in

a slight decrease in property tax payments for the average homeowner. Taxes are still too high — a point I made before the Board and will continue to make in the future — but we had to stop the increases before we could start decreasing taxes.

Moreover, by participating in this compromise, I helped to stop a last minute attempt to increase taxes and was part of a successful effort to negotiate away another tax increase. During the budget mark up, three supervisors proposed adding a \$25 car registration fee to the budget (the County Executive had proposed this fee but the chairman had removed it). This amendment, had it passed, would have resulted in an increase in the total tax burden. Because enough supervisors refused to support this increase, Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) chose to stick with her compromise budget. During budget negotiations, Supervisors Michael Frey (R-Sully), Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and I also made it clear that we would not support a budget that included the "kiddie tax," a proposal from the County Executive that would have increased the athletic field fee from \$5.50 to \$13.50. As part of the final compromise, our position on this point prevailed as well.

In addition to keeping fees out, we were also able to put some cuts in. The budget saved \$10 million

by stopping the "penny for affordable housing" program, a misguided program to buy government owned public housing projects that history shows will fail. Both Supervisor Herrity and I campaigned against these projects, and this budget adopted our position.

In addition, because I agreed to the budget I was able to get a couple special restorations that will go a long way toward strengthening our neighborhoods. Due to my efforts, the board restored two zoning inspector positions. That means these two people will spend the next year closing down the illegal boarding houses that negatively impact our neighborhoods instead of collecting unemployment compensation benefits. I also restored the Pinn Community Center in Sideburn, led other supervisors in restoring the Wakefield Senior Center and joined them in restoring the most important law enforcement and fire department cuts. All these items will help strengthen our neighborhoods.

All in all, while the county budget is still too large, this budget moves things in the right direction. By agreeing to a common sense compromise with the chairman, we were able to achieve additional goals we could not have achieved alone. Simply put, we got some

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Earth Day and Environmental Events

Bike to Work Day. Friday, May 15, Join thousands of area commuters for a celebration of bicycling way to get to work. Meet at one of 27 pit stops with gathering places in Alexandria, Arlington Rosslyn and Crystal City, Fairfax Corner, City of Fairfax, Reston, Springfield Metro Park, Sterling, Vienna and Tysons. See <http://www.waba.org/events/btwd/pitstops.php>.

Virginia Invasive Plant Removal Day, Saturday, May 2. Join in this state-wide invasive plant removal day, find local projects in Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Reston, McLean, Loudoun and more at <http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/invasives/index.html>.

Fairfax County's Annual Earth Day – Arbor Day Celebration, Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Free admission, entertainment, games, activities Call 703-324-5471, TTY 711 or go to www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Kenneth Rubenstein has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park campus. He is a 2006 graduate of West Springfield High School, and is the son of Ellen and Steve Rubenstein.

Burke resident **Brian C. Yeagley**, a B.A. in psychology student, has been recently inducted into the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society at Marymount University. To be eligible, undergraduates must have completed 75 percent of their require-

ments with at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA); graduate students must have completed 75 percent of their requirements with at least a 3.75 GPA. Additional considerations include good character, intellectual activities and leadership promise.



Strasser Promoted

Jason R. Strasser was recently promoted to private first class by the

Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Strasser, of Burke, received his Certificate of Promotion from Sheriff Stan Barry at a ceremony on March 26, in the Fairfax County Courthouse. He has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since February 2007 and is currently assigned to a confinement squad in the Adult Detention Center. Strasser is also a member of the agency's Project Life-saver team. Here, Strasser, right, receives his Certificate of Promotion from Barry.

MILITARY NOTES

Army Spec. Thomas C. Wills has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Wills earned distinction as an honor graduate of the course. He is the son of Frank and Susan Wills of

Raintree Road, Burke. The specialist graduated in 2004 from Lake Braddock Secondary School and earned a bachelor's degree in 2008 from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

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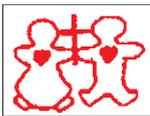
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THURSDAY/APRIL 23

Junior Brown. 8 p.m. at The Barns. \$24. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Tiny Tots, 10:15 a.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Very short stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-17 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

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Road, Burke. Very short stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 18-23 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

Capitol City Brass Quintet - A George Mason Student Recital. 8 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The Capitol Brass Quintet is composed of George Mason University Music students.

George Mason University Printmakers Studio Sale. 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., at GMU Fine Arts Building, Fairfax Campus, Printmaking Studio, Room 200. Come purchase quality original prints by international, national and regional artists, faculty and students. The Print Department is moving to a new building and is selling the

department's personal collection to raise funds for student activities. Most prices range from \$1-\$100.

'Say Goodnight, Gracie,' presented by George Mason University's Theater Department and the GMU Players. 8 p.m., at GMU's TheaterSpace at the school's Fairfax campus. Tickets are \$12; \$8 for students, seniors and GMU faculty/staff. Limited free tickets available for GMU students. 703-993-8888.

FRIDAY/APRIL 24

The Discovery Series: Chicago Chamber Musicians. 8 p.m. at

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The Barns. \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Kings of Leon, 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$45, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. www.patriotcenter.com or www.kingsofleon.com.

Sematic and Redshift, 10 p.m. at Fat Tuesdays, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. 703-385-5717.

Book Sale, 10 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Books and other similar items of interest. 10-5 p.m. All ages. 703-293-6227.

Reading Across the Centuries, 7 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Writer and university instructor Wendi Kaufman facilitates the discussion of "Northanger Abbey" by Jane Austen. 703-644-7333.

Open House and New Member Brunch will be hosted by the MOMS Club of Burke-North, from 10-11:30 a.m. at The Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Any stay-at-home parents who live in the 22015 Zip code, north of Burke Centre Parkway are welcome to attend. Contact Karen Smith at burkemomsclub@onebox.com or 866-841-9139 x1581 for more information.

Fairfax Saxophone Quartet and Friends. 8 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Program to be announced From Baroque to Modern the Fairfax Saxophone Quartet demonstrates the amazing versatility of the saxophone. 703-978-4370, www.fairfaxband.org.

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Spring Auction at Northern Virginia Christian Academy. 7-10 p.m., at the Northern Virginia Christian Academy, 11000 Berry St., Fairfax. Silent and live auction. Sports, vacation, day excursion and children's party packages available for bids. Other items include clubhouse seats for a Redskins game, presidents box seats for a Nationals game and an original, black and white drawing of Spider-man drawn by Sal Buscema, artist and inker for Marvel Comics since the late 1960s. Admission is \$10 per person. Call 703-273-0803 or visit www.nvchristianacademy.org.

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Junior Erin Cafferky stars as Wild West sharpshooter, Annie Oakley in West Springfield High's production of 'Annie Get Your Gun,' which runs April 24-May 2.

Pre-sale only. No tickets sold at the door. Caterers vary per show, but include: Red Hot & Blue, Metro Diner, Auld Shebeen, Buffalo Wing University, Brion's Grill, and Mama Lucia's.

SATURDAY/APRIL 25

Tom Chapin. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

The Arthritis Walk Fairfax, 9 a.m. at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, to raise funds and awareness to fight

arthritis. Participants walk in honor of a friend or family member with arthritis on a 3-mile or 1-mile course and take part in activities for the entire family. Contact Christina Thomas at 202-537-6800, ext. 3016 or cthomas@arthritis.org.

Tom O'Connor, 1 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Steve Forbert CD Release Show. Acoustic/roots. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

'It's All about the Cats' Adoption Day, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred's Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520. Contact Chris C. Haslam, Commonwealth Cat Rescue, Inc. at 703-568-

3600.

Mapping the Civil War. 2 p.m., at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Learn about the creation of National Geographic's award-winning "Battles of the Civil War" map at a free lecture with complimentary color maps for each attendee. Robert Pratt Sr., designer and art director, and Michael Horner, editor and researcher, from National Geographic, will discuss the design and production of the map, including their use of research, digital imagery, artifact photography, and plotting of

data and symbols. The presentation will be preceded by a free tour of the Blenheim site at 1 p.m., including the famous Blenheim House, listed on the National Register for its numerous inscriptions and pictographs left by Civil War soldiers. Light refreshments will be served. For more, call 703-591-0560.

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Cold-Blooded Creatures, 11 a.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn about the local species of reptiles and amphibians and their habitats from Hidden Pond experts. Observe live animals from the Nature Center. Age 6-12. 703-644-7333.

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Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Is Oxygen the Problem and Why? Paul Cheney, MD/PhD, of Asheville, N.C., presents a general overview and his CFS treatment protocol to the Northern VA Chronic Fatigue Syndrome & Fibromyalgia (CFS/FM)

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Shakespeare's "Henry V" presented by the Acting Company. 8 p.m., at the GMU Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$36, \$28 and \$18. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. The Center for the Arts complex is located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123.

'The Jeweler's Shop,' a drama exploring the lofty and sometimes rocky relationships of three couples during courtship and marriage will be performed at St. Leo's School at 7:30 p.m. The play by Pope John Paul II delves into the trials and tribulations of love. The professional performance will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Leo the Great Church. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. For reservations call 703-273-5369; or e-mail: maryadams@stleos.com. St. Leo School is located at 3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Polka Til Ya Drop with the Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden, the German Band of the City of Fairfax Band Association, 7 p.m., at Volunteer Fire Department #3, Williams Hall, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Includes lessons for polka novices, polka demonstrations,

German beer and wine, pretzels and pastries. \$10 at the door. Refreshments provided for additional charge.

Fourth Annual Chesapeake Lace Guild Festival. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. A specialist will talk on lace. This is followed by lace demonstrations and instruction on try-me pillow and the sales room will be open to purchase lace-making supplies. The guild will also have a display of members' lace. All activities are free to the public.

Once upon a Parable. 7 p.m., at Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave., Fairfax. The Fairfax United Methodist Church Children's Youth group tries to capture the humor and contemporary nature of some of Jesus' most familiar parables in this 45-minute musical. Free. 703-591-3120, www.fairfaxumc.org.

A Little Night Music. Concert to benefit the IMPACT youth choir 6:30 p.m., at Burke Presbyterian Church 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Annual event of classical music performed by professional musicians Tessa Hartle and Gray Dickerson from the University of Maryland and a variety of tunes and styles by talented senior high students. Free. Donations will be accepted to benefit the IMPACT youth choir. Dessert and light appetizers will be served. Childcare available. www.BurkePresChurch.org.

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Catie Curtis. Folk/rock. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Junior League of Northern Virginia's Fourth Annual Strides For Success 5K Run and Children's 1K Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m. at Fairfax Corner Shopping Center, 11950 Grand Commons Ave. in Fairfax. This is a family-friendly event for all levels, with prizes for top male and female finishers, completion prizes for children, refreshments, T-shirts, goodie bags and children's entertainment. Registration is \$30 until April 21,

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James Fenimore Cooper's "The Spy" presented by the Acting Company. 4 p.m., at the GMU Center for the Arts. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to each performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$36, \$28 and \$18. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. The Center for the Arts complex is located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University.

Benefit Concert. 12:30-4 p.m., at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax. The concert includes New Day, Work in Progress, Positive Spin and Chris Kim and a special guest speaker on the Glebe. Food will be catered by Moe's, Papa John's and Metro Silver Diner. Services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.fairfaxpresby.com.

Dance Ireland Dance. 6-9 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Dancing from Ireland featuring the Bog Wanderers Ceili Band. The Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance will perform a program of Irish Step-Dancing followed by instruction in Beginning Step-Dancing, with audience participation, by instructor Sean Culkin. Dancers from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will perform traditional Irish country dancing (Ceili and Set Dancing) led by instructor Marilyn Moore. Following the

performance, Moore will teach introduction to Irish Country dancing with audience participation. Shannon Dunne will give a demonstration of Irish "Sean-nos" dancing. Refreshments will be available. This production is sponsored by Spotlight on the Arts. Free. 703-978-8265, www.fairfaxspotlight.org.

Once upon a Parable. 3 p.m., at Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave., Fairfax. The Fairfax United Methodist Church Children's Youth group tries to capture the humor and contemporary nature of some of Jesus' most familiar parables in this 45-minute musical. Free. 703-591-3120, www.fairfaxumc.org.

The Liberty University Praise Choir presents a sacred concert 6 p.m., at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. The concert is free, but an offering will be received. 703-383-1170, www.jccag.org.

Lake Braddock Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bedding plants, annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, mulch or topsoil. Proceeds to benefit Lake Braddock Crew Team. Free Delivery with purchase of 25+ bags of mulch or topsoil.

TUESDAY/APRIL 28

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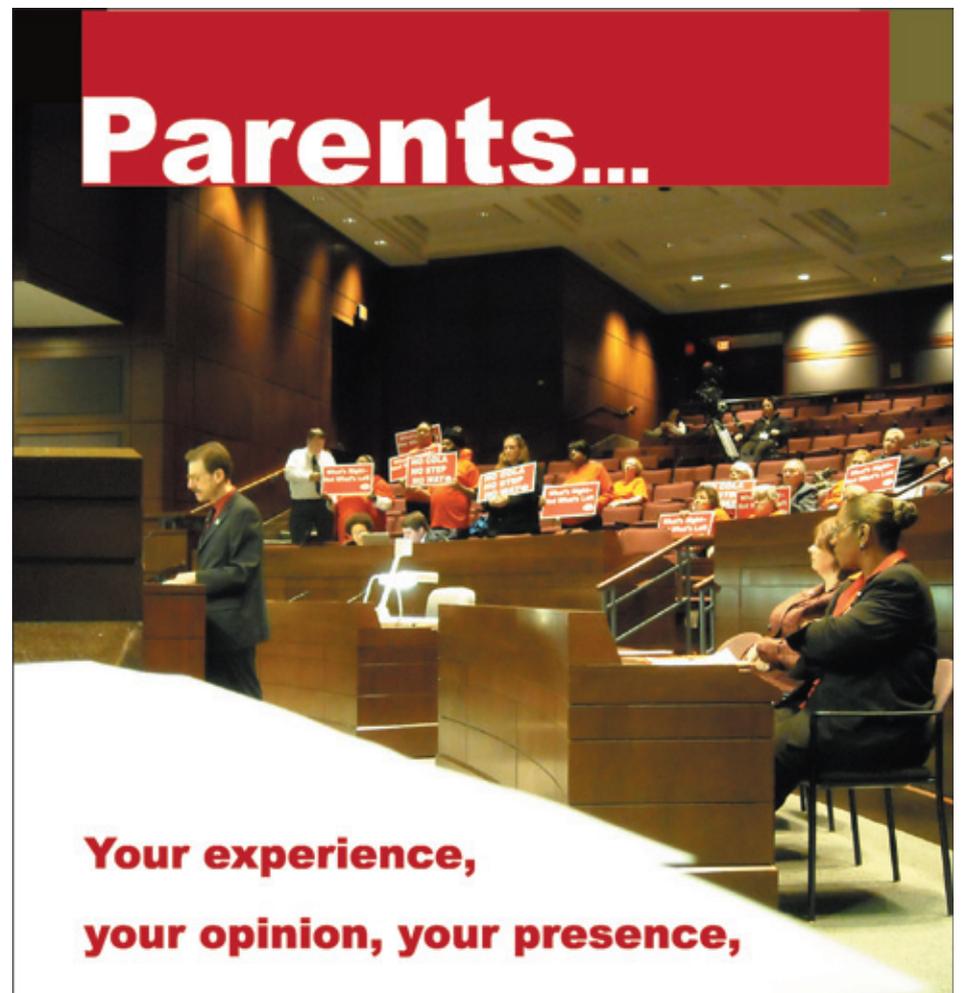
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'Fiddler' at Robinson

FROM PAGE 4

and how they'd pray, to make sure it was all accurate. And we've had to learn pronunciations foreign to most of us."

But things have progressed well and, she said, "We've become like a little village, ourselves. We've emphasized the sense of family that's so important in this play, and that's why it's got universal appeal and should resonate with the audience."

Senior Piper Hillman is both choreographer and set designer. She's pleased when all the actors learn the dance numbers "really well so they look good." She especially likes seeing them perform the song, "EChaim," because "it has the most unusual and interesting moves."

The sets include a street in Anatevka with shops, a town square and houses, plus the interior of Tevye's house and an inn. Hillman said it was difficult nailing all the old wood to the flats "because it was falling apart," but she's liked the wood's authenticity. She also "painted the floor blue around the edges for color and a dreamlike feel. It's artistic, but makes sense." And the sets' many levels, said Hillman, make them "more natural and aesthetically pleasing."

Portraying the lead character and patriarch, Tevye, is senior Eric Fischer. "He's a philosopher and sometimes dreams above what he can attain," said Fischer. "He wants to be a scholar or a rich man, but can't be. He's contemplative of the world around him and is a loving man committed to his faith. Jews are hopeful for the Messiah to come and things to get better, so he's lighthearted. He also loves his family and wants the best for them. He believes that, as long as tradition is maintained, the quilt of his town will remain complete."

Fischer's delighted with his role and believes he has the same energy and curiosity about life as Tevye. Hardest, he said, is "showing the audience how conflicted he is when he realizes he's made wrong decisions." But Fischer's happy Tevye's such a fun guy. "He's always making jokes, and it's fun to be a little crazy with him on stage."

His favorite song is "If I Were a Rich Man" because it shows Tevye at his most energetic. He also likes "Tradition" because it shows how proud Tevye is of his town. He's pleased with the show's balance between happiness and an awareness of suffering. "The background of intense poverty and oppression makes this show's humor even that much more fun," he said.

AS YENTE, senior Sarah Russell is "a typical, Jewish grandmother. She overreacts and loves to feed off the guilt of others. She complains, but is really happy being a matchmaker and the town gossip. She's my favorite character in my favorite show, so it was an honor to be cast as her."

"Coming from a Jewish family and growing up with the music, I really feel like I'm playing my own grandmother, who's a lot like Yente," said Russell. "She knows everyone in her town and is interested in their lives." Russell's favorite song is "Sabbath Prayer" because of its harmony and because "it's really heartfelt and speaks to everyone who cares about family and religion. The Sabbath prayer is about blessing the family and keeping loved ones healthy and safe."

She says the audience will appreciate Director Chip Rome's interpretation of the show as "something dif-



Sarah Russell, left, appears as Yente the matchmaker and Zach Sheldon as villager Avram.

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ferent from the movie and completely new. It's what makes our musicals here more professional and unique."

Senior Josh Berrent plays Lazar Wolf, the butcher. Tevye promised him that he could marry his eldest daughter, Tzeitel, but she refuses because she loves someone else. "His wife died and he's an old man," said Berrent. "Now he's lost and drowns himself with alcohol. It's an interesting role and I get to create his complicated background."

However, Berrent must wear a full beard and, he said, "It's hard to talk because it gets stuck in your teeth." But he likes Wolf's "big, emotional change from happy to miserable, which makes him more diverse and shows his true colors."

Portraying Tzeitel is junior Madison Auch. "She's not a rebel, but she's not afraid to stand up for what she needs to be happy," said Auch. "Her parents want her to marry Lazar Wolf, who's wealthy and can give her security, but she loves Motel, a poor tailor. So it's bold when she tells her father she wants to marry Motel. It's unheard of for the daughter to choose who'll she'll marry."

She said the cast bonded offstage so they could bond as a family on stage, and she especially likes the song, "Chavaleh," sung by Tevye as his third daughter, Chava, heads to Siberia with the man she loves. "It's a bittersweet lullaby and all three daughters dance in the background," said Auch. "It's a touching moment and shows how much this father loves his daughters."

Director Rome says the high-school audience will be hooked by the love stories, and adults will be drawn to "the life-cycle traumas of watching your children grow up and away. Yet, funny and sweet as this is, it's in a very serious context. Bigotry and anti-Semitism are still with us, and the proof is how popular the show has been across the globe, translated into many languages. It's a Jewish story, but also a very human story."



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Areen Hosein stands between Diversity Committee members Ercell Binns and Judy Baldwin.

Diversity Awards

FROM PAGE 4

For her 12th birthday party, instead of a sleepover, she served meals and handed out gifts at a homeless shelter. Among other activities, she also participates in a program in which children with disabilities are taught how to ride bicycles and swim.

"My community service has given me moments of triumph, moments of discovery, and moments of awe," said Warren, as she described the many memorable moments she has experienced while helping others.

Venkat could be recognized for several of her endeavors, but most notably, she was honored for her contributions to the Just World Festival on Feb. 27 at her school.

The event, which Venkat organized, drew students, teachers and others from across Virginia, Maryland and D.C. to celebrate various cultures. The event included food sampling, dance performances and several exhibits on things such as fair trade, nuclear arms and advocacy groups.

Each of the girls was presented with a certificate and flowers from The Flower Den, and the satisfaction and joy of being recognized for things they care about so deeply.

"I am so honored to receive such an award," Inthaly said. "I am really blessed and thankful that there are people out there who will recognize people who are trying to make the world the best it can be."

"I didn't have to be perfect academically or be a model, I just wanted to help others."

— Aleena Inthaly

Colonial Crew Cruises

The Jefferson crew team's men's varsity 4 boat finished 14 seconds ahead of its closest competition, St. Joseph's Prep, at this past weekend's St. Andrew's Regatta, an invitational race in Delaware. Jefferson rowers Nolan Pollack (Fairfax), Chris Zeng (Great Falls), Nader Al-Naji (Springfield), Dan Granados (Brambleton), as well as coxswain Ashu Goel (McLean), all pulled double duty on the day, having competed in the first varsity 8 race only a few hours earlier. This week, Jefferson returns to the Occoquan for the Al Urquia Park Regatta.

Softball Tryouts

The NoVa Blaze, a girls' travel fastpitch softball organization, will conduct a tryout for its U-16 and U-18 teams on May 3 at McLean High School from 12 to 2 p.m. For more information, visit the Blaze's Web site at www.novablaze.org.

More

The curtain rises Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 30-May 2, and Friday-Saturday, May 8-9, at 7:30 p.m. each night, in the school theater. Tickets are \$10 at the door, but it's best to order them in advance at www.robinsondrama.org.

LETTERS

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important things done. I am thankful to be trusted by my Braddock District neighbors to be their voice in the county on these important decisions. I congratulate the chairman, my fellow supervisors, county staff and the engaged citizens for all the work they put into this new budget, and I pledge to the citizens and neighborhoods of Braddock District that I will continue to pursue common sense solutions to our most pressing needs.

Supervisor John C. Cook
R-Braddock

FAITH NOTES

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration. Sunday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., at JCC of Northern Virginia 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The community is invited to come together to celebrate Israel's birthday. Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast of pancakes, eggs, juice and more. Feel the beat with Israeli dancing, join the Israeli flag parade and get creative with a community art project. Everyone welcome. Admission: \$6/adult; \$4/child; children under 2 /free. For more information, check the visit www.jccnv.org or call 703-323-0880.

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McGillicuddys Make Foes See Double

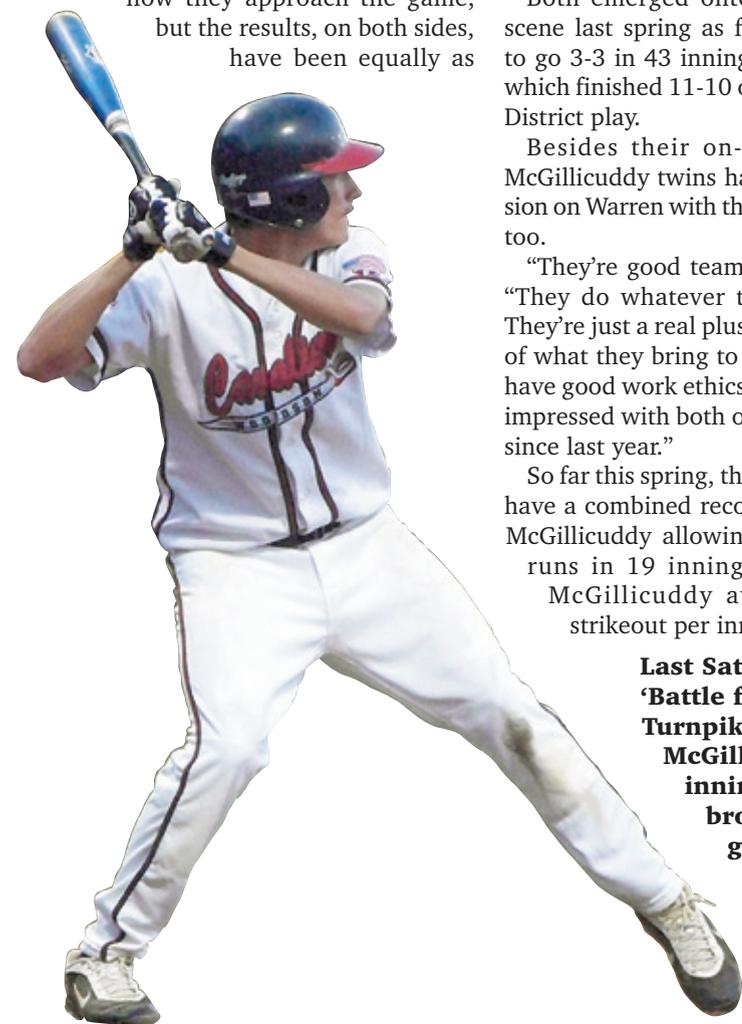
Identical twins are two of several sophomore hurlers for W.T. Woodson's baseball team.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Mom can decipher which one's which. Dad, according to his sons, constantly gets confused and makes excuses to cover his mistakes. Chris Warren, W.T. Woodson's baseball coach, is just thankful the pair have numbers on the back of their jerseys.

As it turns out, opposing hitters and pitchers are not the only ones that John and Joe McGillicuddy have tormented lately.

Identical twins that play corner infield spots and pitch for the Cavaliers, the McGillicuddy twins might be different in how they approach the game, but the results, on both sides, have been equally as



impressive.

The taller of the two with slightly broader shoulders, John McGillicuddy is a prototypical starting pitcher. His pitches aren't quite as dynamic as his brother's, but he's much better at pitching to contact, keeping his pitch counts down and enabling him to stay in games longer.

Joe McGillicuddy is a natural reliever. He pitches primarily from the stretch, with a hard, 12-to-six curveball that makes his twin brother jealous. But Joe McGillicuddy pitches for strikeouts, meaning his pitch counts tends to run a bit high.

"I think it's good because even though we're twins, we're not exactly the same on the mound," Joe McGillicuddy said.

Both emerged onto the local baseball scene last spring as freshmen, combining to go 3-3 in 43 innings for W.T. Woodson, which finished 11-10 overall, 7-7 in Liberty District play.

Besides their on-field exploits, the McGillicuddy twins have made an impression on Warren with their off-the-field work, too.

"They're good team guys," Warren said. "They do whatever they're asked to do. They're just a real plus to the team in terms of what they bring to the table. They both have good work ethics, and I've been really impressed with both of their developments since last year."

So far this spring, the McGillicuddy twins have a combined record of 2-1, with John McGillicuddy allowing only three earned runs in 19 innings of work and Joe McGillicuddy averaging almost a strikeout per inning.

Last Saturday during the 'Battle for Little River Turnpike,' John McGillicuddy's fifth-inning, two-run triple broke open a 5-3 game, helping W.T. Woodson to a 9-6 win over local rival Annandale.



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John McGillicuddy, left, is hitting .385 this season for W.T. Woodson's baseball team. His twin brother, Joe McGillicuddy, right, is battling shoulder soreness but has averaged nearly a strikeout per inning.

With W.T. Woodson taking its 7-5 record into Wednesday night's home game against Marshall — a game that ended too late for this edition — John McGillicuddy has had a greater impact this season than his brother because with right shoulder soreness, Joe McGillicuddy remains unavailable.

Not that Joe McGillicuddy hasn't been a positive influence on his brother.

On a 5-acre plot of land in Clifton, the twins immerse them-

selves in baseball. The room they share is all baseball all the time, both with conversation topics and décor. They even have their own personal batting cage out back.

After practice or if there's a game, the McGillicuddy twins will go home and talk, discussing each play, each at-bat and, really, each pitch.

"We try to critique each other, and we get straight to the point," said John McGillicuddy, who is hitting .385 this season with 10 RBIs. "If he did kind of bad, I

tell him what he needs to work on and he takes it to heart."

Both are part of a talented cadre of sophomore pitchers that also includes Bryson Hough, Tyler Wislocki and reliever Joe

Brendler, who struck out the side in his first inning of work Saturday, April 18, during a 9-6 win over Annandale.

Besides the sophomores, W.T. Woodson, as evidenced by a 7-3 up-

set win over West Springfield over spring break, has flourished offensively with a batting order comprised of more juniors and seniors. Colin Dempsey, Kirk Lewis and Connor Reilly, are all regular players who have hit over .400 on the season.

"Most of our pitching is made up of sophomores, so we're a little up and down," Warren said. "But if we can continue to improve, then hopefully we'll be one of those teams that people don't want to play at the end of the year."

"Even though we're twins, we're not exactly the same on the mound."

— Joe McGillicuddy, sophomore, W.T. Woodson High

Pakistani Players Visit Robinson

Don't be shocked if a girls' soccer team from Islamabad, Pakistan soon claims its first-ever Concorde District or Northern Region title.

On Wednesday, April 15, 14 high school-age soccer players from Pakistan visited Robinson Secondary School as part of a cultural exchange program. In

addition to a one hour clinic with Robinson's girls' soccer team, the two groups sat down and had veggie and cheese pizza for lunch.

The equivalent of a Pakistani school district official was one of the chaperones on the trip, and while at Robinson, spent considerable time discussing the regular season and playoff structure that most people, the Rams included, take for granted.

"One of the things that they're trying to do is to bring organization to the different

areas of the city," said Rams coach Jim Rike.

The group took a tour of Robinson, visiting a biology classroom that one Pakistani player said was "10 times the size as her own," while also visiting Robinson's band and choral rooms, with the girls from abroad marveling at the bounty of trophies that both groups had won.

"They could relate to the trophies because apparently their team is pretty good," Rike said.

According to Rike, the first 25 minutes of conversation centered around the cultural differences and who was or wasn't allowed to do what.

After that, it was pretty much typical high school talk, focusing on clothes, school grades and college. Both sides even promised to stay in touch via Facebook.

"It was very beneficial," Rike said of the interaction. "It was a great exchange of cultures."

WEEK IN SPORTS



PHOTO BY JASON MACKEY/THE CONNECTION

With a starting lineup beset by injuries, the Lake Braddock boys' soccer team has been helped along by senior players such as defender Tony Gai.

Rainy Days and Game Days

Lake Braddock boys' soccer plays once in 21 days, then three consecutive days.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Some aspects of the spring sports season volleyball or basketball coaches will never understand. It's not out of ignorance. It's just not likely that a volleyball match or basketball game will get rained out anytime soon.

In the spring, such occurrences, according to essentially every coach working during that time period, happen far too often. The past few days for Northern Region teams have been no exception, with buckets of rain resulting in several games getting crammed into a short period of time.

At Lake Braddock, the boys' soccer team played its second game in the past 22 days Wednesday night when it traveled to Hayfield for a Patriot District matchup that ended too late for this edition. The next two nights, Lake Braddock is scheduled to host West Potomac on Thursday and Lee on Friday.

With a 2-1 mark against district opponents before the match with Hayfield, Lake Braddock's three-game swing could jolt the Bruins to 5-1 and have them atop the district. Or, a horrendous three days could have the Bruins at 2-4 and looking up.

"You just have to deal with what comes your way," said senior Emmanuel Kassim,

a slick-footed midfielder who has made the midfield a valuable asset for Lake Braddock. "If you have two weeks off, you just have to make sure that you're ready because it's easy to get distracted and lose focus."

"You have to play every game as hard as you can because every game matters."

— Tony Gai, senior,
Lake Braddock Secondary

Classmate Tony Gai, a defender, pointed out that stretches like this can also be crucial for postseason seeding.

"You have to play every game as hard as you can because every game matters, and it all determines how we stack up in the postseason tournament," Gai said. "We need to get the best record we can to make it easier on ourselves later."

After the three-game stretch, Lake Braddock, barring more rain, will take four days off before a match next Tuesday against South County, which has surprised many with its 7-1 start to the season. If the Bruins take care of Hayfield, West Potomac

and Lee, a battle for district supremacy on April 28 could be a possibility.

The scheduling rollercoaster has been only one of several challenges for Lake Braddock this season. Between injuries, man-game losses to club soccer and the fact that the Bruins also have a couple of freshmen that have seen significant time, coach Joe Soos has not been able to roll out the same lineup twice during the course of the season.

"I think we have some pretty strong personalities on our team, and we're trying to sort through that and find the right chemistry," Soos said. "But it has certainly afforded other kids the opportunity to play."

Soos said that practice has been much more competitive because of the ever-mutating lineup and that no job is safe. Anyone can get hurt. Everyone, really, could be inserted into the game at any point.

On Tuesday afternoon, Lake Braddock practiced at South Run Park in Springfield. After a 20-minute warmup, the Bruins split off into two groups, with one set of players wearing yellow pullovers, the other sporting gray T-shirts. Every aspect of practice, whether it was a shooting drill or possession drill, was kept track of with some sort of score.

"Practice is better because nobody's spot on the team is safe," Kassim said. "Knowing that the person on the bench can take your spot at any time motivates both the person on the bench and the person on the field to play better. It's only positive to have that situation."



RECENT BIRTH

Gavin and Wendy de Windt of Arlington are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Giselle Joleigh de Windt on Jan. 21, 2009 at Virginia Hospital in Arlington. Giselle weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length at birth. Proud grandparents are Mark and Nancy Wagner of Burke, and Dana and Kathy de Windt of Palm City, Fla.

PEOPLE NOTES

The Fairfax Library Foundation has named the 2009 Friends Scholarship Fund Continuing Education awardees. They are **Renée Edwards**, Fairfax County Public Library Early Literacy Outreach Manager; **Carey Hagan**, Librarian, **Susan Ujka Larson**, Youth Services Manager and **Leslie Scully**, Assistant Page Manager from the George Mason Regional Library in Annandale; and **Andrew Pendergrass**, Branch Manager at the Patrick Henry Library in Vienna.

The Library Foundation's Friends Scholarship Fund encourages the continuing education among FCPL staff and volunteers by awarding scholarships that underwrite education outside of a formal degree program. The fund provides several full or partial scholarships twice a year ranging from \$150 to \$1,000 to support the training of individuals within the Fairfax County Public Library System.

Individuals demonstrating the potential for outstanding achievement in the library profession who are enrolled in an accredited Masters of Library Science program may apply for one of three competitive Academic scholarships awarded annually at \$3,000 and a special \$3,500 named scholarship honoring Library Director Edwin S. Clay, III. The Academic element of the Fairfax Library Foundation's Friends Scholarship Fund was established to deliver expert library services to County residents by attracting highly qualified future librarians to the Fairfax County Public Library.

Loc Doan of Burke recently won a \$50,000 college scholarship in the Virginia Lottery's Match 3 Birthday Scholarship Sweepstakes. He bought his ticket at the 7-Eleven at 7907 Rolling Road in Springfield. Doan, who works as a building engineer, said he hopes his 17-year-old son and 15-year-old daughter will be able to use this prize by going to college. The drawing was conducted March 4. The winners were drawn from more than 140,000 entries.

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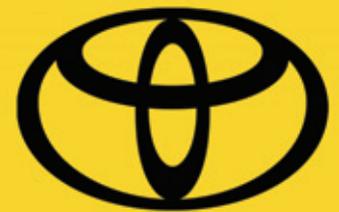
You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 18th day of May, 2009, which is forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 6th day of April, 2009.

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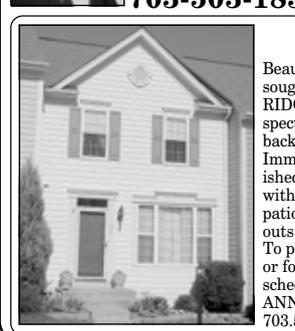
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