

Cast-Off Casings

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Barrels of empty casings can be found at the Fairfax County
Firearms Range in Chantilly. Fairfax County Police hosted a
tactical police competition on Saturday, June 20.

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VDOT Suspends HOT Lanes Work

Contractor cited for environmental violations.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Virginia Department of Transportation halted construction in three out of four "areas" of the Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll [HOT] Lanes project June 22 after a contractor failed to comply with environmental regulations.

Residents and environmental advocates have documented the failure of fences that are supposed to prevent sediment from running into Accotink Creek and other watersheds after rainfall.

Contractor Capital Beltway Express LLC is responsible for ensuring sediment control precautions are in place, according to a June 19 letter written by Larry Cloyd, senior project manager for the state transportation department.

Photographs taken by environmentalists show that many of the existing fences have been overwhelmed consistently during rainstorms over the last nine months.

A Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation inspection also determined that "[Capital Beltway Express] had not taken the necessary action to ensure environmental compliance," according to Cloyd's letter.

"When visiting these sites, I saw the sediment structures were failing consistently. They will get washed out and water and soil end up getting washed into the local tributary and washed into Accotink Creek," said Kris Unger, an Arlington County resident who works with several local environmental groups. Unger took many of the pictures that document the fence failures.

The presence of additional run off raises the water temperature and "kills off crit-

ters" in Accotink Creek. It also further erodes the creek banks, which can cause trees around the creek to topple, said Duane Murphy, a Burke resident and coordinator of Friends of Accotink.

"The reason the Chesapeake Bay is not doing well is because of actions like this," said Murphy.

The additional sediment from the construction project could also end up costing Fairfax County taxpayers money.

Lake Accotink has to be dredged approximately once every 10 years because a large amount of silt — the equivalent of a busload — runs into the lake every month normally. The last dredging, which took place recently, cost the county about \$8 million, said Murphy.

If the appropriate sediment controls are

not put in place around the HOT lanes project, even more sediment will flow into Lake Accotink and it will have to be dredged sooner than normal, said Murphy.

Murphy said he also believes that the flooding of Braddock Road and Route 236 by Accotink Creek that occurred last September — and shut down parts of both corridors — might be related to

increased run off from the HOT Lanes project.

Even with the sediment fences, the tree removal associated with the HOT Lanes caused the amount of run off into the creek to increase, said Murphy.

On June 12, the Virginia transportation

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— Kris Unger

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Nathan Dally skates for Fairfax Surf Shop. This was Skate Fest's third year and Dally has competed all three years.



Cori Kipps competed in the 19+ division of the third annual Skate Fest Competition.



The Silas Burke House.

Historic Home Changing Hands

Owners put historic Silas Burke House on the market.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Once a bustling center for travelers seeking shelter for the night and a meeting place for some of the day's most well known civic leaders, the Silas Burke House became a historic landmark as the years passed.

Nearly 200 years after the first brick was laid, the hallways are quiet and the driveway is almost always empty. Now, a for sale sign stands in front.

Built in 1825, the Silas Burke House is a capsule of Fairfax County history, as the builder is none other than the man whom the area is

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Grabbing Air at Wakefield

Two-day Skate Fest 2009 comes to Wakefield Park.

Skateboarders converged on the Wakefield Skate Park last Friday and Saturday to take part in Skate Fest 2009. The multi-age event helped

to raise \$5,000 for the Children's Hospital National Medical Center.

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

Former Congressman Davis In Obama Administration?

Fairfax County's former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) says he is happy at his current job as director of government services at Deloitte LLP. He does not anticipate leaving the private sector any time soon.

A handful of news outlets have reported that the Obama administration is considering Davis as a "leading candidate" for the newly created position of cybersecurity czar.

"I think it is unlikely at this point," said Davis.

The former congressman would not comment on whether he had been approached by the Obama administration about taking the cybersecurity czar position.

"I appreciate being mentioned," he said.

Davis, who served 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, hinted that he would consider working as a political appointee at some point.

"I am taking sabbatical right now. ... I won't rule it out in the future but I am giving my mind a rest. I like having my weekends free," he said.

Davis has a significant amount of experience when it comes to intersection of the high tech industry and government.

In Congress, Davis oversaw a subcommittee on technology and procurement policy and sponsored technology-related legislation. He was also co-chair of the Information Technology Work Group, which promoted better understanding of computer and technology issues among members of Congress.

Back-to-School Support Needed

Our Daily Bread is launching its annual Back to School program to ensure that Fairfax County area children start the school year off with their best foot forward. On average, it costs \$40 per child to purchase all the required supplies. Donors can help by "adopting" a child or a family of children to provide school supplies for the upcoming academic year, or by donating designated funds to ODB to purchase gift cards that will help families obtain necessary supplies.

Lisa Whetzel, Our Daily Bread's Executive Director, said, "In 2008, we raised \$4,224 and assisted 242 children — 117 of whom were 'adopted.' We are very proud of the fact that we were able to serve 100 more children last year than in 2007. In the past year, we have seen a 70 percent increase in requests for food assistance and a steep rise in demand for emergency financial assistance. This leads us to believe there will be even greater need this year for school supply assistance."

The Back to School program serves the children of Our Daily Bread's clients. Those interested in adopting a child or children or donating to the Back to School program may call 703-273-8829, e-mail info@ODBfairfax.org, or visit www.our-daily-bread.org.

Sober Ride on Fourth of July

More than 40 percent of traffic deaths on Independence Day are alcohol related. Here in Northern Virginia, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer a "SoberRide" program to help keep possible drunk drivers off the road.

Most people celebrating the Fourth of July will make plans to celebrate at home, to celebrate without alcohol or to have a designated driver in place when it is time to get home.

But for those who find themselves without an alternative, WRAP will offer a free taxi ride home, so there is no excuse for driving under the influence.

For 12 hours beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 and continuing until 4 a.m. on July 5, residents may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$ 50 fare), safe way home.

Last year, more than 160 people in the area made use of the service.

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Kyle, Justin and Ryan take their oath as Eagle Scouts.

Siblings Soar as Eagles

Three brothers earn Eagle Awards in Burke troop.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

After a decade of building character, learning life's lessons and serving others, it was finally time for the Sackett-Restivo brothers to get their due. Standing in front of a capacity crowd that included family, friends and even a state delegate, Kyle, Justin and Ryan got just that as they were honored for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Kyle Sackett and Justin and Ryan Restivo, three brothers from Fairfax, reached the summit of their Scout careers and were recognized collectively at a ceremony at Woods Community Center June 21. Though each of them was proud of their accomplishments, perhaps no one was more proud than the man who shares the same roof with them, their father, who also doubles scoutmaster.

"As a scoutmaster, it's icing on the cake," Tom Sackett said. "I see boys getting Eagle all the time, and his time, it was my boys."

All three of the young men joined the scouting ranks as Cub Scouts in first grade and became Boy Scouts in fifth grade. As they worked their way up through the classes and ranks of Troop 1345 in Burke, it was clear to each of them that the goal was to become an Eagle Scout and nothing less. Though they each took different paths, they accomplished their mission.

Kyle spent about a year total to complete the requirements for the rank of Eagle, which include occupying a leadership position in their troop for at least six months, attaining 12 specific merit badges and completing an Eagle Leadership Service Project. For his service project, Kyle contacted Reston Inter-

faith to see if they were in need of any mass donations, and though he initially proposed a book drive, it became a winter clothing drive. In total, the drive collected 538 winter items for the homeless.

"It was cool [to reach Eagle] because not many people get Eagle Scout," Kyle said. "Showing the younger kids what they can achieve feels pretty good."

Justin achieved the rank in approximately two years, and lent a hand to the Burke Center Conservancy for his service project. He put GPS markers on all of the bridges in the area so that if a maintenance or call came at one of them, authorities could locate the bridge easier. Along with his twin brother Ryan, he graduated from Robinson Secondary School June 16 and plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College with Ryan then transfer to George Mason and study criminal justice.

Ryan, like his brother, spent nearly two years attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Ryan volunteered for the Burke Conservancy as well, marking all 48 playgrounds in the area with GPS tags. Moving forward, he plans to be an assistant scoutmaster so that he can provide the same mentoring and support to younger scouts that he received when he was their age.

"It's a good environment for boys to grow in," he said. "I got to do things I would have never been able to do as a teenager in the Scouts."

In addition to the adulation they received from the audience, Del. David Marsden (D-41) presented the boys with flags that had flown over the U.S. Capitol Building. He also gave them special pins commemorating the day. Though these things were appreciated, none of them could compare to the pride felt.

"They worked very hard and it was a family affair all the way," Tom Sackett said.

"It was a family affair all the way."

— Tom Sackett, father and scoutmaster

Burke Home For Sale

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in is named after. According to the Braddock District History Commissioner Mary Lipsey, Silas Burke was a noted entrepreneur and consummate jack-of-all trades. Serving the people of the county in several capacities, Burke was responsible for the rapid growth of the area, making it the place the community knows it as today.

"It's an important landmark for the community," Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said. "It's a property of significant historical value."

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According to Lipsey, the home's historical value lies in the fact that the land it is situated on was responsible for a transportation revolution in Fairfax County. In the late 1840s, the Orange and Alexandria Railroad line was given permission by the Virginia General Assembly to build the line, the train would have to pass through what is now known as Burke to be

built.

Burke, then an honorary lieutenant colonel in the Virginia State Militia, in addition to his duties as a county sheriff, justice of the peace and director of the Fairfax Turnpike Company, agreed to give his land and persuaded fellow neighbors to do the same so that the railroad could be built. Soon thereafter, Burke Station was built, and the railroad was completed.

"Bringing in the Orange and Alexandria Railroad really put Burke on the map," Lipsey said. "Farmers no longer had to go into Alexandria or Occoquan to sell their goods."

After Burke died of a stroke in 1854, the home was purchased by the Copperthite Family, who in the late 1800s and early 1900s turned it into a race track complete with jousting competitions, baseball games and a grandstand. In 1925, Williams and Nellie Simpson purchased the home and it still remains with a descendant of their family today.

That descendant, Suzy Neal, owns the house with her husband Tom. Wanting to retire and move from their home in Chantilly, they realized that retirement would not be possible if they still had to pay for upkeep of the home. So, they decided to put it on the market with the Nellis Group at Remax Allegiance about a month ago.

The 3,284-square-foot home sitting on a 5-acre plot is currently listed for \$1.3 million, and though money would most likely end up being the mitigating factor, the Neals would like to see the home be purchased by someone who recognizes and appreciates the historical significance of the property. Preferably, the Neals would like that to be the county, so they can be sure that the property would still be standing once the deed changes hands.

"We're hoping that the county can give us an offer that we can live with, and they can live with," Tom Neal said. "We'd love to see the house preserved and have someone move in who will make improvements to it."

With many people in the area sharing the Neal's sentiment, a push has begun to preserve to house in any way possible. Herrity, along with Lipsey, is currently exploring ways to keep the home standing, which include everything from buying the development rights to working with the Neals to find a buyer who wants to preserve it. Herrity noted that between being unaware of the home being put up for sale until it actually happened and the budget constraints of a tough fiscal year, this goal, while admirable, could be difficult to accomplish.

"I don't want to sell it, but I need to," Suzy Neal said. "So, I want to see it in good hands."

Interested in a Piece of History?

For more information on the Silas Burke House, contact the Nellis Group by phone at 703-503-4375 or e-mail at Vicki@Nellisgroup.com.

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OPINION

Top Ten Secrets

To long, happy, useful,
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This is a month filled with graduations and graduation messages. Last month the speech for graduates at my daughter's Earlham College struck me as one of the best. Here, squeezed to less than 20 percent of its original, are excerpts from the Baccalaureate address by Chuck Yates, professor of history.

—MARY KIMM

NUMBER TEN: Figure out what you like to do and then find someone who'll pay you to do it. But don't go where the money is good; go where the work is good, where the good comes from the difference the work makes in your life and the lives of others.

NUMBER NINE: Get to know the locals. Remember: they live here; they know how the system works here; they know who the movers and shakers are. The locals are your neighbors. The locals are your community. The locals are your lifeline.

NUMBER EIGHT: Ask for directions. You might as well get used to the idea that you're going to get lost now and then. So ask for directions. There's no shame in not knowing the way.

NUMBER SEVEN: "To thine own self be true." ... And when you mess things up, be the first one to step up, and own up, and do what you can to fix what you broke.

And forgive — always forgive. Forgiveness is not about letting the other person off the hook; it's not about the other person at all. It's

about you, about the kind of person you want to be, about how you define yourself as a moral agent. And forgive yourself when you trip over your own feet and fall flat on your face.

NUMBER SIX: Know what you think, but more important, know why you think it. What you believe is nobody's business but your own, but the rub is that belief guides behavior, so knowing why you think what you think is a precondition for knowing why you do what you do.

NUMBER FIVE: Remember that other people want you to take them just as seriously as you want them to take you. If you don't understand your opponent's position well enough to make your own persuasive defense of it, at a minimum that probably means you haven't been paying attention.

NUMBER FOUR: Take care of yourself. Hold it in your heart that taking care of yourself is not the same thing as being selfish. ... And there's this one other thing that's absolutely essential if you want to do your best job of taking care of yourself: never take yourself too seriously.

NUMBER THREE: Remember that most of the time, most of it isn't going to make much sense to you. But that doesn't mean it doesn't make sense. Most of us spend a lot of time and energy trying to make the math come out even. The trouble is, the only place where the math

comes out even is in math.

NUMBER TWO: Keep your scriptures handy. We all need scriptures. What's good about scriptures is that they put us in touch with the wisdom of others who've gone a lot farther down the road than we have. The scripture I rely on most frequently is very simple, and goes like this: "God, grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

NUMBER ONE: Love. Paul told the Corinthians, there are three things that last forever. They work together — faith, hope, and love — each one woven through the other two into a fabric that never tears, never wears out, and always gives warmth and shelter. But love, Paul said, love is the main thing.

SO HERE I am, telling you to love. Love yourselves. Love each other. Love this magical mysterious heart-breaker of a world we live in. Love it for what it can become. But love it for what it is too. If you choose love, you create a center of gravity for yourself that will help you stay balanced no matter what happens.

Yate's address ended with a crowd-pleasing round of the Beatles' "All You Need Is Love." For the full address, see www.earlham.edu/documents/pdf/baccalaureate/2009address.pdf

EDITORIAL

Thanks Mom And Dad

To the Editor:

I have a teenage daughter who graduated from Robinson Secondary School on June 16. I have enjoyed her teenage years thoroughly and can honestly say I would relive every moment of them again without a moments hesitation. She'll be heading off to Christopher Newport University in August, and I'm very happy for her and the future she has ahead of her. She has made us very proud.

The other morning she surprised me with the best present I'll ever receive. It is just two pieces of lined paper but on those pages are the most beautiful words I'll ever read. My 18-year old has written her dad and I a thank you letter for the last 18 years of her life.

This is a sincere, honest, beautiful letter written from a young person's heart. In it you can hear the anxiety she has about going off into her new world, but feel the grounding she has to succeed.

Thank you for listening and I hope you enjoy her letter as much as I do.

Bernice Wonderly
Fairfax

To Mom and Dad :

Thank you for being the best parents ever. Thank you for always getting me good presents. :)

Thank you for driving me to school in the morning so I wouldn't have to take the bus.

Thank you for driving me everywhere.

Thank you for picking me up from school when I was sick.

Thanks for putting up with my anxiety when I was little.

Thank you for coaching my soccer team (and coming to watch) even though we sucked.

Thank you for sitting in the emergency room with me when I had kidney stones and then going to get me treats later.

Thank you for always giving me money when I needed it.

Thanks for losing all your hair cause I cried too much. :)

Thank you for having me, and giving me food and a house and stuff.

Thank you for trusting me and always supporting me.

Thank you for getting a third car so I could drive it.

Thank you for taking us on fun vacations and letting Chase come too.

Thank you for letting me paint my room.



Elizabeth Wonderly

Thank you for starting a plan when I was little to pay for tuition for college so I would be able to go, even though it was hard.

Thank you for not being uptight and letting me go out when I want and staying up late for me.

Thank you for not getting mad when I wake you up every night to tell you I'm home.

Thank you for working hard and having good jobs so we have everything we need.

Thank you for trusting me and letting me go to beach week.

Thank you for always listening even when I talked a lot.

Thank you for always being understanding and not getting mad at me for anything.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for letting me get the prom dress I want even though it's a lot ... sorry.

Thank you for moving to a good neighborhood with a good school.

Thank you for letting me "express myself" by dying my hair blue, pink, and red. :o)

Thank you for going to bjs every weekend and getting yummy food.

Thank you for doing the yard work and making Jackson help,

not me.

Thank you for taking us on fun day trips over the summer so we would have fun, even if we got lost in D.C.

Thank you for making me feel better when I didn't make the soccer team.

Thank you for trying to teach us good table manners.

Thank you for teaching me not to worry about the little things.

Thank you for always telling me that things are never as bad as they seem.

Thank you for being good parents and role models. I hope I can be as good of parents as you are and teach my kids all that you have taught me. I'm sorry for all the mean things I've ever said and done. I love you a lot, a lot, a lot, a lot. I will miss you next year at college but don't worry I will still call a lot and wake you up in the middle of the night to make sure the bump on my head is not cancer. And come home all the time, especially to see the doggies. Just kidding — ish. Thanks again for being the best parents ever and you're welcome for being an angel child :).

Love,
Your amazing daughter

Elizabeth :)

P.S. thanks for all the other things you've done that I can't remember.

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HOT Lanes Suspended

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department warned Capital Beltway Express that it needed to take care of the environmental violations by June 17, when the state performed another inspection of the construction site. The company did not comply so the Commonwealth decided to suspend work on the project, wrote Cloyd in the letter to the contractor.

Capital Beltway Express will be able to resume work when they put appropriate environmental measures in place and pass a state inspection scheduled for two weeks from June 22, wrote Cloyd.

McLean resident Frank Crandall said the contractor should potentially be held responsible for much more. "They could be in big trouble," Crandall said, citing "perfectly reasonable grounds to ... make them clean up the mess that has already happened." Crandall has been a member of Fairfax County's Environmental Quality Advisory Council for over a decade.

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Rams' Sutey Receives Band Scholarship

Scholarship commemorates two former Robinson band directors.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Two past band directors at Robinson Secondary School, Jim Lunsford and Jack Behrend, are helping pave the way for 2009 graduate Jack Sutey to continue with his music education in college. At the school's June 1 band awards banquet, Sutey, 18, received the third annual Lunsford/Behrend Scholarship established in their names by their former students.

"It was a surprise," said Sutey, of his \$1,500 award. "The other candidates were extremely qualified and great kids. I was really honored to get such an award from people who really care about Robinson band, 30 years after they've graduated."

Several band alumni from the 1970s, including Centreville's Craig Dykstra, attended the banquet, and Dykstra explained the scholarship's origins. "Jim Lunsford, the

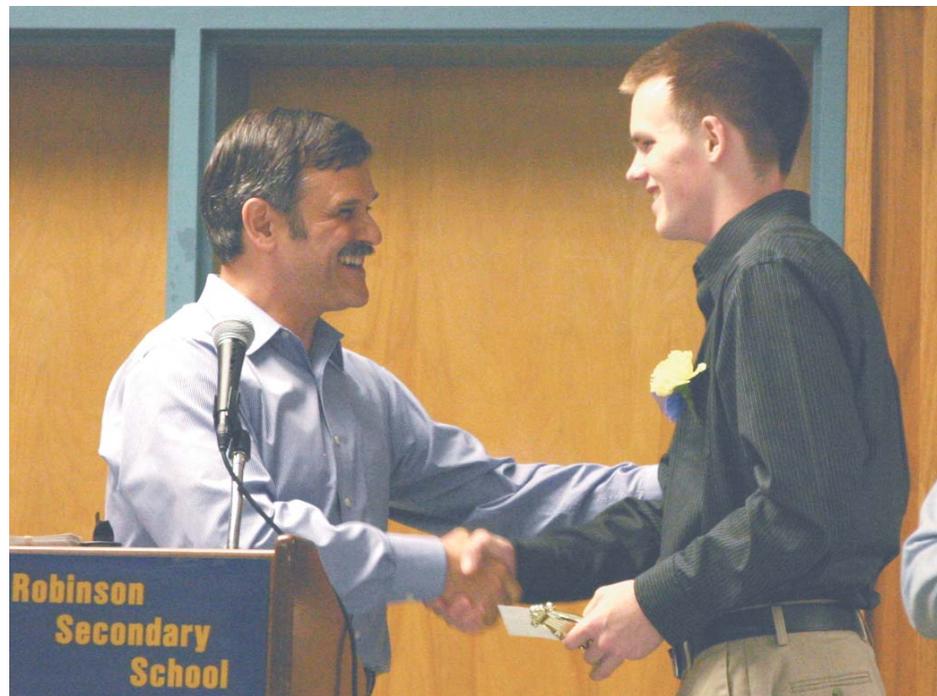


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John Oyhenart presents the scholarship to Jack Sutey.

band director when I was at Robinson, passed away somewhat suddenly in 2005," said Dykstra. "At his funeral, I ran into many old friends and someone said we should try to get together in a less-somber setting. Considering what an impact band membership had on us back in high school, it

seemed like a great idea."

In summer 2006, Dykstra hosted about 100 old band and band-related friends at his house for a multi-year reunion in Lunsford's memory. "At that event, several folks raised the idea of establishing a scholarship fund in Jim's memory and in memory

"We always knew he was going to rise to the top."

— Denny Stokes, Robinson Band director

of his co-director at the time, Jack Behrend, [who died in 1986], and the Lunsford/Behrend Scholarship Fund was born," said Dykstra. "This was our third scholarship, and we continue to try to grow the foundation to be better able to support graduating Robinson band students."

Lunsford's widow, Jan, former choral director at Centreville High, is one of the judges who selected Sutey. "I think it's wonderful," she said. "Jim would be so proud. He and Mr. Behrend started the band program at Robinson, and current band director Denny Stokes named the music hall there for Jim — Lunsford Hall. I feel like the scholarship honors excellence in instrumental musicianship and the striving for comradeship within the band."

Stokes said Sutey hung around the band room when his two older sisters were members, and he's performed all six years at

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THURSDAY/JUNE 25

Cox Movies Under the Moon.

"Twilight." Field opens at 6:30 p.m. and movie starts at 8:30 p.m. Free. Van Dyck Park, 3730 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Picnic Time at the Farm. 10:30 a.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories and activities about picnics and farm animals. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-644-7333.

The One Man Band. 2:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Clap your hands and sing along as Peter McCory plays all your favorite instruments. All ages. 703-293-6227.

MidiEast presents Turn Off The Radio with DIA + FRAYZ. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Cox Movies Under the Moon.

"Boomerang Cartoons." Field opens at 6:30 p.m. and movie starts at 8:30 p.m. Free. Van Dyck Park, 3730 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Riverdance. 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$20-\$70. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Spectacular Science. 10:30 a.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Indoor fireworks, bubbling potions and more. Age 6-12. 703-249-1520.

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"The Dark Knight." Field opens at 6:30 p.m. and movie starts at 8:30 p.m. Free. Van Dyck Park, 3730 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Riverdance. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$20-\$70. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. 703-978-5600.

Remembering 1882. 3 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The traveling exhibit "Remembering 1882." 703-644-7333.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 28

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Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 6 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Adults. 703-644-7333.

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Whether competition or camaraderie, swim season makes everyone smile.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Four years ago, when he lived in Sacramento, Calif., Sam Holcomb, 11, would attend weekly swim practices, a “clean-up” he called it, or something that was required to iron out the fundamentals of each stroke.

But Holcomb’s father, employed by the federal government, soon took a job transfer that brought the family to Burke and Sam Holcomb to Old Keene Mill Swim and Racquet Club, a Division 12 team in the Northern Virginia Swim League.

It’s been a welcomed change, Holcomb said, on Saturday, June 20 while watching his friends and teammates swim against Springboard, a team from Springfield that Old Keene Mill eventually dropped a close decision to, 210-190.

“I had practices, but I didn’t have any meets. It was nothing like this,” Holcomb said. “This is a chance to see how fast you are against other people. It’s kind of like a big, competitive race.”

That it is. Several big, competitive races happen every weekend throughout June and July, with approximately 15,000 children split off into 102 teams. From there, a predetermined formula separates the teams into 17 divisions in order to promote competition and fairness.

But most of the NVSLs appeal comes from



The Old Keene Mill swim team cheers on its members during a meet with Springboard for the opening of the Northern Virginia Swim League season on Saturday, June 20.

what happens when swimmers are not in the water. An athletic opportunity in which a 6-year-old and an 18-year-old co-exist is something rare. However, it’s not uncommon to see youngsters at NVSL meets trailing their older counterparts, necks craning and eyes fixated.

As a freshman on the Lake Braddock swim and dive team this past season, Alessandra Troncoso spent the evening of Feb. 8 in a dark, not-so-quiet Lee District RECenter, screaming at the top of her lungs anything that would give her team a competitive edge over West Springfield — the Bruins’ biggest rival.

At that Patriot District championship meet, Troncoso scored 32 points for her team and swam on two first-place relay teams. Her in-the-pool success was certainly welcomed, but what occurs every summer is just as special of a place in Troncoso’s heart.

At Old Keene Mill, Troncoso spent part of the meet against Springboard stationed by herself opposite the starting blocks, close enough to coach the team’s younger swimmers and cheer them on. Of course, she had a little fun, too. Troncoso also sported a pair of pink, oversized sunglasses that as part of a weekly dress-up theme.

“At Lake Braddock, it’s all about competitive swimming,” Troncoso said. “Here you get to enjoy being with your friends. It’s low-key, and there’s not as much pressure. You can have fun.”

For some, fun didn’t require a single stroke or flip-turn. West Springfield graduate Matt Weinberg donned a full headdress for the Orange Hunt Sharks’ meet against Mansion House. Before Saturday’s rainstorm erupted, Weinberg tried dancing around Orange Hunt to prevent the down-pour.

Weinberg can no longer compete for Orange Hunt because he’s too old. He just finished his freshman year at Boise State and claims that he wouldn’t have missed this meet for anything. In addition to the typical season-opening activities, Orange Hunt was also dedicating this meet and its season to longtime Shark, Beth Bryan.

In addition to serving as a coach, timer and meet official, Bryan was one of Orange Hunt’s most vocal supporters. Stricken with melanoma, she passed away on April 17.

It’s people like Bryan, Weinberg said, that can make an activity such as summer swim so special.



Lake Braddock’s Alessandra Troncoso, left, swims for her high school team and for Old Keene Mill. Both are fun, Troncoso says, but the familial atmosphere of the Northern Virginia Swim League is what makes the summer special.

WEEK IN SPORTS

Flyers Flying Once More

After winning the 2008 Northern Virginia Swim League Division 2 championship, the Fairfax Station Flyers returned to Division 1 competition on Saturday, June 20 with a 226-176 win over Vienna Aquatic. Winning freestyle events for the Flyers were Faith Lowery, Roman Lowery, Andrew Pascual, Molly Rowland and Alex Saffran. Winning backstroke events were Theresa Boyd, Roman Lowery, Saffran and Robbie Munch. First-place finishers in the breaststroke were Faith Lowery, Bailey Williams, Katie Munch and Ricky Munch. Finishing out the individual events, Pascual, Rowland, Cory Hansen, Katie Munch and Maggie Rodgers won butterfly events.

Ram Runners and Jumpers Rock

Several local athletes competed at the USA Track and Field Potomac Valley Junior Olympic Championships this past weekend at Prince George’s County Sports and Learning Complex in Landover. Their goal was to advance past this meet to compete in the Region III meet, held at the same venue. Those who make it past the Region III meet will compete at the national meet in Greensboro, N.C. this July. To qualify once for the Region III meet is remarkable, but Robinson’s Genamarie McCant did so four times. She took first in the 400-meter dash, second in the 200 and her team placed first in the 4x400 meter relay and third in the 4x100. Also coming out of Robinson, Joey Muzzio took first place in the high jump. Muzzio’s younger sister, Maria Muzzio, competed in the midget age group (11- and 12-year-olds), qualifying in the high jump, long jump and turbo javelin. Muzzio’s high jump mark (6 feet, 4 3/4 inches) and McCant’s 400 time of 57.51 seconds both set meet records, as did the 4x400’s mark of 3:53.02.

Hoops Camp

The West Springfield boys’ basketball program is offering three weeks of basketball camp this summer. An offensive camp takes place on June 29-July 2, from 1-4 p.m. and two, full weeks of camp are offered on July 6-10 and July 20-24., from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost of the offensive camp will be \$100, while the full weeks in July will cost \$150 each. For more, visit www.spartansports.org. or call 703-913-3874 or 571-236-0006.

CAMPS & SCHOOLS

Sutey Receives Scholarship

FROM PAGE 8

Robinson. "We always knew he was going to rise to the top," said Stokes. "He was band president this year and first-chair bassoon. He was also in the orchestra, plays French horn in our second advanced band and was voted by his peers as the Most Advanced Brass Player in that band and that's his secondary instrument."

Sutey's been in All-State and All-District band but, besides that, said Stokes, "He's a delightful young man, gracious and intelligent. People pay attention to what he says. He leads by example and is a person of great character." When he received the scholarship at the band banquet, he got a standing ovation.

The scholarship's components include academics, participation, musicianship, leadership and an essay, and Stokes said he was "pleased, but not surprised," that Sutey won it. "A lot of awards have come his way, as well they should," said Stokes.

For his scholarship essay, he had to write about how music has affected his life so far and how it would continue doing so.

"I wrote about a specific performance I'd given on our spring trip, my freshman year," he said. "We were playing a really difficult program and the music was especially challenging. Yet it was really inspiring to see how far the band had come, and it showed us what we were capable of."

Sutey also learned more than music from Stokes. "He's shown us that you can get what you want in

life, as long as you're willing to work hard for it," said Sutey. "So he's always pushed us to higher standards and higher levels of perfection."

A member of the National Honor Society, the teen will attend the University of North Texas in the fall "because they have one of the best music programs in the country," he said. He'll major in music education, with emphasis in bassoon performance. "My ultimate career goal is to perform, but teaching is also a possibility," said Sutey.

HE AND his parents, Pam and Bill, live in Burke Centre. His father is retired from the Army, and both of Jack's siblings followed in his footsteps and are on active duty with the Army. Beth graduated from West Point in 2007, and Ellen did so in May. Jack marched to a different drummer but, said his mom, "He's really worked hard, all the way through high school, and concentrated on his music and we're definitely proud of him."

In announcing Sutey as the scholarship winner, band alumnus and scholarship-fund president John Oyhenart said Lunsford and Behrend taught their students about "teamwork, leadership and the art of making great music. We hope the scholarship we created in their honor helps carry that tradition forward in future generations of Robinson musicians."

Contributions to the nonprofit, Lunsford/Behrend Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible, and it's hoped that additional donations will make it self-perpetuating. For more information or to donate, see www.lunsfordbehrend.org.

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Officer William Dempster from the D.C. Metropolitan Police auto theft division takes part in Saturday's competition.



Ed Jacovino from West Hartford Connecticut competes at the NRA Tactical Police Competition hosted by the Fairfax County Police Department.



Officer Shane Sheng of the Montgomery County Police completes a scenario in which an officer starts out on the ground, as if injured.

Police Tactics

Officers from around region compete in Fairfax tactical shooting event.

On Saturday, June 20, Fairfax County Police played host to a tactical police competition at the Fairfax County Firearms Range in Chantilly. Officers from around the Metropolitan D.C. area faced challenges that included firing from different shooting positions, making tactical decisions while traversing a course, using cover and moving around visual barriers, all while balancing accuracy and speed.

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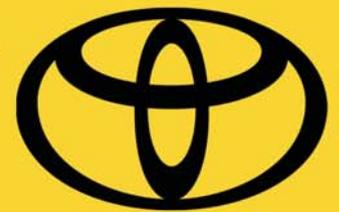
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