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Neal Weston shares a dance with his daughter Amelia at Saturday night's Father - Daughter Dance at Old Town Hall.

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'Marking' Their Territory

Blenheim House to join Virginia Civil War Trail program.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Graffiti is typically a civic nuisance, requiring thousands of tax dollars each year to scrub off buildings. However, when the artists are Civil War soldiers and the artwork is original and untouched, historical markers are installed and the medium becomes a landmark, just like the historic Blenheim House.

The Blenheim House, covered upstairs and down in signatures, writings and drawings by Union soldiers during the Civil War, joined the Civil War Trails program Tuesday, June 23, which places markers at historically significant locations.

"The markers really drive people to the sites because the logo is so well-known," said Dr. Christopher Martin, Historic Resources Director for the City of Fairfax. "To be included in the program is quite an honor."

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LOCATED ON Old Lee Highway, the Blenheim House was owned by the Willcoxon family home, who built it just two years before the Civil War began. After the war broke out, Union Gen. George McClellan ordered troops to investigate fortifications left behind by the Confederate Army. After entering Fairfax County, they discovered the house and quickly took up residence there, without concern for the family or

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PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION
Jason Shaffer and Dr. Christopher Martin position the marker before the concrete is poured.

Making Sense of Dollars and Cents

Junior Achievement is building a 'mini city' at Frost Middle School in Fairfax.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Teens generally don't concern themselves with the monthly costs of water and power bills, rent or mortgages. So they're often shocked by the bills they have to pay once they're grown and on their own.

But now, Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area, in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools and Capital One Financial Corp., is building a state-of-the-art, financial-literacy center on the Frost Middle School campus. Called Junior Achievement Finance Park, this 20,000-square-foot facility will teach money management to some 14,000 eighth-graders annually.

"It's an experiential learning center housing a mini city," said Ed Grenier, president and CEO, Junior Achievement of the Na-

tional Capital Area. "We put students through a simulation showing them how to build a personal budget as adults."

The project, which also includes a 150-seat auditorium and a conference room, broke ground June 11. Building cost, including furnishings and computers, is nearly \$4

"They realize how much money they'll need to live and pay their bills."

— Ed Grenier, Junior Achievement

million, with Capital One contributing \$2.5 million. Construction should begin in July, with opening anticipated in February 2010, and Frost Principal Marti Jackson can hardly wait.

"It's going to be a great opportunity, not

only for our kids, but others," she said. "Beyond the impact for the eighth-grade students, it'll be a wonderful facility for community use. The program will probably run from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., so there's an opportunity for afternoon and evening activities, and I see a lot of potential."

Attendees at the groundbreaking ceremony included Del. David Bulova, (D-37), county schools Superintendent Jack Dale and Frost Student Council President James Joo. Speaking to the crowd, Joo talked about the challenges his parents face in managing their own budget and said it gave him a better appreciation of how difficult it can be.

"It's never too early to teach that to children," said Jackson. "Financial literacy is already embedded in eighth-grade math and social studies, but this will bring it to life for them because they'll get to spend the day in this mini town, actually applying what they've learned in their classes."

The facility will include 18 storefronts, each representing a budget line: Water and

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Three Months For Bruce

Judge passes sentence in case of setting fire maliciously.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Little Rocky Run's Alexander Bruce received three months in jail for his part in the torching of a vehicle in Fair Oaks. He must also pay his share of the \$35,664 restitution owed to the victim.

Bruce, 20; Brian Fletcher, 19, of Centreville; and Michael Mirch, 19, of no fixed address were the culprits. Now two of them have been sentenced for setting a fire maliciously and the third will receive his punishment in August.

"It was a very dangerous situation, what these three people did," said

"This defendant could have been facing a homicide conviction."

— Judge Randy Bellows,
Fairfax County Circuit Court

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Katie Swart at Bruce's May 22 sentencing in Fairfax County Circuit Court. "The car erupted, and the potential for harm — and the harm that happened — was astronomical." She also noted that Bruce tested positive for marijuana while out on bond and has "a new arrest for DWI — which doesn't bode well for him."

The crime happened on Oct. 3, 2008 to a blue, 2004 Honda CS-2000 parked on Runabout Lane in the Carriage Park community. The car belonged to a woman who lived on a nearby street and was driven primarily by her son. Neighbors awoke to an explosion, just before 6 a.m., and discovered the vehicle fully engulfed in flames, which spread to and destroyed two other vehicles parked nearby.

After an investigation, the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office

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WEEK IN FAIRFAX

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.

Prescription Fraud Is Charged

City of Fairfax Police have charged a 38-year-old Fairfax woman with three counts of prescription fraud as the result of the investigation of a June 5 incident. She is Julysan Gonzales of the 4100 block of Morrisons Way.

On June 10, the manager of the CVS pharmacy at 11003 Lee Highway reported that, on June 5, a woman presented three prescriptions to be filled and was given two of them. However, when the pharmacist called the doctor regarding the third prescription, it was learned that the doctor had not written any of the three prescriptions and that her prescription pad had been stolen.

Police arrested Gonzales on June 11, charging her with three counts of obtaining drugs by fraud. She was released from the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center on \$4,500 bond.

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.

NEWS



The chicken dance was a hit at the princess-themed dance.

Daddy's Little Darling

Fathers and their daughters share a dance together on Father's Day eve.



Rich and Abbie Stombres cut up the dance floor at the Father - Daughter dance hosted by Fairfax City Parks at Old Town Hall on Saturday, June 20.



Neal Weston helps his daughter Amelia pick out beads for her craft at the dance.



The theme for this year's Father - Daughter dance was princesses.

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NEWS

SoberRide 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.

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OPINION

Top Ten Secrets

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

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

LETTERS 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.



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**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,

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 Beatle's "All You Need Is Love." For the full address, see www.earlham.edu/documents/pdf/baccalaureate/2009address.pdf

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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COLLEGE

Fairfax residents **Mallery Monroe** and **John Petty** have graduated cum laude from James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

Bridget Mead of Fairfax is part of a team from Virginia Tech's Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering in the College of Engineering to have reached the finals in the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration/ sented the judges and a larger audience at the SME meeting.

Sarah Freeborne Brinton of Fairfax has been named to the fall 2008 dean's list with distinction at Duke University in Durham, N.C. Brinton is a a

3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

The following students from Fairfax enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester: **Samuel C. Robinson, Matthew J. Schrettner, Christine E. Snopak, Christina R. Tammaro, Diana P. Tong, Yvonne C. Yee, Colleen T. Ackermann, James R. Adams, Luis A. Apaestegui, Bryan Aviles, Matthew L. Baer, Kara N. Batt, Matthew J. Beckett, Sandra F. Bloom, Matthew A. Brosnan, William C. Cang, Ming J. Chen, Samuel S. Choi and Naomi A. Dam.** To qualify for the dean's list, stu-

dents must attempt at least 12 credit hours graded on the A-F option and earn a 3.4 grade point average.

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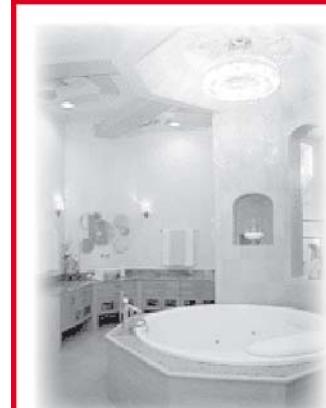
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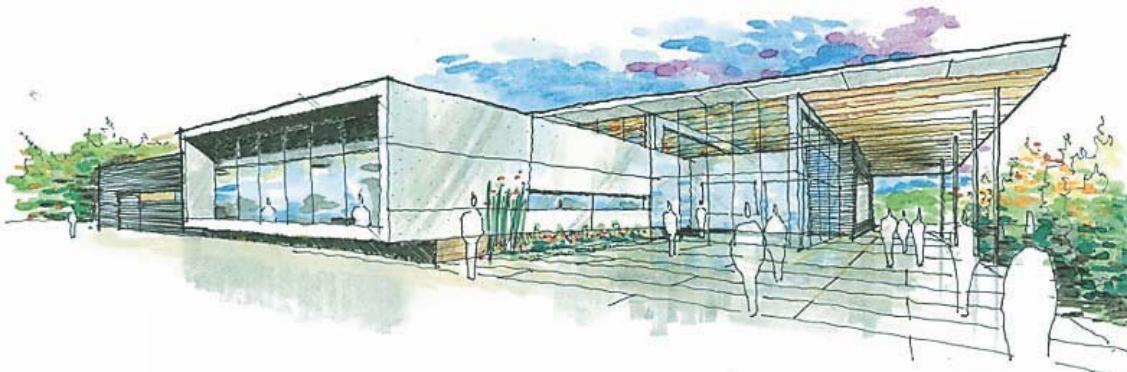
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An artist's rendering of the Junior Achievement Finance Park.

Financial Center Comes to Frost

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sewer; electricity/power; telephone/Internet; fixed transportation expenses, such as car payments and insurance; and variable transportation expenses, such as gas, oil and repairs. Others include health, medical and dental insurance; clothing; home improvements; recreation; eating out; and savings.

"It's about the context of all these things fitting together," said Grenier. "The students will be 'adults' for a day, given a name, marital status, number of children and annual salary. And they'll determine their net, monthly income and, eventually, their taxes."

At each shop, the computer will generate five options for them. For example, if they have children and a dog then, at the transportation shop, they'll need to buy a large-enough vehicle. "That's where critical thinking comes in," said Grenier. "They'll have to determine what fits into the parameters of their budget."

Some 150 students a day will go through the city at the same time. The learning will occur when, periodically, they realize the amount of money they have won't cover all their expenses and they have to return to some shops and make different choices. Furthermore, as in real life, they will encounter surprises. At some point, each student will get an "unlucky chance" card listing an unexpected bill, such as a \$250 car repair, that they'll have to figure into their budget.

"We believe young people are best taught financial literacy by adult role models in the workplace," said Grenier. "So there'll be one, adult volunteer per five students – about 30 per 150 students, two per shop. They can be parents or business employees who'll advise the students about their choices, in addition to three full-time and two part-time Junior Achievement staff."

He said students enjoy the hands-on experience and "get lost in the moment and learn without real-

izing they're learning." But it comes after a six-week, about 30-hour course they'll take in their social studies and math classrooms to prepare them. They'll learn about financial institutions and different types of taxes, plus the 18 budget lines. "They'll also have lessons on savings and the difference between wants and needs, as they relate to a budget," said Grenier.

After visiting Financial Park, a six-hour curriculum will lead students in a dialogue about what they learned. "It also gets them thinking about careers in a global sense and the salaries standard in those careers," said Grenier. "And all of a sudden, they realize how much money they'll need to live and pay their bills."

This is the 14th Financial Park in the U.S. and the first in Virginia. Previously, it was a mobile version, housed in two, 18-wheeler trucks. "We asked Fairfax County Public Schools to test the pilot concept, and it then spread like wildfire," said Grenier. "Then [Superintendent] Jack Dale asked me how we could do this for all our students, and that resulted in this facility."

Frost Middle was chosen as the site because it has a 90-acre campus and, said Grenier, "It's right in the middle of the county and was the best spot to get children bused there for the whole day and back again. This is a 15-year agreement with the school system, plus four, five-year renewals."

Virginia was one of the first states, three years ago, to call for the inclusion of financial literacy in middle and high schools. A few months ago, the state Board of Education made it a graduation requirement, and now all 12,000 FCPS eighth-graders will participate. Another 2,000 or so will come from other school systems to test Financial Park for themselves.

Because of the economic crisis, said Grenier, this type of education is needed more than ever. "We want children to realize there's a need to manage their monthly budget," he said. "At Financial Park, they'll get to make mistakes and learn from them."

Arson Sentence

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charged Fletcher, Bruce and Mirch with the offense. In an Oct. 21, 2008 affidavit, Lt. Patricia Tomasello with the Fire Marshal's Office wrote, "After the fire, Brian and Mike admitted to pouring gasoline inside of the vehicle [and] then igniting it."

She stated that "Alex Bruce admitted driving Brian and Mike to the gas station to purchase gas. He then drove to [the victims'] house and acted as a lookout while Brian and Mike cut the convertible top open and set fire to the vehicle."

On March 6, Judge David Schell sentenced Fletcher to a month in jail and ordered him to pay restitution. Mirch is scheduled for sentencing Aug. 14.

"It is undeniable that this is a serious crime," said defense attorney Kelly Sprissler at Bruce's sentencing. "The amount of property damage was great. Thankfully, no one was hurt. This was a stupid thing to do. Bruce thought Fletcher and Mirch were his friends — he was wrong."

She said the whole thing was Fletcher's idea and he and Mirch "lit the match and caused the damage. [Afterward] Bruce drove them away. He was the least culpable of the three defendants and he was the first of the three to discuss the case with the fire marshals." But now, she said, "He's a convicted felon and his employment options will be about on par with high-school dropouts."

SINCE HIS arrest, said Sprissler, Bruce sought a psychiatrist's evaluation, began therapy and got medication "to help him with his feelings of depression and anger." He's also done community service at George Mason University and amassed \$7,000 toward the restitution. It's comprised of money from the sale of his car, his tax refund and a loan from his father, which he'll pay back.

Then Bruce stood and said he'll always regret his behavior that day. "I am deeply remorseful and am sorry for what I've done," he said.

Judge Randy Bellows said Bruce deserved incarceration because "the conduct was so incredibly dangerous. This could have been a death when the cars had blown up [and] this defendant could have been facing a homicide conviction. Arson often goes out of control and, in this case, they intended to destroy one car and ended up destroying three cars."

He said Bruce had "loving and caring parents who've tried every way they can to help him." Bellows also noted Bruce's "genuine remorse" and that he'd taken responsibility for his actions. But, he said, "I'm going to have the maximum amount of time hanging over his head so, if he violates the law in the future, he'll go to state prison."

The judge then sentenced Bruce to five years in prison, suspending all but three months. Bellows also placed him on five years probation and ordered him to pay restitution, along with his co-defendants. In addition, Bruce must obtain substance-abuse treatment, remain drug- and alcohol-free, complete an anger-management course and maintain full-time education or employment, or some combination of the two.

Civil War Marker Installed at Historic Blenheim Home

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cuping it.

While staying there, many of the soldiers relieved the tedium of waiting for orders by using the freshly plastered walls as a canvas, writing their names, drawing pictures and much more. Most of the soldiers who wrote something scribbled just their names and regiment numbers, while others chose more ornate designs. Some soldiers drew ships, soldiers firing cannons, and even a four-part cartoon describing how a soldier loses his patriotism during

war.

After the soldiers stopped using the home in 1863, the Willcoxons began to repair the considerable damage to their home, and part of it was putting wallpaper over the drawings and writings downstairs. However, for reasons unknown, the family did not touch the attic, which contained the highest amount of graffiti.

MITCH BOWMAN, executive director of Civil War Trails, attended the marker installation, bringing employee Jason Shaffer along to install the marker into the ground

outside of the Home's Interpretive Center, opened last year to serve as a museum/visitor's center. Bowman noted that the marker will last five to seven years, and that he and his team will return to perform repairs or updates as needed.

"After 15 years, mayors and governors come and go but we still have to maintain the sites," Bowman said. "Maintenance is a really big thing for us. Every time we go somewhere [to install one marker], we end up doing 10 things coming and going."

Though the marker is in the ground and can be seen by visitors now, a dedication

ceremony is slated for Saturday, June 27. The ceremony will be led by Mayor Robert Lederer and the Fairfax City Council, Bowman and David Pumphrey, president of Historic Fairfax City, Inc. Company D of the "Fairfax Rifles," the 17th Virginia Infantry and the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry living history organizations will also be on hand.

"It's a very exciting day," said Susan Gray, curator and visitor services manager. "It's exciting to finally see it installed. It's a real bonus for historic Blenheim to be a part of this great program."

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CALENDAR

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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.

FRIDAY/JUNE 26

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.

Rocknoceros Family Happy Hour at 7 p.m. and John Eddie (full band) at 9:30 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Some Assembly Required. 7:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax.

SATURDAY/JUNE 27

Cox Movies Under the Moon. "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.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

SUNDAY/JUNE 28

Cox Movies Under the Moon.

"Mamma Mia!" 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. 1 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450

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Monday's Other Golf Tournament

On same day as U.S. Open's final round, locals hit links to raise money for charity.

By MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE CONNECTION

Tournament golf and fund raising have gone together since the early days of American golf. Local golfers enjoyed a great example on June 22 at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton, as the Fairfax-based Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Washington hosted its annual pro-am to raise money for its programs, including the temporary housing facility for families of ill children at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Tournament organizers attracted an eclec-

"We really enjoy playing for such a deserving charity."

— Michael McCartney, Fairfax resident and Holette

tic mix of touring pros, local club professionals and enthusiastic amateurs for the 25th-annual event. Kathy Whitworth, who won 88 LPGA Tour events and became the first woman to earn \$1 million on the tour, joined the field, as did former LPGA Tour stars Jan Stephenson and Nancy Scranton. Champions Tour players Howard Twitty and Mike McCullough and reigning long drive champion Jaime Sadlowski also played.

TWO FAIRFAX residents headlined the amateur contingent, although the gallery failed to recognize the men. They played without their usual frilly dresses and pig snout noses. Michael Torbert joined fellow

On in Two ... or One

Jaime Sadlowski, all of 160 pounds on a rainy day, struck ball after ball on the driving range at Westfields Golf Club, launching each one farther than the next.

"I've never seen anything like it," said PGA and Champions Tour winner Mike McCullough of the reigning ReMax World Long Drive Champion.

In an exhibition before the start of the Ronald McDonald House Charities pro-am on Monday, June 22, Sadlowski astounded even veteran Tour pros with his ability to hit a ball over 400 yards.

"I have a homemade swing," Sadlowski said. "I'm not that great of a golfer, but I have refined my swing for one purpose: to hit an accurate long drive."

He claims his competition driver conforms to U.S. Golf Association standards, and cites "hand speed" as the main power source of his amazing club head speed. He holds his wrists cock to the last "nanosecond," as he says, on his downswing.

His hips have cleared to the left by the time he violently releases his hands, and his impeccable timing gave him the power to hit the record-setting winning drive of 418 yards last year.

Redskins' Holette Michael McCartney in their annual appearance in the tournament.

"We really enjoy playing for such a deserving charity," said McCartney while digging into a plateful of barbecued pork ribs afterward.

McCartney, a U.S. Postal Service employee, and Torbert, a nuclear engineer at the Department of Energy, join the other Holettes in over 100 charitable appearances every year, and both have handicaps in the teens.

Fairfax City's Gary Robinson enjoyed playing as well. The retired Department of the



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Washington Redskins' Holettes Michael McCartney, left, and Michael Torbert surround former LPGA Tour star Jan Stephenson at Monday's Ronald McDonald House Charities pro-am.

Army employee entered at the behest of his wife Joyce.

"She's a volunteer at RMHC," he said. "But more importantly, it's for a good cause."

Joyce Robinson serves on the RMHC golf committee. She explained that \$70 will pay for one day's stay for a family at the Ronald McDonald House on Gallows Road.

"A donation of a week's amount, \$490, would be so important to a family in need."

This year's field was smaller than normal, and tournament co-chair Bob Rosen cited the poor economy as the reason.

"Last year, we netted \$110,000, but this

time we expect only half of that," he said.

Scranton, a three-time LPGA Tour winner, led four Washington Post employees to the tournament title. The event's format was a "Shamble," where each team member played his own ball from the point of the team's best drive. The best two net scores counted.

Bryan Zell, a PGA assistant pro at Westfields, led the second-place team. Zell played on George Mason University's golf team in the mid-1990s and is a well-respected teaching professional with a growing following of area students.

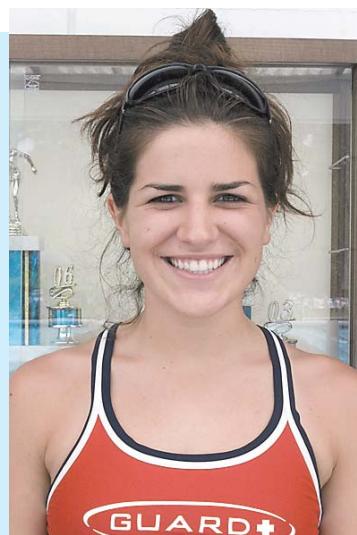
VIEWPOINTS

Summer Plans?

Michele, Ethan and Logan Walter love playing at the neighborhood pool. When asked what they had planned for the summer Michele Walter says, 'We're going to Texas for three weeks to visit Grandma.'



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Bridget O'Keefe's summer plans involve her job. 'I'm lifeguarding at the best pool ever,' she says, of the Mosby Woods Pool.



'I'm spending a ridiculous amount of time at the best pool ever,' says Bailey McDade, a Mosby Woods Pool member.



Asked about what her summer plans, Alex Judge says, 'Coaching and chilling at the M.W.'

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Local Matinee with Bloodlines and Kid Architect at 2 p.m. and Tamarama, Rachel Goodrich and The JeanMarie at 7:30 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 29

Improvisation. 7 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. A high-energy, creative workshop with Lois Walsh for actors and non-actors alike. Age 12-18. 703-978-5600.

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

Monkeys in the House. 10:30 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Flap your arms, tap your feet and release your inner monkey with John Hadfield. All ages. 703-293-6227.

Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad. 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 30

The Singing Weatherman. 2:30 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Meteorologist Stormin' Bob Swanson shares weather songs and science. Age 6-12. 703-978-5600.

Inova Blood Drive. 1:30-7:30 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Photo ID required. Appointments preferred, call 1-866-256-6372. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Computer Tutoring. 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. One-on-one help with computers, common software applications and navigating the Internet. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Monkeys in the House. 7 p.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Flap your arms, tap your feet and release your inner monkey with John Hadfield. All ages. 703-249-1520.

Tool, 8 p.m. at The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$69 and \$59, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. 703-993-3000, www.toolband.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

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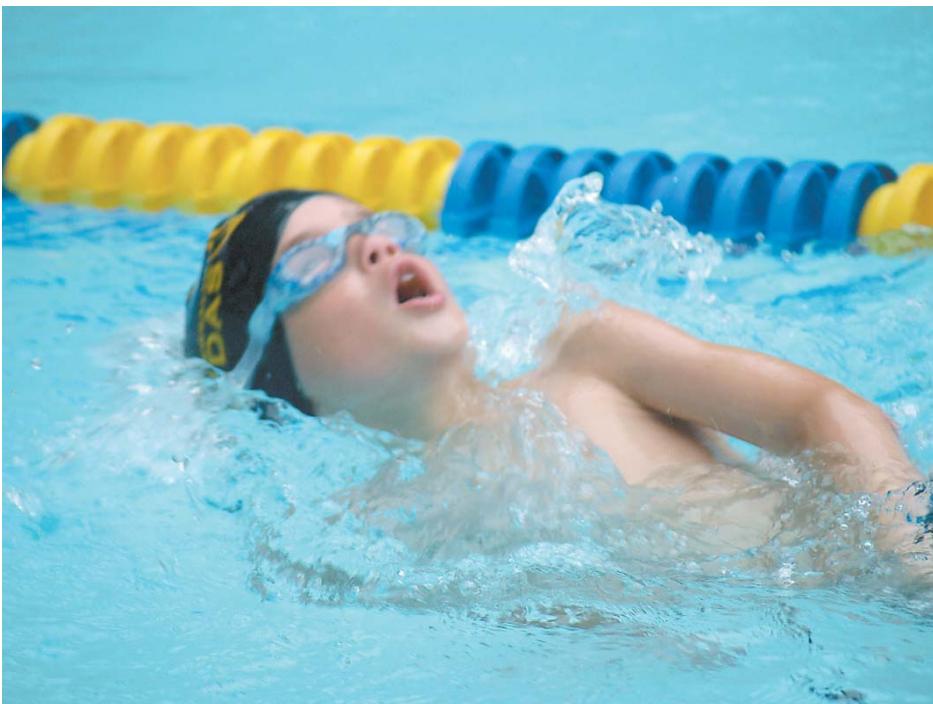


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Like many swimmers, Daniel Balderson, 8, took to the pool on Saturday, June 20. Balderson is pictured here swimming the 25-meter backstroke for the Commonwealth Cudas, who won 239-154 against Dominion Hills.

Flyers Flying Again

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.

Stallions' New Boss

In a literal sense, Brian Cabacar's mathematics background probably won't have a lot to do with how his team performs in the spring of 2010. But until that time, the newly hired boys' lacrosse coach at South County hopes that it will help his team improve from a logistical standpoint anyway.

Cabacar was hired last week to succeed Kenny Carrington, who did not work at the school. Since 2005, Cabacar has taught geometry, algebra II and applied statistics at South County and has served as an assistant boys' lacrosse coach since 2007.

When the position became available, Cabacar, believing he was ready to make the leap to head-coaching duties, applied. With his hiring, Cabacar insists that his team would benefit from having a coach that works "inside the building."

Cabacar also hopes to implement some of the things he learned while serving as an assistant coach at Robinson from February 2003-May 2004 under Tom Tufts.

"Looking at a lot of the top-notch programs around the area, it's not like they do anything different schematically than what

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we do or anybody else does," said Cabacar, who will lose 12 seniors from this spring's 3-8 team. "They just do a lot of the little things really well."

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.

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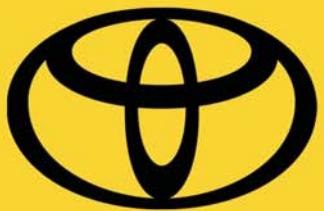
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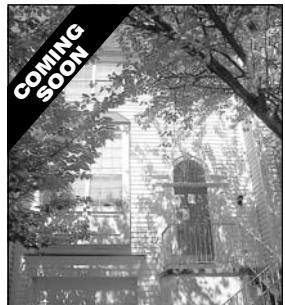
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