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Sheriff's Shopper

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Deputy C.S. Hawkins helps fit a child with a new shirt. Fairfax County deputies took children from two area homeless shelters shopping Tuesday for school supplies.

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New Start for County Students

Most schools open their doors to students Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Burke Center

9645 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA 22015
703-426-7300
Enrollment: 60
Principal: Jill Jakulski
Web site: www.fcps.edu/BurkeCenter
Back-to-School Night: Thursday, Sept. 24, 6 p.m.

Cardinal Forest Elementary

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Springfield, VA 22152
703-923-5200
Enrollment: 587
Principal: Karen Kenna
Karen.Kenna@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/CardinalForestES
Back-to-School Night: Grades K-3, Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.; Grades 4-6, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Cherry Run Elementary

9732 Ironmaster Drive
Burke, VA 22015

703-923-2800

Enrollment: 509
Principal: Stephen Gossin
Steve.Gossin@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/CherryRunES
Back-to-School Night: Kindergarten, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.; Grade 1, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7:35 p.m.; Grade 2, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7:40 p.m.; Grade 3, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 8:10 p.m.; Grade 4, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.; Grade 5, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 8:05 p.m.; Grade 6, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 8:35 p.m.

Cherry Run Elementary will open in September with a little over 500 students.

The staff has determined that a key goal this year will be to analyze the best ways to teach students. "Teachers will share ideas that have worked. In this way, teachers refine their repertoire of teaching strategies," said principal Steve Gossin in an e-mail.

New this year at Cherry Run is a program for moderate to severely handicapped students with two classrooms and about 10 students. Also, all schools in Fairfax County will implement the new Global Awareness



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Each year Lake Braddock Secondary students paint these statues for spirit.

program in fifth grade.

Fairview Elementary

5815 Ox Road
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Enrollment: 598

Principal: Easter Lancaster
Easter.Lancaster@fcps.edu

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The Target on Guinea Road played host Tuesday, Sept. 1, to children from the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter and Shelter House-Falls Church. Deputies from the Fairfax Sheriff's Office took the children shopping for school supplies.

Getting a Good Start

Deputies help homeless children shop for school.

Deputies from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office took 25 homeless children shopping Tuesday, Sept. 1, at the Burke Target store. The school-age children were

from the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter and Shelter House-Falls Church.

For 16 years, the Shop with the Sheriff Program has teamed up with Target to help the youngsters and their families. Each student received a \$150 gift certificate to use during the shopping spree.

Breakfast for the event was provided by Panera Bread and Dunkin Donuts of Fairfax.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL



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Katherine K. Hanley and Deputy Shelly go over a supply list while helping children shop.

Nonprofit Safe 'Haven' for Those in Need

Haven of Northern Virginia gives emotional support to those facing loss of a loved one.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

After the loss of a loved one, a shoulder to cry on and a pat on the back can be just what a person needs to get through the day. Haven of Northern Virginia, with 33 years of service under its belt, has become skilled at providing just that.

Located behind Hope Lutheran Church on Ravensworth Road in Springfield, Haven offers emotional support services to the bereaved and their families and friends. Though they do not carry medical licenses or have years of academic training, each member of the all-volunteer support team provides first-rate counseling and a commitment that is tough to beat.

"We are not professional counselors, but

we are well trained," said Haven volunteer Frankie Smith. "We may not be able to fix everything but we're great listeners."

According to Smith, Dorothy Garrett, who got the inspiration for the organization in 1974 while visiting a dying aunt, conceived Haven. Garrett was uncomfortable acknowledging her aunt's imminent death, and when the aunt died, Garrett felt that she had failed her aunt by not reaching out. So, in 1976, inspired by the example of Mother Theresa, Garrett placed an ad in a local newspaper announcing the formation of her support group. Seventy people responded to that first ad, and soon Haven was open for business.

Over the years, Haven's reach has extended, and the organization is able to offer several different kinds of emotional sup-

port services. For those who wish to keep their grieving private, Haven offers one-on-one counseling at the client's request. Smith said that when they receive a request, she goes over the volunteer list she has and picks a volunteer that matches up well with the client in terms of shared experiences. Then, when the client arrives at Haven, he or she is taken to one of the building's two "quiet rooms," which provides privacy.

"Sometimes people will call when something just happened and they need sympathy," Smith said. "Sometimes, you'll meet with them once, sometimes for a year. Different people grieve in different ways."

IN ADDITION to private counseling, Haven also offers group therapy sessions. The

six-week sessions typically host 12 people and come in a variety of categories. Haven offers three or four general group sessions per year, three to four widow/widower groups, two suicide grief groups and one or two per year for children and teens.

"We may not be able to fix everything, but we're great listeners."

— FRANKIE SMITH

we just step back and listen."

Typically, according to Springer, teens are the hardest group to work with, as they tend to rely on their peers directly for support, rather than a group of people they are not familiar with. Also, Springer said that the

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Lessons Learned from the Chesapeake

**Fairfax County
educators turn green
for water quality.**

BY STACY TRAFICANTE GUTSHALL
THE CONNECTION

A recent Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) expedition which included the exploration of Port Isobel and Tangier's Island opened up a Pandora's Box to the principals in the Fairfax County Public Schools. The principals discovered a vast array of information that turned their lack of knowledge of the Chesapeake Bay into a new found passion.

Supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Geographic Society, CBF invited all local educators to participate in this professional development field experience. Learning activities included boating, hiking, fishing, sampling water quality, crabbing, canoeing, scraping, visiting local islands and conservation implementation.

"Most important, you will learn how the bay is connected to you and how what you do impacts your local water quality and ultimately the water quality, marine life, and local economics of the Chesapeake Bay," said Cindy Duncan, instructor of the principal's course and CBF's teacher professional development coordinator for Virginia and Washington, D.C.

"I am a changed woman," said Maureen Boland of Haycock School, following the recent principals' field experience. "It was probably some of the best professional development I've ever had."

Don Hutzel, principal of Churchill Road School, said he was "collaborating with Haycock School and Principal Maureen Boland to develop a year-long service learning model, in which teachers and students will participate in purposeful learning ac-



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The educators look at their map during the Aug. 8-10 excursion to the Chesapeake Bay.

tivities that support the efforts to preserve the environment."

James Baldwin of Centre Ridge School said that he is going to start an after school club. "Small, at first, but hopefully build on the interest of the children," he said.

THE CHESAPEAKE Bay FieldScope Project is a "citizen science" initiative in which students investigate water quality issues on local and regional scales and collaborate with students across the Bay to analyze data and take action.

The project, still in development, is built

on NG FieldScope, a new Web-based mapping, analysis and collaboration tool that engages students as citizen scientists investigating real-world issues. It is part of National Geographic's effort to bring Web-based geospatial technologies to the classroom. With FieldScope, students are able to see their own experiences and water quality samples in the context of the larger Chesapeake Bay watershed and estuary ecosystems.

Dr. Evan Glazer, principal of the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, attended CBF's recent principals'

field experience and was hopeful to implement the Fieldscope into his curriculum.

"This will allow my students and others in their neighborhoods to contribute data to understand the variables affecting the conditions in the bay," he said. "The students can analyze the data, identify problems areas and propose solutions to improve environmental conditions." Glazer said that he "plans to work with teachers who went on other trips to gather their ideas, and then challenge the environmental and service groups at the school to initiate the next steps."



Principals from Fairfax County explore the beach at Port Isobel.

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Principals hike near the Chesapeake Bay as part of a fact-finding visit.

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One of Haven's two quiet rooms.

Grief Counseling

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children's groups can be difficult, as the child is too young to fully understand what happened and think that they are alone in the feelings they are experiencing.

Though the teens and children can be difficult, they have nothing on the people who originally came through the doors of Haven when it opened, according to volunteer Joanie Greene. She started coming to Haven as a group member when her boss committed suicide. When she was in-group, Greene told the others that she was there to grieve the loss of her mother. A year later, Greene said she found out that another woman in the group had dealt with a suicide as well, but like Greene, was hiding the reason she was there.

"Twenty years ago, suicide was something that people didn't talk about," Greene said. "It was a stigma to have a suicide in your life, and I was afraid they wouldn't take me. A year later, the woman and I found each other, talked about [the suicides] and started a group."

Twenty years later, that suicide group is still meeting and is a testament to the commitment of its volunteers, many of whom began as clients. Greene said that most of the volunteers are retirees and have undergone the loss of a loved one, so the issues hit close to home and they understand the grief that the clients are going through. In addition to providing support to clients, they also lend a hand to each other in tough times.

"Ninety-nine percent of us have had losses," Greene said. "So we are the support for one another. I don't know what I'd do if I didn't come here."

This fall, Haven has another group of people ready to undergo training to add to their team of 50 volunteers. The training session lasts for 30 total hours over a two-week period. After the training is over, the volunteer must give a one-year commitment. Though the training period is involved and lengthy, if the person completes it, they will experience the same satisfaction that Greene, Springer, Smith and the rest of Haven's volunteers feel on a daily basis.

"It's amazingly rewarding, what we do here," Springer said. "It's exciting to see a person relax and open up when they realize that they're not going crazy."

More

To find out more about Haven of Northern Virginia and what services it has to offer, call 703 941-7000, visit www.havenofnova.org or e-mail havenofnova@verizon.net.

Upcoming Groups

Haven of Northern Virginia offers the following free, six-week groups:

♦ **Widow/Widowers Bereavement Support Group** beginning on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 2-3:30 p.m.

♦ **Bereavement Support Group** beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 7:30-9 p.m.

♦ **Suicide Loss Support Group** beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 7:30-9.

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OPINION

Getting Ready To Vote

What questions would you like to ask?

On Nov. 3, about two months from now, Virginia voters will go to the polls to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and every member of the House of Delegates.

Some local races are also on the ballot.

Here at the Connection, we invite our readers to tune in and help us fine tune questions and coverage of local candidates. Its common for Northern Virginia residents to be more focused on national politics than local politics.

EDITORIAL

But be forewarned that the winners of the state and local elections coming up will have an impact on your daily life, often in a very personal way.

Local elected officials will spend billions of dollars. With the current budget shortfalls, the winners will also decide how where to cut tens of millions of dollars by cutting programs, projects and schools dear to many people's hearts. The safety net for the most vulnerable people in Virginia is in danger as well.

Over the next two months, editors and reporters at the Connection Newspapers will interview each local candidate in a contested race. We'll ask questions to learn about each

individual, his or her knowledge of local issues and whether they come to the race with a sense of public service. Do they bring intelligence, creativity, collegiality to problem solving? Where do they stand on issues ranging from funding mental-health care to providing a revenue stream to address transportation?

We invite our readers to help with the questioning process. What do readers and voters here want to know from their representatives in the House of Delegates? What qualities are you hoping for in the next Governor?

Send questions and comments to Mary Kimm, at mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com or 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Register

The deadline to register to vote or update your address for the Nov. 3 election is Monday, Oct. 5. To register to vote, download a form from:

www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html

Fill it out and mail it to your local elections office. You can also register in person at the elections office during business hours, or pick

up a form in a library or other public places. You can also register at any Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles office.

After you register, you will receive confirmation and a voting card in the mail. You can call the elections office to verify that you are registered. If you are already registered to vote at your current address, you do not need to register again.

To find your polling place, go to www.sbe.virginia.gov and click on "voter information." Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. Check with your local elections office for information on absentee voting.

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Supporting Shannon

To the Editor:

The political views of Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) are extreme and out of touch with Virginia. He has introduced legislation that would take critical funding away from the public schools and the State Police to build roads. He supports a state legislator who, after securing tax money for this institution, went on the payroll of Old Dominion University. He has no experience as a prosecutor, while seeking to be elected as the chief attorney in the Commonwealth.

Del. Steve Shannon (D-35), on the other hand, has a distinguished career including years of public service. Mr. Shannon prosecuted some of the most difficult cases in Fairfax County as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. He has served in the state House of Delegates, where he spearheaded the expansion of Amber Alert laws from northern Virginia to the whole state. He has always advocated for the rights of children subject to neglect or abuse. And he has supported the successful administrations of Tim Kaine and Mark Warner, two governors who have moved Virginia forward in spite of attempts to remain static by the opposing party. On

Election Day, I will vote for Steve Shannon for Attorney General.

Bruce Neilson
Fairfax

Support for McDonnell

To the Editor:

As a resident of Fairfax County, I want to express my continued strong support for Bob McDonnell (R), the next governor of Virginia. Bob has clearly and openly demonstrated leadership and insight into the issues that are of importance to our state at this time, especially with regard to creating long-term jobs via the growth of small businesses, and trying to mitigate the potentially catastrophic effects of the president's poorly considered economic initiatives, i.e., enormous debt and hyper-inflation.

By contrast, Bob's opponent Creigh Deeds (D), seeing his support level plummet well below Bob McDonnell's, lashed out in a desperate manner against Bob on the abortion issue. Deeds didn't mention that, while he and Bob may have differences of opinion on moral and religious issues associated with abortion, Bob, when he

was in the legislature worked to find common ground on that important issue. And, while Deeds was attacking Bob on abortion, Bob was in Martinsville unveiling his plan to bring more jobs to an area with the highest unemployment in the state. Bob is focused on issues that are important to Virginians this year.

While Deeds moves to a desperate attack phase of his campaign, I am pleased to see Bob McDonnell staying the course, pursuing paths that will lead to positive messages of growth for Virginia's economy and jobs for Virginia's citizens.

Dave Hardin
Fairfax

Health Care Reform Needed

To the Editor:

America cannot afford not to fix health care. If we do nothing now, the cost of health care premiums will double in the next seven years. There are more than 30 million of our fellow Americans who have no health insurance at all and their treatment in ERs will become part of our tax bill, hidden rather than clearly there as under health care reform.

It is for these reasons (and others as well) that health care reform is desperately needed in the U.S.

now, perhaps not for you specifically but surely for your neighbors and friends. The health insurance industry has as its primary goal, not making sure that you or others get diagnosis or treatment, but making a profit for its shareholders.

It is for this reason that insurance companies deny coverage, restrict your health care choices, and even drop you from their rolls, just as they do with auto insurance. At least with auto insurance, there is usually a "pool" set up by the state into which you can buy some level of coverage — not so with health insurance.

Under health care reform, any decisions regarding your health will continue to be made by you, your doctor and your family, not by the government, just as is the case now with "socialized" Medicare — God bless Medicare.

John Peters
Annandale

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PEOPLE



April Dawn Shimshock and David Gilliaert Werner

Shimshock, Werner To Wed

Teresa and Robert Shimshock of Fairfax announce the engagement of their daughter, April Dawn Shimshock, to David Gilliaert Werner, son of Lisbeth and Chris Werner of Burke. Both April and David graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 1998. While attending Robinson, April wrote the high school's weekly news column for The Connection and David delivered The Connection to his neighbors each week.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor of science in commerce from the University of Virginia in 2002 and a masters of education from Boston College in 2005. She currently is an investor relations manager at American Capital. The groom received a bachelor of arts in English literature and music from the University of Virginia in 2002 and completed the design/art direction graduate program at Portfolio Center in 2006. He currently is the CEO/creative director at Minor Studios. The couple became engaged on May 30 and currently resides in San Francisco, Calif.

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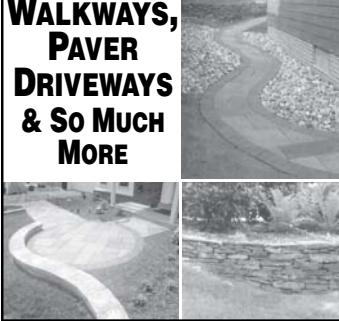
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Back to School for Burke on Sept. 8

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On the first day of school, Fairview will begin its first year of offering level IV services in the Advanced Academic Program (formerly Gifted and Talented) to its students as a Local Level IV School, according to an e-mail from Principal Easter Lancaster.

Enrollment at Fairview will be just under 600 students.

"As we begin the year, we will implement instruction that provides Twenty-First Century Skills: Creativity and Innovation," wrote Lancaster. "In addition, we will emphasize best teaching practices as we hold to the words of 'Rafe Esquith' — 'Be nice. Work hard.'"

Hunt Valley Elementary

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Terra Centre Elementary School's announcement board displays important information to passing motorists.

increase from last year. Hunt Valley has been identified as one of the county's nine Teacher Leadership Demonstration Sites and will be supporting the Cluster VI goal of closing the achievement gap and raising the bar for all students across all academic areas.

The school will begin to post all flyers,

announcements and field trip permission forms electronically on Oct. 1, according to Principal Patricia Small. Everything will be scanned and posted on grade level 24-7 sites weekly. Hard copies will be available on request.

The school welcomes two new special education teachers and a fifth grade teacher

to the staff.

Kings Glen Elementary

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The Hip-Hop Against Human Trafficking Tour w/ Flex Mathews and The Franchise Players. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Monkey Tales. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories, songs, and activities about monkeys. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-249-1520.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 4

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Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Adults. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information and advice. 703-293-6227.

Read to the Dog. 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Call or sign up online for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12. 703-644-7333.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 6

Disney's High School Musical, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$25-\$80. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Train Show. 12-5 p.m., at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. 703-425-9225. LEGO trains will be running. Come see the caboose and speeder, or browse the gift shop.

MONDAY/SEPT. 7

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Train Show. 1-4 p.m., at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. HO, N-scale and \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. 703-425-9225. LEGO trains will be running. Come see the caboose and speeder, or browse the gift shop.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 8

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

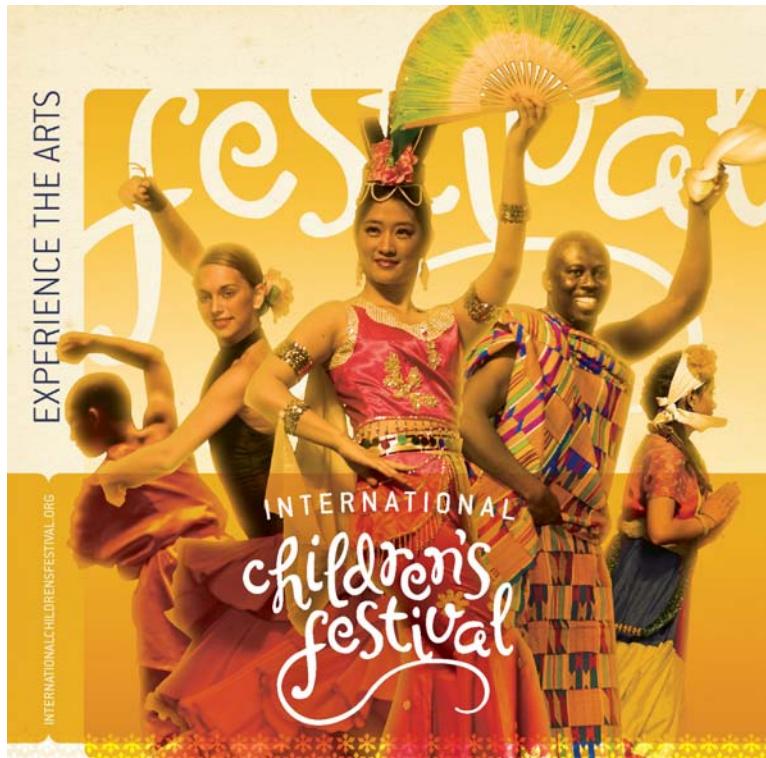
Let's Hear It for the Girls. 7:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Mother-daughter book discussion group. "Anne of Green Gables" by Lucy Maud Montgomery. Age 9-11 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Book Discussion Group. 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Reading Across the Centuries. 6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. "Fathers and Sons" by Ivan Turgenev. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

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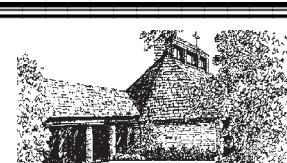


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Musician Alex Rhoads performs with her band on stage at the 2008 Burke Festival.

A Last Summer Weekend

Burke Centre Festival is
back for 32nd installment.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

As the summer draws to a close and schools get back in session, the community has little to look forward to but cold weather and the 9-to-5 crunch of work. However, as long as the folks at the Burke Centre Conservancy have anything to say about it, the community can extend their summer just a little bit longer.

The Conservancy is sponsoring the 32nd annual Burke Centre Festival Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12 and 13 at the Conservancy's festival grounds at 6060 Burke Centre Parkway. Just like the 31 preceding years, a full weekend of fun and entertainment is in store.

"We're really excited about the festival this year," said Jeannie Winslow, director of communications for the Conservancy. "It promotes community. It brings groups together that aren't normally in contact throughout the year and lets them interact. It truly is a community event."

— Jeannie Winslow,
Burke Centre Conservancy



Georgia Grandy, 4, enjoys face paint and a mouthful of ice cream at the 2008 Burke Festival.

nity event."

The Conservancy, backed by a team of approximately 300 volunteers, started organizing the event in January, as several months are required to round up vendors, performers, ride operators and more. According to Winslow, the Conservancy sent out applications for crafters for the arts and crafts show in January and early February, and by March, decided on the rides. The final step was contacting local civic

Transportation

Metro buses will be providing free shuttle service to and from the festival from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on both days. The buses will be making several stops along Burke Centre Parkway, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway.

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THINGS To Do

Festival

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groups in March, who typically set up fund-raising and information booths at the festival.

"The organizing is going smoothly, perhaps scarily smooth," Winslow said. "We always have a lot of volunteer support, but we've gotten it earlier this year."

For the 2009 edition of the festival, the Conservancy has several attractions and performances on tap. In addition to the typical amusement rides like the moon bounce and other motorized rides, festival goers may enjoy face painting, fire and rescue and police displays, the arts and crafts show and more throughout the weekend.

The Conservancy has more than 10 live performances scheduled, with several local and national musical acts, Asian and Peruvian dance groups and even the TKDA Karate Studio performing. After the main festival concludes Saturday at 5 p.m., the Wine Garden will be open until 9 p.m., where adult guests can taste different wines and enjoy more live music.

None of the myriad activities mentioned above would be possible without the Conservancy's volunteer team, according to volunteer coordinator Nancy Sherman.

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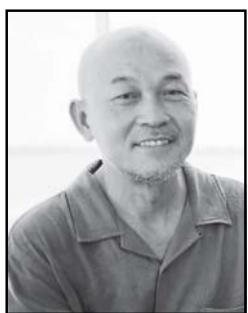
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Entertainment

The performers confirmed to appear are Gary Smallwood, Sam-O and the JFC, Alex Rhoads, Never Too Late, Last Known Soul, Rough Draft, TKDA Karate Studio, Asian and Peruvian dance groups and the Robinson Secondary School Dance and Drill Team.

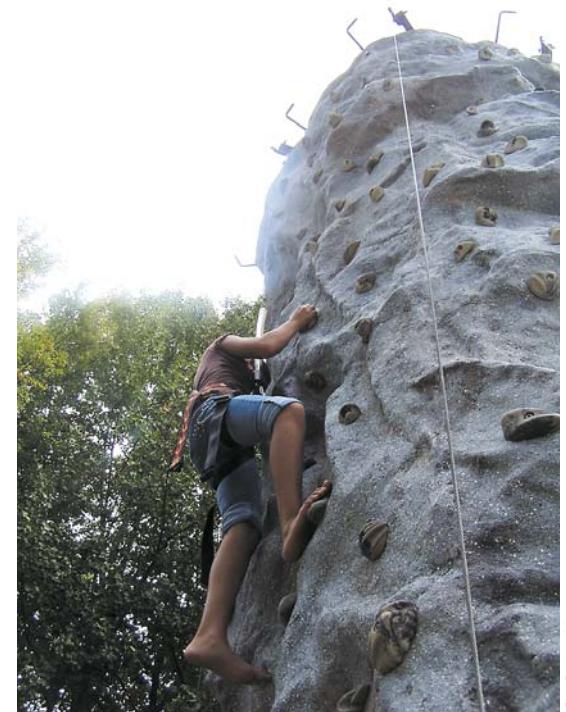
200 people who pitch in."

Having planned every aspect of the festival to the "T," all the Conservancy can do now is hope for good weather, which is about the only thing organizers cannot control. With the list of performers, rides and activities that they have lined up, they are more than confident that there will be something for everybody at the festival.

"The Conservancy festival volunteers and staff have worked extremely hard to program what promises to be one of the best local festivals of the year,"

Sherman said that during the months leading up to the festival, about 200 or so volunteers help the Conservancy plan and organize the festival. Then, during the festival, as many as 100 more come out to help in a variety of ways, including ticket sales, ride operators, hay ride drivers and more.

"We rely heavily on our charter groups that use our Burke Centre facilities over the course of the year," Sherman said. "And [volunteering] is how they pay the community back. Everything is done in-house, and we have about



FILE PHOTO

At last year's festival, Anjealiq Diaz tries her hand at the rock-climbing wall as her father cheers her on from below.

said Patrick Gloyd, executive director of the Conservancy. "There is truly something for everyone at the Burke Centre Festival, and this year will be no exception with great rides for the kids, unique vendors, and first class entertainment."

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Teen Book Chat. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Mother-daughter book discussion group. "Terrier (The Legend of Beka Cooper, Book 1)" by Tamora Pierce. Age 12-16 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Adult Summer Reading Program Closing

Celebration. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories and activities about all kinds of clothes and dressing up. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

Chess Club. 3:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn the rules and strategy; play the game. Age 6-14. 703-644-7333.

Visual Voices Speaker Series:

"Artifice of Nature" by John Ruppert, 7:30 p.m. at the Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free.

crafts show, antiques and food vendors, an evening wine garden, the Dixie Twister mechanical ride, pony rides, a 28-foot rock climbing wall, prize drawings, face painting, rides and games. Wine Garden open 5-9 p.m., with last wine serving at 8 p.m. Free shuttle bus service to and from the Festival grounds. Various shuttle bus stops will be located along Burke Centre Parkway, including all Metro bus stops. Parking is available along Burke Centre Parkway and at Knollwood Community Church on Saturday. Visit www.burkecentrefestival.com and select Fall Festival for more information.

Concert. Fairfax Symphony Orchestra presents "Great Expectations," introducing its new Music Director Christopher Zimmerman at 8 p.m., at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive in Fairfax. Free pre-performance lecture at 7 p.m. Free students tickets available until Sept. 11. Concert features Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from West Side Story," Elgar's "Introduction and Allegro for Strings" and Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring." www.fairfaxesymphony.org.

Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Mini-Walk hosted by Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter. 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., at Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter, 13000 Lee Highway, Fairfax. \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth (up to age 25). Register at 703-536-5383 or www.shelterhouse.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Third Annual Positive Aging Fair: Tools for Creative Aging

9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. General admission: \$8, or \$10 if a kosher lunch is requested in advance. Registration may be done by phone at 703-323-0880 or online at www.jccnv.org.

Standard Delivery Combo. 8-10 p.m., at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. \$10. Beginner ballroom lesson 7:30 p.m. Visit www.headoverheelsdance.com for more information or send e-mail to dance@headoverheelsdance.com or call Tina Foley at 703-424-1745.

Teen Writers Roundtable. 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935

FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Faculty Artist Series: Faculty Showcase Recital. 8 p.m., at the Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Burke Centre's 32nd Annual Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Conservancy's Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Flag-raising at 10 a.m. will kick-off the festivities. Event features live entertainment including dance and musical performances, an arts and

NEWS



Pilot Garrett Wymer, Master Police Officer James Greeves and Police Officer First Class Tammy Russell show their 2009 FLIR Vision Awards.

Eye in the Sky Snare Third Place

The Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division won third place in the 2009 FLIR Vision Awards for its apprehension of two suspects using an infrared camera. The case began when a Fairfax County police officer tried to stop a truck that had smoke coming from it. The truck failed to stop and continued along Interstate 495 into Maryland. The officer had to end his involvement, but the helicopter continued. The vehicle broke down just across state lines and the suspects fled on foot along the shoulder of the Capital Beltway.

The flight crew, Pilot Garrett Wymer, Master Police Officer James Greeves and Police Officer First Class Tammy Russell, followed the suspects until a Maryland officer responded.

As they waited, the flight crew observed the suspects make two unsuccessful attempts at carjacking two separate vehicles. The first suspect eventually gave up and the flight crew provided aerial backup as he was arrested. The second suspect ran and hid. After searching the area where the suspect was last seen, he was spotted hiding in a concrete drainage pipe.

Using an infrared camera, the flight crew was able to locate the suspect due to the heat radiating from the pipe. Both suspects were eventually arrested and it was later determined the truck had been reported stolen.

Police departments across the country and Canada participated in the competition.

COLLEGE NOTES

The following Burke residents have been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg: **Brian Terrill, Alanna Whytock and Nara Yoon.**

Jessica Clemens of Burke was honored at Virginia Tech's spring commencement ceremony on May

15, in Lane Stadium. Clemens received a master of accountancy and information systems degree in accounting and information systems.

Mihir Kapadia was honored at Virginia Tech's spring commencement ceremony on May 15, in Lane Stadium. Kapadia received a master of accountancy and information systems degree in

accounting and information systems from the Pamplin College of Business.

Ian Kraft, a senior from Burke, made the dean's list at the University of Mary Washington.

James Greevy, a senior from Burke, made the dean's list at the University of Mary Washington.

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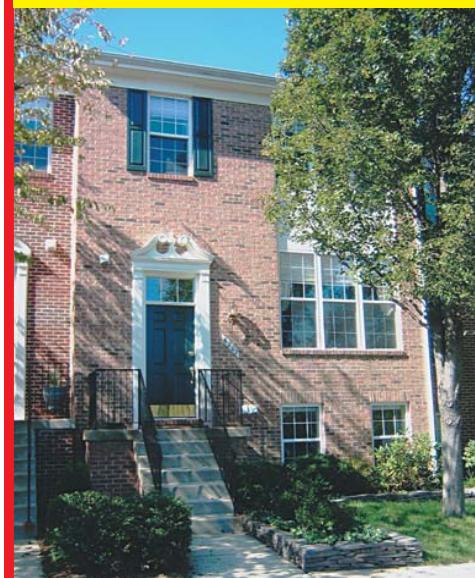
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W.S. Girls Reign at Bulldog Invitational

Spartans stun top schools in championship run at Westfield High tournament.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Alex Abrahamson and her teammates from the West Springfield High School field hockey team walked onto the field for a championship showdown against South County Secondary School with a chip on their shoulders.

At the Bulldog Invitational Field Hockey Tournament on Aug. 28 -29 at Westfield High School, Abrahamson's team played the role of underdog, but after a 2-0 victory against defending state champions, Chantilly High School, the Lady Spartans felt they could do anything.

"It is a new year, and everyone is underestimating us," Abrahamson said. "We have such a great team and I feel like we can go far. Everyone is looking past us."

The Lady Spartans entered the tournament with a 0-1 record and a rookie head coach, but they left carrying the championship trophy, stunning some of the top programs in attendance and themselves.

"I knew that we would have to step up if we wanted to have a chance to win," Head Coach Rosie Pannoni said. "A lot of people are underestimating us this year. The team lost a lot of playmakers last year, but we have a great group of girls who are really

"It is a new year, and everyone is underestimating us."

— Alex Abrahamson

end."

IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP game with South County Secondary, the Lady Spartans opened the scoring in the first half with a goal by junior Danielle O'Brien.

The Spartans defense, led by goaltending tandem Kristen Beyer and Mary Walsh, held the lead until a thunderstorm suspended play with 11 minutes left in the game.

After an hour's delay, referees called the game and West Springfield defeated South County 1-0.

"I wish we could have finished the game,

stepping up."

The trip to the finals was also a sweet redemption for some of the senior Lady Spartans who attended last year's tournament.

"Last year, we lost all of our games at this tournament," Abrahamson said. "Everyone was just so psyched to [get to the finals this year]. We kept telling ourselves, 'It's a new year, people graduate, our team is even better than last year.'"

While Abrahamson and her teammates may have been surprised by their run to the finals, Pannoni said she knew the team could contend.

"We have enough skill and talent that if these girls really push themselves they can win," Pannoni said. "I think that really showed this week-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Junior Danielle O'Brien was the Lady Spartans' leading scorer at the Bulldog Invitational. She had three goals including the game winner in the championship against South County.

but it's just a great start to a good season," Pannoni said. "I'm just very proud of my team and what they accomplished."

THE CHAMPIONSHIP game was the Lady Spartans' sixth game in six days, but Abrahamson credits the team's depth for being able to compete despite the heavy workload.

"We just have great depth on our team," she said. "We had great defenders, great goaltending and great midfielders. We can be really good this year."

Pannoni said that her team's top performer was the Lady Spartan's lone goal scorer in the finals, Danielle O'Brien.

"She was great," Pannoni said. "She was

everywhere you wanted her to be. She drove the ball down the field and made plays. She had three goals and was our leading scorer. Anytime I needed her to get the ball she did. She set up beautiful plays for our team."

Though O'Brien was the standout, Pannoni said everyone on the team played a role in the team's championship run.

"I'm just so proud of our team," she said. "We played like a team and we brought our A-game and gave it everything we had."

West Springfield's record improves to 4-1, with victories over Hayfield Secondary School (2-1), Chantilly High School (2-0), Oakton High School (3-0) and South County Secondary School (1-0).

Spartan Defense: 'Defend and Destroy'

West Springfield's defense holds Riverbend scoreless in first half of scrimmage.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

At West Springfield High School, middle linebacker Joey DeSantis knows that if he wants to help the Spartans capture its third district football title in three years, his actions will need to be bigger than his 5-foot-9-inch stature.

"I'm a little bit smaller than most guys out there on the field, but I'm just looking to get the job done," DeSantis said. "I may not make the highlight reel play, but I want to be the solid player."

In the Spartans' 35-21 scrimmage victory against Riverbend High School on Thursday, Aug. 27, DeSantis displayed why he is one of the team's defensive leaders.

"I'm an old-school player," he said. "I don't try to make a lot of fancy plays. I just try to cover my assignments. I see myself as

[Redskins' linebacker] London Fletcher. I'm not going to get a lot of media or glory, but that's not what I'm looking for."

DeSantis prides himself on being a mistake-free defender. During the scrimmage, he helped the Spartans hold Riverbend High scoreless in the first half.

"I thought we came out strong," he said. "We held them back in the first and our defensive line looked good."

West Springfield takes pride in its defense, displaying signs that advertise the squad as "relentless with honor," and a team motto

of "defend and destroy."

"I think the defense will stack up well," DeSantis said. "We have Matt Rose who is 285 pounds and Maurice McKinney who's about 250. We're going to hold up [well] against everybody."

The Spartans' size isn't limited to defense. On offense, the Spartans' hulking senior left tackle, Michael Justice, stands 6 foot 7 inches and weighs 279 pounds.

"My size helps me throw guys around," he said. "Being an offensive lineman isn't a glory position, but it's fun to throw kids around and block."

Though Justice and DeSantis had strong performances in the scrimmage, Head Coach J.T. Biddison said that the team still has work to do to get ready for the season opener against

Edison High School on Friday, Sept. 4.

"There's still a lot concerns," he said. "We gave up more touchdowns than I'd like to."

Biddison said that the team needs to focus on containing turnovers, but he did see some positives in the scrimmage.

"Our offensive line did a real nice job protecting the quarterback, and our defense and inside linebackers are playing well right now."

Biddison took over as head coach from Bill Renner and previously was the head coach at Marshall High School for six years. The transition has gone well, he said, but the team is still trying to define its playing style.

WITH THE pre-season over, Justice said that it's time for the team to learn from its mistakes and refocus on its goal.

"We just want to win it all and be Patriot District Champion three years in a row," Justice said. "I also want to beat Lake Braddock, they've been calling us out recently."

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School Starts Tuesday, Sept. 8

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support, Kings Glen will continue its mentoring program "Bruin Buddies" that provides identified KGES students with a Lake Braddock High School mentor. "This program not only offers our Gator students valuable guidance and tutelage from an older student, but it offers the teens a chance to positively influence the life of a younger child," wrote Principal Samuel L. Elson, in an e-mail.

Kings Glen's after-school programs will continue to be offered in 2009-10, including The Kings Glen Jesters theatre program, All Stars athletic sportsmanship club, Fiddle Club, Band Club and Chess Club.

Kings Park Elementary

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703-426-7000
Enrollment: 660
Grade Levels: K-3
Principal: Sarah Skerker
Sarah.Skerker@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/KingsParkES

Back-to-School Nights: K-1, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.; Grades 2-3, Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Currently, Kings Park is under enrolled at 660 students. The school usually expects 700 students at the beginning of the year. New this year, the school will be implementing Responsive Classroom, a school-wide approach to building school and classroom community, according to an e-mail from Principal Sarah Skerker. All classroom teachers and many specialists took a week long training course this summer to learn the approach, which embraces the social aspect of learning and supports a positive approach to classroom management.

Kings Park also plans to emphasize math instruction for all students. Renowned math expert Tom Schersten will return to the school in October. The school will implement a math concept, called guided math, a strategy that ensures each child's individual needs are met during math instruction.

Laurel Ridge Elementary

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Fairfax, VA 22032
703-426-3700
Enrollment: 828
Principal: Larry Burke
Larry.Burke@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/LaurelRidgeES/
"Popsicles on the Porch": Sept. 3, 1:30 p.m.
Open House: Sept. 3, 2-3 p.m.
Back-to-School Night: K-2, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.; Grades 3-6, Thursday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

This past year, Laurel Ridge Elementary again made Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). To build on this success, the school will be offering a daily intervention and enrichment period for all students.

"We are excited to begin our second year of full day kindergarten and celebrate the exceptional gains that our rising first graders made as a result of this program," wrote Principal Larry Burke in an e-mail.

Laurel Ridge will welcome five general education classroom teachers, two special education teachers, two instructional assistants, a new reading teacher, a new physical education teacher and a part-time general music teacher during the 2009-10 school year.

The school will continue to develop its Positive Behavior Approaches throughout the school, a pro-

gram that began last year.

Orange Hunt Elementary

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Springfield, VA 22153
703-913-6800
Enrollment: 835
Principal: Judy Ryan
Judy.Ryan@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/OrangeHuntES

Back-to-School Night: Kindergarten (a.m.) Grade 1, Monday, Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m.; Kindergarten (p.m.) Grade 2, Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.; Grade 3, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m.; Grade 4, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.; Grade 5, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m.; Grade 6, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.

With the start of the 2009-10 school year, Orange Hunt's 800 students will be beginning the day a little later. Arrival and dismissal times have moved 15 minutes later. In addition, the German Immersion Program continues for the 15th year.

"Our new school mascot, HOOT, often walks around the school visiting classrooms celebrating students' accomplishments," said Principal Judy Ryan, in an e-mail. "The children delight in seeing him when he attends special assemblies and within the school."

Ravensworth Elementary

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Springfield, VA 22151
703-426-3600
Enrollment: 540
Principal: Pam O'Connor
pam.oconnor@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/RavensworthES

Back-to-School Night: Resource Teachers, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.; K-6, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Ice Cream Social: Thursday, Sept. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ravensworth Elementary is expecting the same number of students as last year, approximately 540. School will begin and end 10 minutes earlier and there will be larger class sizes.

The PTA will host an Ice Cream Social on Sept. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.. "We will continue focusing on high expectations for students as we provide appropriate instruction to meet student needs," said Principal Pam O'Connor in an e-mail.

Sangster Elementary

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Springfield, VA 22153
703-644-8200
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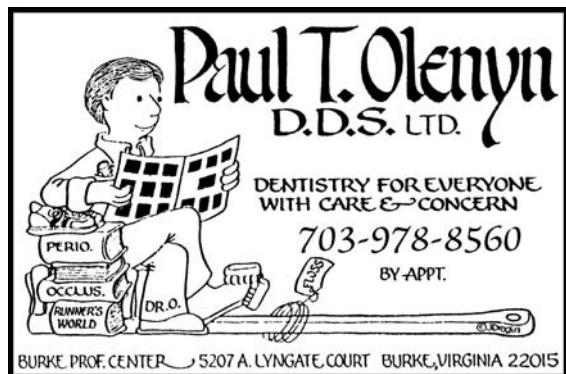
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Sangster Elementary will open with high enrollment, about 790 students. In support of the FCPS Essential Life Skills goal, the Positive Behavior Support program will continue to expand and encourage students in their skills for team work, respectful interactions and responsible behavior. "Our Respon

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program Plus and Silver Lining Program funds and CDBG-R funds listed below have been reviewed under a tiered environmental review process per HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.15, and are hereby being considered for a Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds (NOI/RROF). The activities proposed are categorically excluded from NEPA requirements under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. Additional information is contained in the Environmental Review Records (ERRs) for each activity under the Neighborhood Stabilization Plan Plus and Silver Lining Program (NSP-SL), Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) and the Community Development Block Grant - Recovery Program (CDBG-R) program at the Fairfax County, Virginia, Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-6039, and may be examined or copied, upon request, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1. Program title: Neighborhood Stabilization Program Plus and Silver Lining Program (NSP-SL)

Location: Countywide but mostly focused in these neighborhoods: Springfield, Alexandria (Route 1/Fairfax County), Centreville, Chantilly, Lorton, and Town of Herndon.

Purpose of Project: NSP-Plus funds will be provided to non-profits to purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed properties, for use as affordable rental housing. The properties will be rented to households whose incomes are at or below 50% AMI.

Total Cost: \$ 1,000,000 NSP-Plus funds

2. Program title: Community Development Block Grant - Recovery Program (CDBG-R)

Location: The following Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority properties including: Little River Glen, Little River Square, Penderbrook, Murraygate, McLean Hills, as well as Sunrise House group home and various units countywide owned by non-profit organizations.

Purpose of Project: CDBG-R funds will be used for Categorically Excluded rehabilitation at the moderate income rental housing developments listed above.

Total Cost: \$ 1,610,504 CDBG-R funds

3. Program title: Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

Location: Countywide

Purpose of Project: The primary use of these funds will be for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities. Specific services include (but are not limited to) rent and utility assistance, security deposits, housing search and community-based case management. Approximately \$910,000 is allocated for Prevention Services, and approximately \$1,350,000 is allocated for Rapid Re-Housing Services. Fairfax County has been awarded \$2,462,398 in HPRP funds. Of the remaining amount, \$123,119 is allocated for administrative costs, and \$79,279 is to be used for meeting HUD data collection and reporting requirements.

Total Cost: \$ 2,462,398 HPRP funds

The County of Fairfax, Virginia, has determined that the above-listed project(s) will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with the County of Fairfax, Virginia, determinations or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development. All comments received by 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 9, 2009**, will be considered by the Fairfax County, Virginia, Department of Housing and Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The County of Fairfax, Virginia, certifies to HUD that Anthony H. Griffin, in his capacity as County Executive, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Department of Housing and Community Development of Fairfax County, Virginia, to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Plus-Silver Lining Program, the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, as well as for Community Development Block Grant-Recovery Program funds. Send objections to the HUD Richmond Field Office, Environmental Office, 600 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219-1800, Attention: Mr. Kerry Johnson, 1-800-842-2610 x4803; and to: HUD Washington, D.C. Field Office, 820 First Street NE, Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20002-4255, Attention: Mrs. Frances Bush, 202-275-9200. Objections should be received by **Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2009**, or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Fairfax, Virginia, approved by HUD; (b) the County of Fairfax has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in a project have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

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Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.; Grades 9-12, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

Lake Braddock Secondary School has decided to eliminate the seven period day on Mondays and will use a straight block schedule, alternating odd and even days. "This will make it considerably easier to share teachers, students, and classes with other schools," said assistant principal Thomas Garber in an e-mail. The "Bruin Block" in-school remediation time and Teacher Collaboration Time has been moved to Wednesdays.

This year, Lake Braddock will be offering Army JROTC for students and has hired two new instructors for the program.

Robinson Secondary

5035 Sideburn Road

Fairfax, VA 22032

703-426-2100

Enrollment: 4,000

Principal: Dan Meier

Dan.Meier@fcps.edu

Web site: www.fcps.edu/RobinsonSS/

Back-to-School Night: Grades 7-8, Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m.; grades 9-12, Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m.

Robinson Secondary School will incorporate a RAISE (Ram Academic Intervention and Support for Everyone) period into every school day for the first time this year. Oceanography will be a new class offering and ROTC is being considered. Some minor changes have been made to the facilities, including the addition of several new computer labs, the placement of Smart Boards in all classrooms and the refurbishing of the weight room and locker rooms.

Enrollment will be slightly higher than projections and Robinson will open with nearly 4,000 students in the fall. "Robinson continues to strive to raise the bar for all students while closing the achievement gaps within subgroups of students," wrote Principal Dan Meier in an e-mail.

Robinson welcomes two new administrators, Dr. Scot Turner as 12th grade principal and Donna Piscitelli as high school director of student services. Twenty new teacher will also be joining the faculty.

West Springfield High

6100 Rolling Road

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Enrollment: 2,183

Principal: Paul Wardinski

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Web site: www.fcsp.edu/WestSpringfieldHS

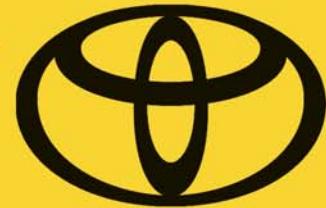
Back-to-School Night: Grades 9-12, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

West Springfield High School will continue its in-school instructional program, Spartan Time, this year.

"This is a time during the school day that is set aside for students to get extra help, teachers to provide remediation, students to complete make-up work, etc." said Principal Paul Wardinski in an e-mail. Collaboration time for the four core topics and languages has been built into the schedule.

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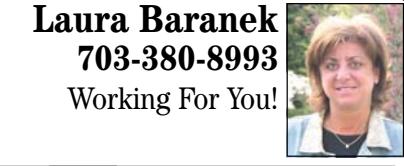


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