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**Bob Swanson, 'The Singing Weather Man' shows off his shocking costume for the crowd as he opens his show at the Kings Park Library Tuesday afternoon.**

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# Partly Cloudy Song and Dance

Singing Weatherman wows audience at Kings Park Library.



Stormin Bob Swanson requests help from a child volunteer so he can sing songs about weather to a room full of excited children.



During the day, Bob Swanson works for USA Today as the assistant weather editor. However; on Tuesday June 30 at the Kings Park Library, he was known as Stormin Swanson The Singing Weather Man. At top and right, Bob Swanson finishes up the day by leading the children in 'The Weather Wiggle.'



Stormin Bob Swanson shows excited children a weather balloon as he explains how the device works and how it helps to predict weather patterns.

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## Swimmers Take Laps for a Cause

**Eighth Annual Burke Centre Swim-a-thon raises money for charity.**

BY SARAH MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

Anyone walking by the Landings Community Center pool on Saturday, June 27 would have seen the pool filled to maximum capacity with what seemed like hundreds of swimmers arrayed in caps, goggles and swimsuits, all swimming laps with a purpose.

**“We think it’s fantastic.”**

— Erin Walker, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The event was Burke Centre Swim Team’s Eighth Annual Swim-a-thon. For the past three years, the swim-a-thon has combined two competing teams, the Penguins and the Stingers, to help raise money for various causes.

The money raised at the swim-a-thon has supported a number of causes over its eight years including cystic fibrosis. This year, the money went toward the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and also Burke Cares, a



PHOTO BY SARAH MOORE/THE CONNECTION

SEE SWIMMING, PAGE 14 Swimmers complete their laps while judges sit at the side and keep count.

## County Out of Road Money

**If it’s not already under construction, it probably won’t happen anytime soon.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Virginia allocated such a small amount of funding for new secondary road construction projects in Fairfax County this year that the money would barely cover the cost of installing one single traffic signal in the locality, according to officials.

The Virginia Department of Transportation awarded Fairfax about \$240,000 for all new secondary road construction, about 2.5 percent of the \$ 11 million the county received for the same purpose last year.

“A fairly minor signal? Yes, [\$240,000] might cover it. But some traffic signals cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to put in,” said Kathy Ichter, director of Fairfax County’s Department of Transportation.

In most of the past decade, the commonwealth has given Fairfax between \$20 million and \$30 million annually for secondary road construction. At the time, elected

officials and county staff said that amount of money was grossly inadequate to meet Fairfax’s needs.

But the shortfalls of years past pale in comparison to what the county could face in the future. Virginia officials have told

**“In two or three years, when we have no new money coming in, it is going to be extremely difficult to get even basic new work done.”**

— Kathy Ichter, director, Fairfax County Department of Transportation

Ichter to expect Fairfax’s funding for new secondary road construction could remain at about \$240,000 per year or lower for the foreseeable future.

“Over the next two to three years, people may not notice it because we have projects underway that have been in the pipeline for awhile and are already funded. After that,

the difference is going to be substantial,” said Ichter.

**IN FAIRFAX**, secondary roads are hardly secondary. The term applies to everything from the local, neighborhood cul de sac to major thoroughfares like Braddock and Rolling roads.

For example, with the exception of Route 123, nearly every street and corridor in the Springfield District is a “secondary road,”

according to Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

So the county’s secondary road construction funding pool is expected to cover a wide range projects. New speed bumps, crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops,

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### CRIME REPORT

#### Burke Man Shot in Crossrail Dr. Home

A shooting that claimed the life of a 23-year-old Burke man that was originally deemed accidental is being investigated by the Fairfax County Police Homicide Unit.

Police responded to a report of an accidental shooting in a home at 5422 Crossrail Drive in Burke on June 30, shortly after 5:30 p.m. Upon arrival, officers arrived, talked to two people out of the home and then entered and searched the home. Inside, they found the body of Powell Beck with an apparent gunshot wound to the upper body.

Officer Don Gotthardt would not comment on the nature of the shooting, but said “I just know that it was domestic in nature.”

No charges have been placed at this time and an autopsy is being performed to determine the exact cause and manner of death.

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

## Annandale/Poe Students Heading to Lake Braddock

The Fairfax County School Board voted to move about 105 students living in the Ravensworth community from Annandale High School and Poe Middle School to Lake Braddock Secondary School June 26.

Ravensworth is located immediately to the southwest of the Braddock Road and Interstate 495 interchange. It directly abuts Kings Park and other residential developments where families currently attend Lake Braddock.

The school redistricting will be implemented for the 2010-11 school year and includes some exceptions.

Rising seventh graders at Poe and rising juniors at Annandale would be able to attend their current school through the 2010-11 school year. Annandale sophomores who become candidates for the full International Baccalaureate [IB] diploma would also be allowed to stay at their base school, since Lake Braddock has no IB program.

This change is part of a larger boundary study, which also moved students from Annandale to Falls Church High School and Poe to Glasgow Middle School.

According to school documents, Annandale was approximately 20 percent over its building capacity this year. If no boundary change is made, staff expects that Annandale would have student population a little under 3,000 students in 2013, even though the school building is only supposed to accommodate a little over 2,100 students.

Several School board members, including Tessie Wilson (Braddock), said immediate action was necessary to address the overcrowding at Annandale.

But a few School Board members, including Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), Tina Hone (At-large), Ilryong Moon (At-large) and Kaye Kory (Mason), voted to conduct a more comprehensive boundary study with a wider spread of schools next fall. Their motion failed.

Kory said the inclusion of Woodson and Stuart high schools, for example, would give the school system more options for relieving Annandale's overcrowding.

Both Hone and Kory said they were very concerned that many of the parents being moved out of Annandale and into Lake Braddock are among the school community's most affluent and active. The boundary change would leave Annandale's community lopsided, with a large population of at-risk students and fewer engaged families, they said.

Hone said including Woodson in the boundary study would have provided an opportunity to balance the demographics of the local high school populations better. She specifically suggested moving Mantua neighborhood from Woodson into the Falls Church boundary and then moving another group of students from Annandale to Woodson.

"But I know Woodson is a sacred cow that can't be touched. You know we have some of those in this county," said Hone.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

## Great Harvest Helps Hungry

Two local organizations are partnering this month to feed the growing number of low-income families seeking supplemental food and financial assistance in Fairfax County. Our Daily Bread, a nonprofit organization providing food and monetary support to low-income residence, will receive a donated loaf of bread for every Honey Whole Wheat loaf bought from Great Harvest Bread Co. from July 7-11.

The donated loaves will be distributed by Our Daily Bread to families struggling to live in one of the most expensive areas in the country often by working multiple, minimum-wage jobs. The number of clients seeking support from Our Daily Bread has quadrupled in the past year.

During the week of July 7-11, Great Harvest Bread Co. celebrates its fifth anniversary of offering whole-grain nutrition in Burke, Fairfax and Fairfax Station with a Buy One, Give

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Standing on the equator line in Quito, Ecuador at the Intiñan Solar Museum, students from Laurel Ridge in Fairfax give the thumbs up sign, indicating good energy. Front row, from left, are Clarisse O'Brien, Sami Ryder, Graciela Perez, Olivia Farber, Lucas Ortiz and Tobin Wieder; back row, Camilo Ortiz, Bella Farber, Charlotte Hathaway and Sean Hathaway.

# Students Travel to Quito

## Spanish-immersion students take excursion to Ecuador.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

What began as an idea ended up as a trip to Ecuador for some local students and their parents. Shortly before the school year ended, they gathered to reminisce about their big adventure.

Almost all the students attended Laurel Ridge Elementary, and 10 of them made the journey, along with nine parents, three of whom speak Spanish. The trip wasn't sponsored by the school but, instead, was organized by parent Michele Farber of Fairfax's Hayden Village community.

She has two children in Laurel Ridge Elementary's partial, Spanish-language immersion program, where some subjects are taught in Spanish, and others, in English. After reading about a trip to Japan taken by another group of immersion-school children, Farber began thinking about a trip for the Laurel Ridge students.

"It would supplement their speaking and understanding of the Spanish language and help them learn about a different culture," she said. "They'd also get to experience international travel and interact with children in a Spanish-speaking country."

So a group of interested parents started meeting and evaluated several destinations before deciding on Ecuador. Being an immersion school, Laurel Ridge draws students from other school districts, and those who went on the trip, April 3-12, live in Fairfax, Burke, Clifton and Centreville.

"We had an amazing experience," said Farber. "Prior to our trip, we started writing back and forth with children in a very small school located in a small farming community in the mountains outside Ibarra, Ecuador. The kids exchanged letters and pictures. The children there are indigenous people who speak a native language in addition to Spanish. During our trip, we met with their community and spent two days at their school."

The American visitors helped their new friends paint a mural on a wall, taught the children how to jump rope and play American games and spent time in their classrooms. In return, their hosts cooked na-

tive food for them, including a meal featuring the local delicacy of guinea pig.

"We also visited and toured the capital city of Quito, visited a crater lake, shopped at one of the largest markets in South America, called Otavalo, and visited Quilotoa and the town of Mindo, where we hiked in the rainforest and did an awesome, zip-line canopy tour," said Farber. "The trip ended with a spectacular visit to the national equator monument and the neighboring, 'real' equator museum dedicated to the native people of Ecuador."

Fifth-grader Camilo Ortiz was excited to meet the children there and learn more Spanish. "It was a poor, but nice, country," he said. "I saw mostly people walking and not a lot of cars. I spent time with my pen pal, Aida, who's 10, and we spoke in Spanish. We also played soccer and jumped on a trampoline in the playground. And we went to a museum and saw a lot of cool artifacts."

Sixth-grader Tobin Wieder, 12, liked "seeing how other people lived differently from the U.S. But some of them were begging on the streets, and it was kind of sad. The food was different, especially the guinea pig, which tasted like lemon-flavored chicken, and we had soup every day. My favorite moment was the zip line in Mindo. It was fun going upside down, 100 feet in the air. And my pen pal Christian was strong and funny."

Burke resident Clarisse O'Brien, 11, a Laurel Ridge sixth-grader, said the area was "rural, with lots of open plains and farms. The roads were gravel and there were lots of stray dogs. I liked seeing my pen pal, Diego. We played soccer — all the kids were good at it — and had fun."

Farber's daughter Bella, 11, in sixth grade, was surprised to see "old ladies and kids living on the streets. The kids sold gum or shined shoes to make money; they offered to shine our sneakers. I couldn't imagine living like that. Some of them walked at least two hours to school along paths."

Lucas Ortiz, a fourth-grader, said pen pal Andrea is "shy, doesn't have many friends and is poor. But she was nice and playful." He said people ate guinea pig every Sunday and also eat lots of soup and popcorn. He also had fun visiting the museum at the equator line because "it showed what happened in the country long ago and what they wore. I would go back again to see how my pen pal is; we're going to keep writing to each other."

Michele Farber feels the same way. "The experience was incredible," she said. "We're planning on going again next year and making it an annual thing."

"We had an amazing experience."

— Michelle Farber

# Road Funding Drops from \$11M to \$240K

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no-parking signs, stop signs, interchanges and the widening of existing roads are just some of the types of transportation enhancements that are supposed to be funded out of this pot of money, now at \$240,000.

The shortage of funds has resulted in several transportation projects being dropped or permanently put on hold.

Officials halted plans to widen parts of Rolling Road, Telegraph Road, Richmond Highway and Route 7 outside the Capital Beltway over the next few years. No money is available for interchange construction at Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Neuman Street, Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Interstate 95 or Franconia Road and South Van Dorn Street, according to Ichter.

"There are roads that have been included in the secondary program since 1986 and now there is no hope of getting them built in the short term," she said.

**LACK OF** "secondary road" construction funding could also impact much of the plans to redevelop Tysons Corner and other parts of northern Fairfax County around the new Metrorail extension. According to Ichter, there will be no state money to expand the number of bus routes or increase service on

existing bus lines, even if passengers at the new Metro stations demand it.

There will also be no state money available to assist with developing a grid of streets or installing more pedestrian and bicycle paths in Tysons Corner, where the county hopes to create a more urban landscape, said Ichter.

"I think this will absolutely affect every resident. ... In two or three years, when we have no new money coming in, it is going to be extremely difficult to get even basic new work done," she said.

Due to the budget shortfall, the Virginia Department of Transportation is also unlikely to mow street medians and the public space along the side of many county roads, except in those areas the long grass poses a safety hazard for drivers.

**IN SOME CASES**, new transportation projects are moving forward because the federal or local government stepped in to fill the financial gap.

Federal stimulus money will allow construction of the final phase of the Fairfax County Parkway and a new interchange at the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway, Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive.

County government is using some of its own revenue for Telegraph Road improve-

ments in anticipation of a change in traffic patterns when several new jobs move to the Fort Belvoir military base.

Under Virginia law, state transportation funding must be used for maintenance before capacity enhancements and new construction. So, a general lack of transportation funding coupled with the rising cost of Virginia's road maintenance has resulted in fewer dollars for new transportation projects.

Several sources of revenues specifically dedicated to transportation, including the sales tax and fees associated with car purchases, have also declined in the recent recession.

Nearly all elected officials have said that more transportation funding is needed, particularly in heavily congested areas like Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. But state government officials, including the governor and Virginia General Assembly members, have been unable to reach a compromise on how to address the problem.

For the most part, Republicans in the General Assembly have been unwilling to raise taxes to assist with transportation needs. In general, Democrats have been unwilling to divert money from other state programs like education and public safety to solve transportation issues if taxes or fees are not increased to address the problem.

The closest the state government has come finding a transportation solution was in 2007, when a bill with new transportation funding mechanisms passed out of the Virginia General Assembly.

The bill passed the responsibility for raising revenue off to local governments, like the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and regional bodies, like the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

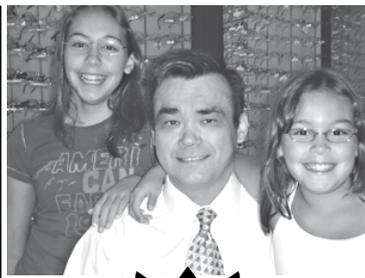
But the Virginia Supreme Court declared the 2007 transportation bill unconstitutional, stating that regional entities made up of appointed members, like the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, do not have the power to impose taxes on residents.

**SINCE THEN**, Republicans and Democrats in the state government have been in a deadlock, unable to find common ground over how to solve the transportation crisis. Without resolution, the revenue has dwindled.

In several ways, Fairfax County's hands are tied, even if the supervisors wanted to raise their own revenue for transportation.

The Virginia General Assembly has put several restrictions on types of taxes and revenues the Fairfax supervisors are able to implement. They are mostly limited to adjusting the local real estate tax rate.

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# OPINION

## No Money for Local Roadwork

County to receive \$250,000 for secondary road construction; steep decline from previous years.

Between declining revenue because of the recession and the Virginia Supreme Court striking down the one significant transportation funding plan to come out of Richmond in the last decade, virtually all transportation projects in the state will now cease to exist.

There will be no money for intersection improvements, for widening roads, for bus lines, for filling potholes. No money for transit. Just no money.

If a project is currently under construction, or construction is about to be, it will continue. Otherwise there is no money in the pipeline.

This is a different kind of "no money" than the low-dollar budget that we have coped with in the past. A large jurisdiction like Fairfax County will see only about \$250,000 this year for secondary road construction, down to about

a tenth of previous years.

In fact, Metrorail construction bringing rail through Tysons and out to Dulles Airport and the HOT-lanes construction underway on the Beltway are the only two major projects likely in the foreseeable future. Some federal money, some local money and increases on the Dulles toll road will pay for rail to Dulles construction. Federal money will also pay for improvements on the Fairfax County Parkway.

As for HOT-lanes, we suspect that many drivers stuck in traffic in the future will be surprised to discover that they can ride in newly added lanes for a steep toll of as much as \$1 a mile or more (\$14 or more for the trip from the American Legion Bridge to the Springfield interchange), and that the private company in

this public-private partnership will get to keep 100 percent of that toll money to finance the construction.

We are suffering from election fatigue too, and aren't ready to start in on the fact that every seat in the Virginia House of Delegates is on the ballot this November, along with statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, plus some special elections and ballot issues.

But these races matter, and every voter should stand ready to make candidates talk about real solutions to real problems, including funding for real transportation spending, dedicated funding for Metro and congestion relief. Likely every candidate will talk about Virginia's ranking as the top state for business. But it's hard to argue that Virginia is open for business if it's economic engine, Northern Virginia, can't solve a single congestion chokepoint or add a busline to bring riders to new Metro stations.

— MARY KIMM

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ginning of August.

We invite citizens, businesses and organizations to send us suggestions. We invite calendar listings for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

When are the major festivals, celebrations and other events at your church or temple or mosque?

We also invite readers to contribute directly to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place

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## Beefing Up Protections

To the Editor:

Stormwater management and safety are the highest priorities for VDOT and its private partners on the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project. While the project had an extensive stormwater management program in place, some areas were overtaxed by the heavy and almost daily thunderstorms in recent weeks. That's why VDOT and its private partners have launched new environmental protections to address recent stormwater management concerns along the 14-mile corridor.

New additional systems are now in place to ensure protection during future rain events to include: reinforced silt fences, deeper sediment traps, additional rock check dams, more slope drains and re-stabilization of excavated slopes and embankments. These tools

will be used to control sediment, prevent erosion and protect the surrounding environment.

In addition to these stormwater control mechanisms, the HOT Lanes project staff will also conduct more comprehensive environmental inspections, including daily monitoring and bi-weekly quality assurance by an independent environmental inspection team. Our new Field Environmental Action Team (FEAT) will provide beefed-up staffing to walk the entire work zone keeping a focused eye on ensuring environmental compliance and protection.

The project team is also advancing the installation of permanent stormwater control structures to provide further protection and eliminate the need for temporary control measures.

**Larry O. Cloyd, PMP**  
VDOT Sr. Project Manager

## Prepare for Safe Summer

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 20, yet another child died of hyperthermia when left alone in a parked car. Two-year-old April Knight lived in Kentucky, and at the beginning of summer is already the 13th child in the U.S. to die in a hot vehicle this year.

How can we be sure this does not happen to the children and families in our own community?

The truth is summer may be a fun time of year, but it can present difficult, sometimes dangerous challenges for parents. From inconveniences like bug bites to tragedies like drowning and death, children themselves are often unaware of these issues or too young to understand. Fortunately, many of these accidents are preventable. As parents, babysitters, and caregivers, it's our job to ensure

that every child remains safe and healthy in the coming months. Taking a few moments to be aware of these situations is a small sacrifice to make for our children's wellbeing.

Parents might leave their children alone in a vehicle if they want to avoid waking a sleeping baby or getting the child out of and back into a car seat. But a child can get overheated quickly — it only takes 10 minutes for a car's temperature to increase 19 degrees F. A child should never be left alone in a car.

Parenting can be tough at times, and summer safety issues pose a special challenge. Luckily, there are resources dedicated to helping parents make the season both fun and safe. Visit the Parent Resource Center on SCAN of Northern Virginia's Web site at www.scanva.org — and look for the feature on summer safety.

**Diane Charles**  
SCAN of Northern Virginia

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## Checkpoint Nets Arrests

A sobriety checkpoint staged by County police in West Springfield netted two DWI arrests on Friday night, June 26.

Eight Fairfax County Police officers and four auxiliary police officers conducted a sobriety checkpoint in the east and westbound lanes of Burke Centre Parkway at Terra Centre Elementary School from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. All motorists driving through the checkpoint were stopped and drivers were checked to see if they were under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

According to police, approximately 420 motorists

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"They use a number of factors to pick where they set the checkpoints up; whether it is a high number of traffic incidents or high volume," Wright said. "And [Burke Centre Parkway] is a highly traveled road."

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

## Grand Ole Ospreys

The Old Keene Mill Ospreys, a Division 12 team in the NVSL, competed against the Long Branch Dolphins on Saturday, June 27. Though the Old Keene Mill lost, 230-172, it achieved a team record and posted several impressive swims. The Ospreys were led by the 15-18-year-old girls' 200-meter medley relay team of Isabella and Alessandra Troncoso and Jordan and Taylor Parry, which finished in 2 minutes, 12.91 seconds, eclipsing the 11-year-old record. Posting three, first-place finishes each were Sam Dallstream (13-14 boys' backstroke, butterfly and 100 medley relay) and Isabella Troncoso (15-18 girls' freestyle, backstroke and 200-medley relay). Other first-place finishers for the Ospreys were Skyla Davidson and Jack Tyburski in the freestyle, Stephanie Chewing and Erin O'Hara in the backstroke, Freddie DeWeese, Jane Kernan and Alessandra Troncoso in the breaststroke and Kira Flinn and Jordan Parry in the butterfly. The U-8 girls', 13-14 boys', 15-18 girls', and mixed-age girls' relay teams rounded out the first-place finishes.

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**Yo-yo sensation Dick Stohr.** 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

## FRIDAY/JULY 3

**See-I, The Pocket Band, BobbyT and the Magical Voyagers.** 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).



**Dick Stohr of Springfield shows off his mad yo-yo skills Thursday, July 2 and Monday, July 6 at the Burke Centre Library.**

**Hot Society Orchestra of Washington.** 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-324-SHOW.

**Mike Seeger.** 7:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. 703-324-SHOW.

**Traditional Irish Music.** 7-9:30 p.m. Live music in The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

**The Auld Shebeen Live in the Cellar.** 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$5 cover. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

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## SATURDAY/JULY 4

**Independence Day Parade.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m., rain or shine, in City of Fairfax Historic District.

**Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center Open House.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 10209 Main St., Fairfax.

**Ratcliffe-Allison House Open.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 10386 Main St., Fairfax.

**Old-Fashioned Fireman's Day.** 12:30 p.m. 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Firefighter competition. Food, beverages and games.

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**Banshee Fest - Fourth of July Party with Drunken Banshees, The Menzingers, Murphy's Kids, Caleb Lionheart, Half Hearted Hero, Permanent Ascent and more.** 2:30 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Traditional Irish Session.** 12-2 p.m. Listen to musicians practice and play traditional Irish music. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

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**Burke Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Virginia Railway Express parking lot at 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke.

## SUNDAY/JULY 5

**School Boy Humor, Select Start, Sing Me Insomnia, Braves and Bullets, The Automatics and Baigis.** 6 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Healing Service.** 6 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax with Rev. Steven Hoffman, Missionary to India, as the guest speaker. 703-383-1170, or see [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

**Sunday Brunch.** 11-2 p.m. Reservations always welcome. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

**Plant Clinic put on by Fairfax County Master Gardeners.** 1 p.m. in the lobby of the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

## MONDAY/JULY 6

**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](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Yo-yo sensation Dick Stohr.** 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

**Bar C Ranch puts on animal show.** 2:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

**Plant Clinic.** The Fairfax County Master Gardeners will be giving gardening advice at 6 p.m. in the lobby of the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

**Book discussion group for boys ages 9-12.** 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call the library to find out what books are intended for discussion. 703-978-5600.

## TUESDAY/JULY 7

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Van Dyck Park on Old Lee Highway in Fairfax.

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**Storytime.** At 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke, young children and their parents will enjoy an afternoon telling stories, watching movies and more. 703-249-1520.

**Computer tutoring session.** 3:30 p.m. in the Burke Centre computer tutoring space of the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Those who attend will receive help using common software applications and navigating the Internet. 703-249-1520.

**"Cool Clips" workshop.** 4 p.m. in the meeting room of the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, to show anyone interested how to make films for the library's "Cool Clips" contest or just for fun. 703-644-7333.

**Computer tutoring session.** 4:30 p.m. in the Burke Centre computer tutoring space of the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Those who attend will receive help using common software applications and the Internet. 703-249-1520.

**The Maryland Science Center discusses the mystery of flight.** 7 p.m. in City of Fairfax Regional Library a/b meeting room. 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 8

**Award-winning songwriter Ray Owen.** He will be talking at 10:30 a.m. in Pohick Regional Library meeting room. 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

**Mother-daughter book discussion**



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**The City of Fairfax Band performs a free, family-friendly concert Thursday, July 9, at 8 p.m. at the Veterans Amphitheater, City Hall on Armstrong St., Fairfax.**

**group.** 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call the library to register and for book title. 703-978-5600.

**Wakefield Farmers Market.** 2-6 p.m. at Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale.

## THURSDAY/JULY 9

**JP McDermott and Western Bop,** 8-10 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Complimentary swing lesson, 7:30 p.m. \$10 per person. 703-424-1745 or [www.headoverheelsdance.com](http://www.headoverheelsdance.com).

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**Picnic time.** At 11:30 a.m. young children and their parents can bring a lunch and enjoy movies in meeting room half at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

**Chess Club Meeting.** They will convene at 3:30 p.m. in meeting room half at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Practice the rules and strategy of chess 703-644-7333.

**City of Fairfax Band Summer Concert.** Free family friendly concert of mixed classical pieces and Broadway tunes performed by the Fairfax Community Band. 8 p.m. at the Veterans Amphitheater, City Hall on Armstrong St., Fairfax. 703-757-0220 or [www.fairfaxband.org](http://www.fairfaxband.org).



**Japanese drummers perform Saturday, July 11 at the Ekoji Buddhist Temple's Obon Summer Festival.**

# PEOPLE

**Navy Ensign Kyle T. Hooker**, son of Marianne W. and Donald T. Hooker of Burke, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to his current rank in the United States Navy. Hooker is a 2005 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

**Navy Ensign Andrew J. Galvin**, son of Atti and Lawrence F. Galvin of Burke, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to his current rank in the United States Navy. Galvin is a 2005 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

**Air Force Airman Benjamin F. Ayivorh** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Jeanne and Niben Ayivorh of Burke. Ayivorh is a 2007 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

**Army Spec. Jin S. Lee** graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the brother-in-law of Jongsook Moom of Burke.

**Maureen Halsema** of Burke, a senior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was recently inducted into the Virginia Tech chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society. Phi Beta Delta Honor Society recognizes scholarly achievement in international education.

**Franklin Shakespeare** of Burke, a sophomore in business administration at Bryant University, made spring semester dean's list.



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## Having a Field Day

Burke resident Jimmy Carter begins his evening log searching the frequencies for calls. Carter joined other 'radio hams' on June 27 for the annual Field Day exercise in Alexandria. Field Day is the climax Amateur Radio Week, which is sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators build emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and back yards around the country. In the event of an emergency, when phone systems and other means of communication are put out of commission, the public would need to rely on amateur radio operators for communications in a crisis. More than 30,000 amateur radio operators across the U.S. took part in the 2008 Field Day.

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# Mountain Biking: The Wheel Deal

Interest in mountain bike riding increases, as does Trips for Kids program's influence.

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

Cameron Mader has days when he enjoys the solitude of a bike ride. Other times, he said, it's fun to be able to have his mother, Anne Mader, ride along with him. No less than 100 percent of the time, Mader likes one thing the most when it comes to riding mountain bikes.

"I like to go fast," said Cameron Mader, 7, who started pedaling at 18 months and has been riding mountain bikes since he was 4.

The Maders, who've owned The Bike Lane in Burke for eight years and recently opened a second store in Reston, are a bike-riding family. In addition to competitive rides throughout the week, Cameron Mader rides with his father, Todd Mader, every morning to Oak View Elementary.

Cameron Mader has also been one of a growing number of participants in the Northern Virginia Youth Mountain Bike Series, which was started in 2007 as a joint effort between local mountain bike race promoters and advocacy groups to get more children riding bicycles. Last year, more than 100 local children took to the trails.

Because of the mountain biking series, which is comprised of multiple races that are sponsored by the Bike



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TRIPS FOR KIDS

**The Northern Virginia Youth Mountain Bike Series was started to get more children riding bicycles. Since its first season in 2007, the youth series has seen its numbers quadruple.**

Lane, the Potomac Velo Club and EX2 Adventures, mountain biking has become a formidable option for youth sports, as the group's level of participation has more than quadrupled since its inaugural year.

On Wednesday nights, participants take to the 3.6-mile course at Wakefield Park. In addition to a 10-and-under race, races of four separate classifications run every two years up to age 18.

"It seems like the kids really want to do it because they can't just ride their bikes around the neighborhood anymore," Anne Mader said. "Instead, biking has become a planned activity and people are looking for it to become a sport like soccer or basketball, because they're going to plan for everything and they want to get into the competition part of it."

**PAT CHILDERS** jokes that Trips for Kids, a local non-profit that has been linking underprivileged children with mountain biking for two years, is housed in Springfield. Childers laughs because the bikes are stored in a backyard trailer at his house ... and in his basement, shed and under his deck.

Trips for Kids has 40 bicycles that it loans to eager riders so that they may experience the thrill of navigating a dirt trail.

"We're trying to make it the Little League of mountain biking," Childers said.

One TFK regular has been Laura Martinez, a rising freshman at Lee High School and an aspiring soccer player. Martinez hopes to make the girls' soccer team at Lee and has enjoyed her time spent on a bike as a way to prepare for competition on the soccer pitch.

"In soccer, you run and exercise your legs," Martinez said. "In bike riding, you do

the same thing. It's really interesting as a sport and you get to exercise a lot."

Childers said that the group started with exclusively under-privileged children. Now, he and his wife, Julie Childers, have fielded several e-mails asking if it's O.K. for middle- and upper-class families to participate, too.

"It shows that the interest is there," Pat Childers said. "When Trips for Kids was started, we were providing opportunities for at-risk youth and kids that

wouldn't get out to nature. We started to find that kids in general weren't getting out to nature."

Pat Childers' efforts have paid off. For the month of June, Liberty Mutual Insurance presented Childers with the Responsible Coaching Award, an honor for men and woman who emphasize sportsmanship and character-building in their approach to teaching children.

He's one of 41 award-winners from across the country that were chosen out of more than 560 nominees. The award also included a \$250 check for the organization.

"It's a great opportunity to get kids together that wouldn't normally get together," Pat Childers said, "and they get a chance to spend some time with nature that they normally wouldn't get."

**"We're trying to make it the Little League of mountain biking."**

— Pat Childers, Trips for Kids



**Cameron Mader of Burke has been one of several participants in the Northern Virginia Youth Mountain Bike Series, which was started in 2007.**

# Back Home, Marino Comes Full Circle

Fairfax native enjoys career year, looks for first PGA win at AT&T National.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE CONNECTION

It's a mundane ritual for most golf pros during their practice rounds, signing autographs for children lining the golf course, many of whom aren't sure whose signature they're getting unless it reads "Tiger Woods."

But as Fairfax native Steve Marino played nine holes Tuesday in advance of this week's Washington, D.C. area PGA Tour stop, the AT&T National at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., he made it a point to autograph anything and everything, whether that meant a shirt, a towel or even someone's back. And he did so with a giant smile on his face.

Marino was thinking back to his not so distant past, when he was one of those local children at the now-defunct Kemper Open, longing to be one of the professionals.

"I'd love going out there to watch it," said Marino, a W.T. Woodson graduate. "I'd come back home and try to imitate people's swings. Now that I'm actually out here, it's a little bit different than I thought it would be, but it's awesome. It's so much fun, I'm having a blast."

For the 29-year-old, his latest homecoming to the area has been one to remember. Marino is currently enjoying his finest year on the PGA Tour, already with three top-10 showings this season, including a second-place finish at the Crowne Plaza Invitational in May. He lost in a playoff to Steve Stricker.



COURTESY OF THE PGA TOUR

**Fairfax native and W.T. Woodson grad Steve Marino has three top-10 finishes on the PGA Tour in 2009. This week, he's back in the area to take part in the AT&T National hosted by Tiger Woods.**

In the process, Marino has vaulted himself to No. 72 on the world golf rankings and currently sits 28th on the 2009 PGA money list with more than \$1.4 million in earnings.

**HE'D LOVE TO** get that elusive first professional win at this week's AT&T National, where he'll be surrounded by friends and family. At last year's AT&T National, Marino, the 1999 Virginia State Amateur champion, carded a first round 5-under par 65 and led the tournament heading into Friday's second round.

Though Marino faded down the stretch, finishing T-24th with a 4-under par score, he, or more accurately, his fans left a lasting impression.

A collection of alcohol-aided friends from W.T. Woodson High School, some tag-a-

longs from his playing days at the University of Virginia, and some golfing buddies became the talk of the course, injecting the pristine country club with some much needed Happy Gilmore-esque flair.

"It's like a party out here for them," said Marino on Tuesday, in between signing autographs for the masses. "They come out here, drink beer, get drunk, get loud and they really enjoy themselves, which is what this is all about. You want the fans to come out here and have fun. I think my friends might take that to another level, but they're having fun and it makes it fun for everybody."

His local roots go even deeper, though. At last year's AT&T National, he brought on longtime friend and Oakton graduate G.W. Cable to be his caddy. He has kept him on the bag ever since.

**"It's the best time of my life right now."**

— Fairfax native and PGA pro Steve Marino

This week, Marino said he's staying with the family of one of those friends, in a nearby Potomac home, rather than coming back to Fairfax. He may reside in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., these days, but his memory of Beltway traffic hasn't faded away.

Aside from golf, Marino plans to catch up with some friends he hasn't seen in awhile, maybe play some pick-up basketball like they used to during high school.

But his focus will be squarely on winning this year's AT&T National, which features a loaded field with top players like Tiger Woods, defending champion Anthony Kim, Jim Furyk, Mike Weir and Lucas Glover in the mix. The total purse for the event is \$6 million, the winner taking home \$1.08 million.

Marino's long, accurate driver — he's currently T-18th on the tour in total driving — and strong first round a year ago have cemented him as a trendy dark horse pick to take home the trophy this year. It would be a fitting end to the week since the 2009 AT&T National is the D.C. area's last professional golf tournament until the 2011 U.S. Open comes to Congressional.

Not that Marino is putting much pressure on himself, he's just enjoying the moment, being back in town riding a wave of success he always dreamed about.

"I don't really have any expectations for this week, I just want to go out and have fun and do the best I can," said Marino. "I just feel like I've been getting a little bit better every year in pretty much all aspects of the game. It's the best time of my life right now."

## Magical Weekend For BRYC Teams

It was an exciting weekend for the Braddock Road Youth Club, coach Craig Ballam and both of his Hoop Magic girls' basketball teams.

Both of Ballam's U-9 and U-11 Hoop Magic teams won the BRYC AAU tournament on Sunday, June 14. Ballam is assisted by Mike Wakefield with the U-11 team.

WEEK IN SPORTS

## New Bruin Coach

Lake Braddock has hired Victor Chen to succeed Kerry McMillan as the school's new girls' lacrosse coach. Chen spent the past four years as the head coach at Jefferson and before that served in the same capacity at South Lakes from 2000-06. In 2009, Lake Braddock went 3-9 and suffered a first round Patriot District tournament loss to

South County. Three years ago, though, Lake Braddock was 14-2 and won a district title. McMillan leaves Braddock with a record at the school of 30-25.

## Ram Golfer Shines

Alexandra Austin of Burke won the Middle Atlantic Golf Association's Junior Girls Championship on Wednesday, June 24. The rising junior at Robinson Secondary School shot a career-low round of 39-39-78 to take the title by one stroke. International Country Club of Fairfax hosted the 51st annual event.

"I made four birdies," Austin said, "but I also made four double bogeys."

Austin, who plays on the Robinson boys' golf team, has won twice and gained seven, top-10 finishes since 2007 on the Plantation Junior Golf Tour.

She will play in a prestigious American Junior Golf Association tournament at the Nemacon Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pa. on June 30-July 3.



**The U-11 team consists of Chrissy Jacksta, Bryndie Ballam, Caroline Wakefield, Ava Roth, Brittany DeLeon, Jana Tremba, Reagan Newell, Mamie Henshaw and Briana Florez. Not pictured: Cori Black, Isabel Obregon, Jessica Reeves, Hayley Russell and Kelly Updike.**

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# Swimming for Charity in Burke

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Swimmers take a break from swimming to dance.

**“Burke Centre Swim Team epitomizes what you as a parent want your children to be involved with.”**

— Deana Hally, parent and swim-a-thon coordinator

that made this happen. ... We're hoping to continue Coulter's dream of raising money and giving back to Burke, right directly back to Burke."

Hally also said that Burke Centre Swim Team represents what every parent wants for their child.

"I really believe that involving our children in community service and offering

them opportunities to give outside of what we know that they are privileged to have, it's something as a parent you're always looking for. Burke Centre Swim Team epitomizes what you as a parent want your children to be involved with. Not only are they nurturing swimmers but they're nurturing human beings."

A coach for the Penguins team, Hannah Walden said she thinks the swim-a-thon is a great way to hang out with friends and help others at the same time.

"It's such a great community," Walden said. "There's so much fun going on where we all just come together for a certain cause and enjoy ourselves but also help others at the same time. It's fun."

Hally said that last year's swim-a-thon raised close to \$14,000 and their goal this year was to beat that record. Last year, swimmers swam over 15,000 laps which is the equivalent of swimming from Burke to New York City.

"So, we were telling the kids that that's what we want to do, we want to swim to Boston this year," Hally said.

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For more information on Burke Centre Swim Team, visit <http://www.burkeswimclub.org/>.

grassroots group that provides the disadvantaged in Burke with swim team scholarships and pool memberships.

The swim-a-thon's original purpose was to raise money for cancer research when a swimmer on the team, Katrina Nelson, developed cancer. Following Nelson's death, the swim-a-thon has continued to raise support for cancer patients.

Erin Walker, a representative of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, said that she was impressed with Burke swim team's efforts to raise money.

"We think it's fantastic," she said. "We're thrilled to be able to partner with a community that's so open and willing to offer his."

Coulter Weaver, head coach for the Penguin team and the person who first came up with the idea for a swim-a-thon, said that in addition to his desire to help the community, he started the event eight years ago because of his memorable experiences with similar swim team events as a child.

"I grew up on swim team" Weaver said. "One of the highlights was an annual swim-a-thon and it would go until midnight. I remember being a little kid and never had I stayed up before that late. Seeing the lights on at the pool and seeing the stars and just being up late was just a neat experience."

Deana Hally, parent of a Burke Centre swimmer and the swim-a-thon coordinator, said that the parents appreciate what Weaver has done to make the event so successful.

"If you look around there's tons of parents that are contributing to help with this. This was [Weaver's] vision. He's got the will

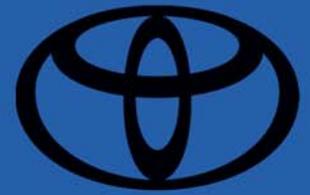


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