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Carol Ann Cunningham opens the May 19 Precious Medals Ceremony, which took place at the New Hope Church in Lorton.



Girl Scouts from different troops in the South Central Fairfax Association participate in the opening flag ceremony.

PHOTOS BY SARA RIDDLE/THE CONNECTION

And the Gold Award Goes To ...

Area Girl Scouts honored with multiple awards for their work in the community.

BY SARA RIDDLE
THE CONNECTION

Girl Scouts of all ages were honored on May 19 for earning their Bronze, Silver, Silver Trefoil and Gold Awards.

The Precious Medals Ceremony, which took place at the New Hope Church in Lorton, was the first such ceremony ever put on by the South Central Fairfax Girl Scout Association 52.

Following the quick reception with appetizers and refreshments, Carol Ann

Cunningham, Association 52 chair, welcomed everyone and handed the microphone over to fellow Girl Scouts.

"We tried to have the girls run the ceremony as much as possible," said Cunningham.

After an opening flag ceremony and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout promise, all girls receiving awards made their way to the stage to describe their service work.

"Remember to keep your descriptions to a couple of sentences or we could be here all night," joked Lauren Falkenstein, a Sil-

ver Trefoil recipient who emceed for the night.

AWARDS WERE

first presented to girls receiving their Bronze Award. In order to receive this award, girls must complete 15 hours of community service and earn two badges relating to the Bronze Award project.

For example, Troop 2887 earned their service hours making dog biscuits for the Homeless Animals Rescue Team (HART) in Fairfax Station.

The next award presented was the Silver award. Recipients of the Silver award, the highest national award for girls in sixth-

ninth grade, must complete 40 hours of community service, 15 of which must be in a leadership role.

"For my Silver Award I was a co-leader to a Brownie troop," said Nicole

Bracci, Troop 656. "I helped plan badges and taught the kids to respect their leader."

Bracci's work as a role model reflects the Girl Scout values of leadership and good

"I hope I encouraged the younger girls to stick with Girl Scouts."

— Nicole Bracci

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Time for a Change for SCSS Boosters

Booster Club for Arts to split into seven smaller groups for 2009-10 school year.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

As the fourth year of South County Secondary School winds to a close, the leaders of the Booster Club for the Arts have decided to change direction ever so slightly.

When the school year starts up in September, students will find that the club, which has operated as an umbrella organization for all artistic endeavors, has separated into smaller clubs based on

specific artistic interests.

"As a parent, it's easier to understand a one-activity booster group, like chorus boosters or band boosters, rather than a vague structural group supporting activities that are not usually related," said Loraine Goodenough, president of the Booster Club for the Arts.

Switching formats would also make it easier to recruit volunteers and raise funds "if parents know the money is staying with the group where their child participates," Goodenough said.

When the decision was made to dissolve the original group's status as a non-profit corporation, it was made clear that the BCA would not disappear altogether, said Cheryl DeVincentis, chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at the school. Instead, she urges parents and students to think of the group as adapting to meet the changing needs of the performing arts program as it matures.

"When SCSS opened, all areas of the arts needed attention and assistance," DeVincentis said. "At that point, it was ideal to have an overall parent organization, which featured sub-groups to focus on individual areas of the arts ... (so) all could pitch in to help with those initial require-

ments."

In the beginning, she said, the arts groups worked with the Athletic Boosters and the PTSA to organize golf tournaments, which allowed the BCA to raise money for wireless microphones for the theater and chorus and the glass display cases to display student artwork. Other groups were working on fundraising for trips and less expensive equipment at the same time.

"As time went on and each sub-group gained a better understanding of its mission and an increased sense of structure, the umbrella concept became cumber

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NEWS BRIEFS

Convenience Store Robbed

Fairfax County Police are looking for the person who robbed the 7-Eleven at 9804 Gunston Road, last week. The incident occurred Thursday, May 21, around 3 a.m., and the victim was the 27-year-old male cashier. According to police, a man entered the store, produced a gun and demanded money. The victim complied and no one was injured.

The suspect is described as white, around 20, with black hair. He was between 5 feet 6 inches and 6 feet tall, and 150-175 pounds. He wore a red hooded sweatshirt, a red bandana, white T-shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

AFYP Offers Web Safety Play

AFYP Stages, the new performance division of A Class Act, Acting for Young People, will offer a free, preview performance of its new production, "Sally Surfer and the Wild, Wild Web." It's slated for Sunday, May 31, at 1 p.m., in the George Mason University theater during the Mason Summer Festival. It's aimed at providing educators and PTA representatives with a preview of something that will be available for school tours, this fall.

The performance teaches families about Internet safety in a fun and entertaining way. Geared for children 8 and up, this interactive show includes puppetry and music as Sally learns about Internet safety from friends. For more information, see www.AFYPStages.org and www.MasonFestival.org.

Robinson's Shaw On ESPN

Robinson graduate Dorian Shaw will lead her University of Michigan softball team in an NCAA Women's College World Series game Thursday, May 28 against Alabama. The game will be broadcast on ESPN at 6 p.m. The Wolverines swept a Super Regional series against Baylor last week to reach the WCWS. Shaw has a school-record 14 homeruns this season and five have come in the postseason. She's also third on the team with a .597 slugging percentage. At 41-10, Michigan is ranked No. 7 in the country by the most current USA Today/NFCA Poll.

"He immediately took command ... and knew exactly what he wanted."

— Tim Wade, principal second violinist



Christopher Zimmerman, here as guest conductor of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra last month, has been named the symphony's new music director.

New Presence at Podium

Fairfax Symphony chooses Christopher Zimmerman as new music director.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

The standing ovation 1,200 patrons of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra gave guest conductor Christopher Zimmerman on May 2 garnered four curtain calls.

"He immediately took command ... and knew exactly what he wanted," said Tim Wade, principal second violinist who has performed with the orchestra for 29 years. "He knew his scores inside and out, and at the same time, he was a joy to watch — his movements, his facial expressions. His musicality is outstanding, he knows just what to say."

During the standing ovation he and the musicians received, Zimmerman recognized the efforts of each of the different sections of the orchestra.

"He showed us just how wide a spectrum of emotion and dynamics we have in our orchestra," said Jose "Pepe" Figueroa, president of the board.

Six guest conductors — chosen from 249 applicants across the globe — auditioned at the six Masterworks Concerts to be the orchestra's first new music director in 37 years.

On Wednesday, May 21, the Board of the Fairfax Symphony named Zimmerman to take the orchestra's baton.

"It's time, why not? Let's get a move-on," said Zimmerman, who will immediately begin selecting the program for the 2009-10 season, which opens Sept. 12, at George Mason University.

"You have a window of opportunity to really make a big splash," said Elizabeth Murphy, executive director.

PATRONS OF the orchestra grew last season from 1,000 to 1,200 for each concert, and ticket sales account for approximately 25 percent of the orchestra's \$1.2 million annual budget, she said.

"We're hoping, expecting, to have greater visibility and larger audiences," Murphy said.

More performances and opportunities for musicians with the orchestra to play with each other throughout the year, said Zimmerman.

Zimmerman will continue obligations to conduct the Hartt Symphony in Connecticut, where he has been since 1999 as well as the Fairfax Symphony this upcoming year. Zimmerman, who has won the National Opera Association's first prize for conducting operas, plans to move to Fairfax County with his wife and two teenage children after the 2009-10 season.

"In order to really make a difference, I need to be there," he said.

The orchestra, with more than 95 musi-

'Music for the Soul'

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra named Christopher Zimmerman as its new music director last week after an innovative season when six finalists from a pool of 249 applicants auditioned as guest conductors.

Zimmerman takes the podium Sept. 12, 2009 to begin the orchestra's 53rd season.

"If you have been selected to be the conductor, this is the time you're the most popular. Strike while the iron is hot," said Zimmerman, a London native who made his professional conducting debut in 1985 with the Royal Philharmonic.

"I want to give people music that is entertaining, but music that is food for thought, food for their heart and soul. It has to be more than toe-tapping."

Visit www.fairfaxsymphony.org or call 703-563-1990 to order tickets, \$25 and up (\$15 for students), for the 2009-2010 season.

Performances take place at George Mason University, Concert Hall of the Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive in Fairfax.

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cians, is funded in part by Fairfax County, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

"There is a whole cache of us who can't wait for him to appear. We could not be more excited," said Wade.

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Booster Clubs Reorganize

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some," DeVincentis said.

When school starts up again in the fall, the new organizations will fall under the heading of Booster Clubs for the Arts and will consist of a handful of smaller, genre-specific groups: orchestra, chorus and theater arts will have their own chapters, following in the footsteps of the school's band, which broke off to support itself last year. Additionally, less formal groups will be built for TV, guitar and visual arts students.

"Since each group will have more autonomy, it will be able to more efficiently serve the needs of its arts," DeVincentis said. "Theater, for example, is looking forward to create an online ticket purchasing site for its productions. This was something we could not do under the old format."

Goodenough is enthusiastic about the new format.

"If we end up with more volunteers and more funds, either paying members or donations, then the students will benefit," she said. "By next fall, all seven fine and performing arts groups will be able to accept tax-deductible donations, since four will be 501(c)3 corporations and the others are funded through accounts within the school."

Parents may be more inclined to volunteer their time or give a donation if they know the money is going directly to their child's activities, she said.

The new structure is more in line with other schools in the area that have booster clubs for individual activities instead of one over-arching organization that supports activities school-wide.

Breaking up into smaller groups is possible now because the groups have a better sense of identity and have become comfortable in their roles, said Mary Beth Cole, BCA vice president.

"I think, in most ways, the change in structure will either be transparent to students, or they will recognize the benefits of the new structure. ... The autonomy provides the individual groups the opportunity to set up systems or structures to meet their needs," she said.

Cole, who has a child starting at South County in the fall and a senior on the way out this spring, is looking forward to seeing how the changes play out.

"I am happy that there will still be a group of officers who will meet next year throughout the year to continue to support arts at South County and to provide some of the unity amongst the arts," she said.



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PEOPLE



Sixth-graders from Lorton Station Elementary School's GT Center participating in the National History Day competition on Saturday, March 7.

GT Students Snare History Awards

Students from Lorton Station Elementary's GT Center took part in the Saturday, March 7 National History Day competition at George Mason University. The sixth-graders brought home multiple awards for history-themed projects, Web sites and performances. Several of the award winners went on to the State Competition in Williamsburg on April 25. Margaret Hanscom and Laurie Hartt were the advisors for the projects. Below is a list of the Lorton Station projects that won awards at the competition:

- ❖ Junior Division, Individual Documentary
First Place: "Clara Barton: One Woman Helping Millions," by Katelynn Sparks

- Second Place: "Thomas Jefferson: Pioneering American Paleontology" by Will Fairbanks

- ❖ Junior Division: Individual Exhibit
Honorable Mention: "George Mason and the Patriot Act: Two Bitter Enemies" by Matthew Keitelman
- ❖ Junior Group Exhibit

- First Place: "Clara Barton: A Woman's Impact, Healing the Wounds," by Agnes Kwak and Michelle Hong.

- ❖ Junior Individual Performance
First Place: "Alexander Hamilton's National Bank: Meeting the Needs Then and Now," by Meghan Dupue
Second Place: "John Adams: The XYZ Affair," by Ed Fortunato.



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Francine and Mike Mohr of the Mason Neck Lions Club plant a seedling.

Volunteers Plant Hardwood Trees At Meadowood on Mason Neck

Volunteers planted 68 native hardwood tree and shrub seedlings and installed plastic tubes and wooden stakes to protect the young seedlings from wildlife browsing. The planting is designed to help prevent soil erosion along a swale in a meadow where stormwater runoff is eroding a gully.

BLM's Meadowood Special Management staffer Jinx Fox supervised the planting project and provided the planting tools. Fairfax ReLeaf donated the tree seedlings and planting supplies. The Mason Neck Lions Club donated refreshments, bottled water and soft drinks. Each participant will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for their contribution towards environmental stewardship.

The Mason Neck Lions Club was recognized with the 2009 Friends of Trees award for organizing a number of tree planting projects on Mason Neck and the Mount Vernon District. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) presented the award to the Mason Neck Lions Club at the Annual Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 25 at the NOVA Annandale Campus.



Tree planting volunteers include Jinx Fox, Faith Campbell, Chris Schreiner, Lions Mike and Francis Mohr, Dick Kennedy and Joe Chudzik and Andrea Nygren.



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Sixth Graders Receive History Lesson at Pamplin Park

Sixth graders from Clifton Elementary visit the Pamplin Park National Museum of the Civil War Soldier on April 23.

Send People Notes and photos to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459.

Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

NEWS

Girl Scouts Honored

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character.

"I hope I encouraged the younger girls to stick with Girl Scouts," said Bracci.

Similar to the Silver Award, the Silver Trefoil focuses solely on community service. Girls receiving this award must complete 25 government hours, 25 international hours and 50 Girl Scout community service hours, 10 of which must be to the council.

Out of 97 girls receiving this award throughout the country, six girls from South Central Fairfax were honored at the ceremony: Jordan Vinson, Lauren Falkenstein, Stephanie Enright, Rachel Brittenham, Meredith Leigh Gower-Anderson and Nicole Gray.

The final and most prominent award of the night was the Gold award, the highest national award for girls in 10th-12th grade. In order to be recognized for this award, girls must complete 65 hours of community service, earn the 4Bs challenge award charm (become, belong, believe and build), the career award charm and the leadership award charm.

Twelve Girl Scouts from South Central Fairfax were recognized for this achievement. Girls receiving their Gold awards were Autumn Dougherty, Erica Fairbanks, Megan Hoel, Katie Saalbach, Sandra Fulton, Rebecca Vaughn, Haley Ferrante, Christina Sullivan, Megan Talley, Laura Umberger, Emily Pehrsson and Jacqueline Vaiana.

Rebecca Vaughn, one of the Gold award recipients, made 200 activity kits for children admitted for long periods of time at Potomac Hospital. The kits included spin tops, homemade coloring books, crayons donated by Glory Days and bravery badges.

"I love kids and I wanted to do something for them," said Vaughn, Troop 5002.

Whether it was volunteering at a nursing home, making sandwiches for the homeless or helping to create a cleaner and safer environment, all girls being recognized proved to be great leaders in their communities. "Making a difference in the community was more important than anything," said Vaughn.

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Anthony Applewhite Earns Eagle Award at 13

Anthony Applewhite of Fairfax is an eighth grader at Rocky Run Middle School in Chantilly. Earning Eagle Scout at only two months past his 13th birthday, Anthony is one of the youngest Eagle Scouts across the country in the 100-year history of the Boy Scouts of America. To qualify, he had to design, plan and lead a group of people in executing an Eagle Scout Service Project, a service project that benefits the community.

Anthony's project installed picnic tables and benches and designed a picnic area for The Kings Chapel in Clifton and the school that would be using the church facilities during the weekdays as well.

Eagle projects in general also teach boys about planning a large project, budgeting and fund raising, managing and leading people, and even planning for emergencies and contingencies. In addition to the project at the church that was completed efficiently, Anthony was able to donate almost a dozen bags of food he received as donations or purchased to the Embury Rucker Community Shelter in Reston.

ANTHONY started in scouting as a Cub Scout in Brussels, Belgium when his mother was stationed as active duty military at NATO HQ and he continued in Cub Scouts

and Webelos when his family relocated with the military to Northern Virginia. He was recognized last spring for his leadership and service in his Boy Scout Troop and in the community with membership into the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of Scouting.

Anthony is an honor roll student who plans a career in science, math, and technology. He'd like to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after high school and become a game designer/programmer and a neurosurgeon, maybe playing professional soccer along the way. He has an extensive resume already that includes having captained Odyssey of the Mind creative problem solving teams and the Safety Patrol at Willow Springs Elementary School in the past. He plays travel soccer



Anthony Applewhite of Fairfax leads volunteers as part of his Eagle Scout Service Project, installing picnic tables and benches at The Kings Chapel in Clifton.

and the violin, and in his free time he likes to build or invent things as well as play strategy board or card games and all sorts of computer and electronic games.

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BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

More than 160 voices will be raised in song when Westfield High's entire choral department, accompanied by a professional orchestra, performs Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem in D Minor, Opus 48."

It will do so next Wednesday, June 3, at 7 p.m., at Pender United Methodist Church, 12401 Alder Woods Drive, in Fair Oaks (off Route 50). Tickets are \$6 at the door or at www.westfieldhschoral.org.

"Since the beginning of the 20th century, Gabriel Fauré's 'Requiem' has become one of the most beloved works in the choral masterwork repertoire," said Choral Director Jessica Lardin. "It is an elegant and astonishingly beautiful work that has captivated both amateur and professional musicians."

"Fauré was the most prominent French composer of both sacred and secular music," said Lardin. "He's known in the solo vocal world for bringing the French 'chanson,' song, to the height of its artistic beauty through his compositions intimately linking poetry with innovative musical composition."

This masterwork concert is a funeral mass written during the Romantic time period and contains seven movements with several songs. Singing it will be the Westfield Chorale, Chamber Singers, Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus.

The two soloists are junior Carey Jarosik and senior Alex Kruszewski. A baritone, Kruszewski has solos within the second and sixth movements. The second movement, "The Offertory," mimics Gregorian chanting. The sixth movement, titled "Libera Me," is a famous, baritone solo in the vocal-music world.

"It's saying, 'Deliver us from the fires of hell so we may be in heaven,'" said Kruszewski. "It's like a plea, and I express the power of the request and also show the vulnerability of a soul in that state."

Besides his choral experience, Kruszewski brings to his performance his talents as an actor in Westfield

theater, including knowing how to create a character. And as a trained singer, he's thrilled to do the major works in choir. As a freshman, he sang in "The Messiah" and, in his sophomore year, he performed in "The Mass in G."

Now, said Kruszewski, "I'm happy I get to close out my high-school career with two solos in Fauré's 'Requiem.' I have such a strong love for music that choir helps me broaden my musical ability and has been a conduit for creative expression. And being a senior going off into the collegiate world, I find it interesting that this is a death mass that ends in heaven. It's like artistic serendipity, and I like these beautiful moments when life is happening through art."

Jarosik's solo is the fourth movement, "Pie Jesu," and she describes it as slow and beautiful, with "a pretty harp part accompanying it." Often sung by itself at funerals, she said it "can be really touching."

A soprano, she said this song also has "cool dynamics, going from really quiet at the beginning to kind of loud and back down again at the end." However, taking breaths while singing it can be challenging. "When you're singing in a group of 100 people, it doesn't matter," said Jarosik. But because it's a solo, I can't breathe in the middle of a word."

However, since she's trained as a soloist, she's delighted to sing a solo within a choral setting. Said Jarosik: "I have a big appreciation for this type of classical, romantic music, so I'm really excited about it."

Classmate Samantha Harris, an alto, called it "a great opportunity because there aren't many places to sing something this long. It sounds like it should be for an adult choir, but doing it in high school makes us feel important — and we sound awesome." She especially likes the third movement, "Sanctus," because "it sounds different than the others. It's peaceful and has pretty harmonies; the others are intense and loud."

Senior Romae Kelly also sings alto, and her favorite movement is "Libera Me" because of Kruszewski's solo and how "the choir comes in afterward and mimics what he's done." Since it's all sung in Latin, she said the pronunciation can be tough. But she, too, is happy to sing this work in high school because "it's an upper-level thing. So it's challenging and helps us be better musicians."

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I Love You More Than Rainbows. 10:30 a.m. at the Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Songs, stories and a craft with children's author Susan Crites. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-339-7385.

Days of the New. 7:30 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Burn the Fields, Johnny 3 Legs, Ocean End, Sonic Defiance and Shankmin. \$15/advance, \$18/day of show. Call 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT.

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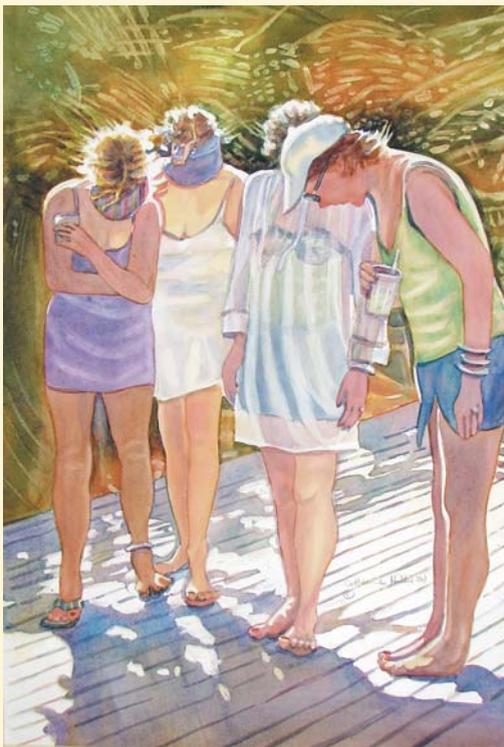
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Adventure. 4:30 p.m. at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person. Reservations required. Paddle trip with interval training and endurance. General good health required. Must be 18 or older. Kayak experience necessary. 703-339-6104.

Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) is conducting community hours from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Hayfield Giant Store in the Hayfield Shopping Center, 7558 Telegraph Ave. Franconia-area residents have a chance to speak to their representative in Richmond, ask questions about state government, and share their concerns.

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Exhibition 'Reform,' with a panel discussion from 2-3:30 p.m., artist's reception at 4 p.m. and a juror's talk at 4:30 p.m., at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way in Lorton. Free. The exhibition will remain open at the Workhouse Arts Center through June 27. 703-584-2900 or www.washingtonsculptors.org. Authors Peter and Helen Evans, 1-

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SUNDAY/MAY 31

Cardboard Boat Regatta, at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Boat judging

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Paddle Adventure-Evening Tour. 4-7 p.m. at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person or group rate. Reservations required. No experience necessary. 703-339-6104.

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MONDAY/JUNE 1

Kingstowne in Stitches. 7 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Spend an evening in the company of other needleworkers. Adults. 703-339-4610.

TUESDAY/JUNE 2

Picnic Pals. 11:30 a.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bring lunch for an afternoon of stories and movies. Birth-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 4

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Daytime Book Discussion Group. 12 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II. Adults. 703-339-4610.

Comedy Night at Jaxx with Justin Kincaid and Friends. 8 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. \$5. 703-569-5940

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Threat Signal, G19, Cab Ride Home, Kysmet and Murder the Element. 6 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. \$12 in advance, \$14 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

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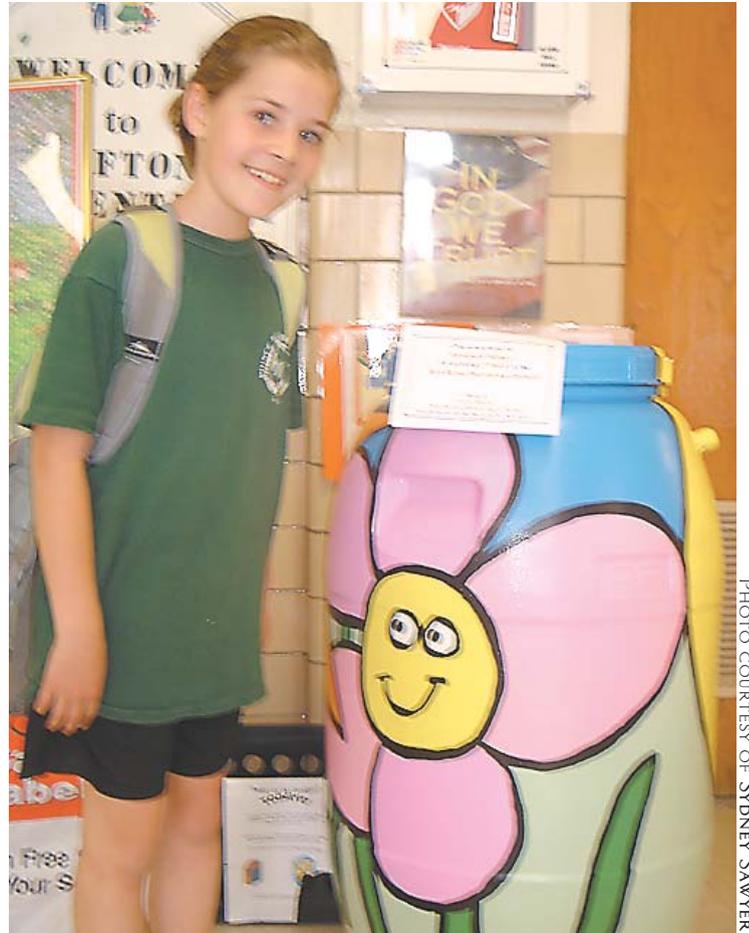


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Robinson Track Keeps It Fresh

Anchored by speedster Genamarie McCant, freshman foursome claims region title.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

One was missing. As Robinson freshmen Molly Kulbaski, Genamarie McCant and Liz Roberson laid on the ground facing each other, off in the distance near the high-jump pit last Friday at the Northern Region outdoor track and field championship meet, the fourth member of their crew was nowhere to be found.

Chioma Onyekwere is the fourth and missing member of the group, which figures to find much less anonymity than it did at Lake Braddock Secondary School this night, where the foursome would later claim victory in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3 minutes, 59.39 seconds.

"It gives us a cool trait, and we have four more years to run better than that," Kulbaski said.

"I didn't even notice we were all freshmen until people started pointing it out," said Roberson.

The group's time was a little more than five seconds slower than the meet-record mark of 3:54.01, held by Hayfield's relay team from 1987. With the fact that Kulbaski, McCant, Roberson and Onyekwere figure to spend three more years together running the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, the Virginia High School League might be altering its records sooner rather than later.

"I think it's really fun that we have an all-

freshmen team," McCant said. "If you look toward the future, we could be a really good team when we're seniors and even sophomores. It's really good to look forward to."

AT THE center of the group's success is McCant, the anchor leg who had a breakout winter during the indoor season. There, she won Northern Region titles in both the 300 (40.93) and 500 (1:14.49) dashes while also anchoring the Rams' region title-winning 4x200 relay team, which finished in 1:45.70.

A week after the region meet, McCant won a Virginia AAA state title in the 500 (1:15.15) and her relay team disbanded for the spring. With fellow relay members Jensen Smith, Ali Heck

and Audrey Barry all committed to play soccer, McCant was counted upon to lead Robinson's youth infusion at the sprint events.

"That's just kind of the way it worked out," said Rams coach Jeremy Workman. "With what we have on the sprint side, we're real young and talented there. People had to step up and fill the void, and it was kind of exciting to do that. It bodes well for the future."

At the outdoor region meet, Robinson surprised many by finishing second with 44.50 points. Though Lake Braddock won its seventh consecutive region title with

"I didn't even notice we were all freshmen until people started pointing it out."

— **Liz Roberson, freshman, Robinson Secondary**

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PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Genamarie McCant won the 400-meter dash at last Friday's Northern Region outdoor track and field championships. She also anchored the Rams' first-place 4x400 relay team.

Bruins Soar to Victory in Outdoor Track Meet

Lake Braddock girls' team claims another Northern Region outdoor track title.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

One-by-one they came, each wielding a hurdle or two from the track at Lake Braddock Secondary School on Friday, May 22, as preparation began for the 800-meter run. Back-and-forth those members of the Lake Braddock girls' outdoor track and field team went until every hurdle was stacked neatly

in the far corner of the infield near the pole-vaulting area.

At one point during the cleanup process, Becca Sinichko's second-place long jump mark of 17 feet, 7 inches was announced over the stadium's public-address system, prompting the hurdle-carriers to stop working and let out a collective shout of celebration.

Though Sinichko scored 26 points, plenty of her teammates assisted with the heavy lifting too, as Lake Braddock won its sev-

enth straight Northern Region title by scoring 105.50 points, which was 61 more than second-place Robinson. It was the first time since 2001 — two years before the current streak started — that the Bruins topped the century mark.

"No way I could've guessed that ahead of time," said coach Mike Mangan, whose team scored in every event except for the long jump and the 3,200. "We hit on all cylinders on the track."

While guessing the point-scorers on last

year's Lake Braddock team had all the allure of predicting a sunrise, with Melanie Akwule (Georgia Tech), Chantal Ingram and Zoie Seay dominating most

events, this year's contributions were a bit more widespread.

"This year's group doesn't set any limitations on

themselves," said Mangan, whose

"I don't think I've ever been so excited."

— **Becca Sinichko, sophomore, Lake Braddock Secondary**

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SPORTS



PHOTO BY JASON MACKEY/THE CONNECTION

With a 10-9 win over Chantilly last Wednesday, May 20, the Robinson girls' lacrosse team won its fifth Northern Region championship.

That Familiar Matchup

Robinson girls' lacrosse tops Chantilly in region final, awaits state meet.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

For members of the Robinson girls' lacrosse team, playing in big games has sort of become an expected rite of passage. Since a Northern Region champion was first crowned in 1993, Robinson had hoisted four trophies prior to last Wednesday's date with Chantilly, and the Rams reached the Virginia AAA state title game against Oakton in 2006.

But playing in big games against rival Chantilly has become something different. It's become a habit.

"It's one of those things where you play a team so many times that you learn so much about each other," said Robinson Coach Alison Neun. "Chantilly is an excellent team, and they have a lot of options."

WHAT NEUN learned is that her team tends to play well against the Chargers, a point proved by the Rams' 10-9 win last week at South County Secondary School. It was also Robinson's third big-game win over Chantilly in the past two years. In the past two

Concorde District title games, Neun's team has staged late comebacks to steal a pair of victories from the heavily favored Chargers.

After facing a three-goal deficit with 8 minutes, 55 seconds left in the second half last Wednesday, Robinson rallied to tie the game at nine at the 4:07 mark. From there, freshman Katie McHugh scored her first and only goal of the game, pushing Robinson ahead to stay with a little more than a minute remaining.

McHugh, throughout the course of the season, has developed a friendship with senior Megan Dunleavy, who said that she sees a lot of herself in the youngster. During last year's district final, Dunleavy scored as the final buzzer sounded to produce an emotional 15-14 win. This year, it was McHugh's turn.

"I'm just trying to follow in her footsteps," McHugh said. "Last year, she scored the winning goal against Chantilly, and this year it was me."

Robinson improved to 16-3 this season with the win over Chantilly and will face the Northwest Region's third-seeded team on Saturday.

Since the Virginia High School League first recognized a lacrosse champion back in 2006, a Northern Region school has played for the title every single season. That means a rematch with Chantilly is much more likely.

"You know it's going to be a battle," Neun said. "It's probably going to come down to the final minute."

"You play a team so many times that you learn so much about each other."

— Alison Neun, coach,
Robinson Secondary

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Nearly 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 680 more have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "Danny really had a heart of gold," said his mother. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him."

2Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. He graduated from West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Intelligence branch.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

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

Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

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

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help



U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger's headstone at Arlington National Cemetery.

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injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities, including during Memorial Day weekend.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005.

Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

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

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105.50 points, Workman wasn't exactly complaining with the job his team did replacing the likes of Smith, Heck and Barry.

"We lost a lot of firepower from the indoor season, and we were kinda concentrating less on the team and more on individual performances," Workman said. "As the meet unfolded, we saw that we were in the hunt, so I guess there's something to be said for getting those individual performances. ... They add up."

Before the 400 dash, McCant has a routine. If possible, she'll drift off into her own part of the stadium and focus on how she'd prefer those 55 seconds to unfold. Conversely, before either of the two relays, McCant likes to surround herself with Kulbalski, Roberson and Onyekwere, with each trying to upstage the next in excitement.

With a clear head, McCant took to the track for the 400 dash. A week ago at the Concorde District championship meet, McCant raced Roberson to the district title, beating her out with a personal-best mark of 56.68. Roberson, meanwhile, clocked a 1:01.43.

At the region meet, McCant started strong, pulling ahead of Lake Braddock's Becca Sinichko before Sinichko pulled even halfway through. From there, McCant exploded and nearly missed the meet record of 55.15, set by Lake Braddock's Cathron Birge in 1985. McCant's time was 55.19.

"It's very impressive for a freshman to be running

those times," Workman said. "She's a tremendous talent, and she's been a good team player all season. So that's exciting to see. The sky is the limit for her."

McCant lets it roll off of her back. Yes, she has fun running. Yes, she wants to win. No, she doesn't let it go to her head. While she's busy making a name for herself on the track, McCant is content just lying on the ground and goofing off with her relay team.

"I'm just trying to stay humble," McCant said. "I'm not really a person to brag a lot. I just try to keep everything in perspective and to keep having goals."

IN OTHER ACTION, Robinson's Kelly Kavanaugh claimed second in the 1,600 with her time of 5:08.84. Loren Dyer of South County finished third in the 200 dash at 25.96 and third in the 400 dash at 56.97. With 22 points, the South County girls' team finished 14th. To read more about the Lake Braddock girls' team's seventh straight region title, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

South County's Ronald Johnson took second in the 400 dash (50.15), while teammate Brian Allen captured second in the 800 run (1:56.28) for the Stallions, which recorded 43 points and placed third. The team's 4x400 relay took second at 3:21.49 as well. Robinson's Joey Muzzio took third in the high jump with his mark of 6 feet, 6 inches.

For Hayfield, Tyler Sturgill took third in the shot put (50-09 1/4) and second in the discus (157-06), while Elbert Maxwell placed second in the high jump at 6-07. With 46.83 points, Hayfield's boys' team was sixth. South Lakes won the meet with 75.50.

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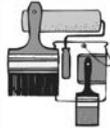
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With a leap of 10 feet, 3 inches, Lake Braddock's Becca Shoemaker captured the pole vault title. 'We have so much depth. ... Everyone can contribute in a lot of different things,' she says.

Bruins Win Region Title

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team will compete next at this weekend's Virginia AAA state championship meet at Todd Stadium in Newport News. "They've just gone after it. We've had a couple nice additions that's for sure."

Mangan had a message for senior Becca Shoemaker in between pole vault attempts, and Shoemaker wasn't sure whether he was serious or just messing around. As it turned out, Mangan wasn't but it did make for a pretty good laugh.

"It was really nerve-racking," Shoemaker said. "Mangan came up to me and said, 'If you get first, we'll win the meet. But if you don't, then we won't.' I was like, 'Oh.'"

Shoemaker did win, obtaining a personal-best mark of 10-03. She was one of four first-place finishers for Lake Braddock, including Sinichko's first-place 200 dash time of 25.08, Liana Epstein's 1,600 mark of 5:08.35 and a record-setting performance by the 4x800 relay team of Kelly Hagan, Casey Lardner, Taylor Moore and Epstein.

The foursome clocked a lightning-fast mark of 9:11.52, breaking both school and meet records. The time also ranks as the fastest time in the state this spring and the fifth-best mark in the entire country.

"Starting with Kelly [Hagan], our first leg, we just all built off of each other's excitement and it was fun to watch your teammates moving up, going into first," Moore said. "That just sort of snowballed. We really wanted it."

SINICHKO HARDLY did anything last Tuesday or Wednesday. Dealing with foot pain that was brought on by a set of orthotics which was needed to correct a previous problem with her arches, Sinichko's feet were sore and she needed some rest.

On Thursday and Friday, Sinichko said her feet were pain-free and it showed. In addition

to winning the 200 dash and placing second in the long jump, Sinichko grabbed second in the 400 dash with a time of 55.78.

That, of course, follows the Patriot District championship meet on May 13-14 when Sinichko won the long jump and both the 200 and 400 dashes, further proving that she's peaking at the perfect time of the season.

"I'm definitely at the best point that I've ever been at," Sinichko said. "I thought that it would at least take another week, but I'm really excited. I don't think I've ever been so excited."

Sinichko's times are now second in Lake Braddock's record books to Cathron Birge in the 200 and 400, but it's another long-time Bruin who Mangan drew from last Friday as the typical, encased medals were passed around to celebrate the region title — his predecessor, Bob Digby, who coached at Lake Braddock from 1985-2005.

"If they're handing out trophies, I'll take one," Mangan said, paraphrasing Digby. "We'll take all of 'em."

IN OTHER ACTION, Robinson's Joey Muzzio was third in the boys' high jump at 6-06, while Lake Braddock's Matt Hoogland finished second in the pole vault at 14-00. Robinson's Genamarie McCant won the 400 dash in 55.19, while her teammate, Kelly Kavanaugh was second in the 1,600 at 5:08.84. For more on the Robinson girls' team's second-place finish, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Lake Braddock's girls' 4x400 relay team placed second behind Robinson with a time of 4:02.03, while Megan Bumgarner took third in the 100 hurdles (15.78) and second in the 300 hurdles (47.42). Lardner finished third in the 1,600 with a time of 5:09.50, and West Springfield's Paige Kvartunas took second in the 3,200 at 11:10.16.

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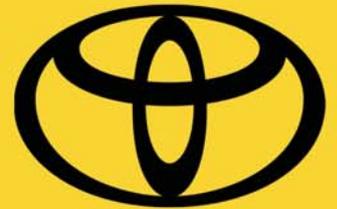
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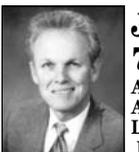
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