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Back to School

Days lost to “Snowmageddon” will be found in the spring.

By Ryan McKinnon
The Connection

Arlington County School students, who got an unexpected 10 days of vacation during the December and January snowstorms, will make up the missed time during the spring semester. The make-up plan, released by Superintendent Dr. Patrick Murphy on Feb. 17, poses a solution to squeezing more days and hours into an already full spring calendar.

The plan is to recover the lost days without impacting the end of school year date or spring break by converting teacher conference and preparation days into instructional days. In addition, elementary schools will no longer have early release Wednesdays.

With a school year that extends late into June already, many across the county were worried that the days would be added on at the end of the year.

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Fewer Services, More Taxes

Acting county manager offers hold-the-line budget proposal.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Connection

County residents could get hit with higher taxes and additional fees next year, even as officials cut back on services.

Acting County Manager Barbara Donnellan presented her proposed budget for fiscal year 2011 last weekend, rolling out a $941.8 million plan for operating costs in the coming year. Although Donnellan suggested raising the tax rate 6.7 cents to 94.2 cents for every $100 of assessed value, the County Board voted to advertise a tax rate of 96.5 cents for every $100 of assessed value. According to Virginia law, the board cannot adopt a higher rate than the one advertised even though it may adopt a lower one.

“This rate provides us with the flexibility we need to address the unknowns presented since our last budget proposal,” said Royster.

Family Recalls Gertrude M. Williams, Sentinel of Faith

By Delia Sava
The Connection

Gertrude M. Williams, who last month celebrated her 100th birthday, died of natural causes at the Golden Living Center/Sleepy Hollow Nursing Home in Annandale on Feb. 11. Williams was a deaconess at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Arlington where she held numerous positions in the 70-plus years she was a member of the congregation. Williams’ daughter, Betty A. Royster says her mother loved her church and singing in the choir was one of her passions.

The third in a family of eight children, Williams was born in Fairfax and later moved to Arlington, where she lived for more than 50 years. Royster noted that her mother converted and was baptized in the Baptist Church when she was 11 years old.

“She started working in the church at a very early age and she served in a number of capacities; as a Sunday school superintendent, on the usher board and at the choir. She was quite active,” said Royster.

In 1927 Williams married Howard L. Williams; the couple was married for more than 60 years. Royster says she has vivid memories of their life in the 1950s when Arlington was a rural community and the family raised chickens in their backyard.

When Bob Hope hosted golf tournaments at the Army-Navy Country Club, Royster says her parents, who lived on a corner lot, charged a nominal fee for cars to park in the yard. Royster credits her mother with teaching her important lessons about managing money and “planning for the future.”

In November of 2008 when the Macedonia Baptist Church celebrated its 100th birthday, Williams was recognized for her years of service. A photo of Williams graced the front page of the Arlington Connection and a feature article covering the event at the church was titled, “Sentinel of Faith” and made note of Williams’ many years of service to the church.

For her own centennial birthday celebration last month, Williams received congratulatory letters from Gov. Tim Kaine and President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. According to Royster, the birthday celebration took place at the Sleepy Hollow Nursing Home: “I noticed how the young nieces and nephews all pulled together for the celebration. She drew the family closer — she was a unifying force in the family,” said Royster. She added, “She was well-loved by everyone who knew her, everyone enjoyed being around her.”

The Rev. Leonard Hamlin, senior pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church, delivered the eulogy at the funeral service held at Macedonia Baptist Church on Feb. 19. Royster says she would like people to remember that her mother “really loved her church and enjoyed singing in the choir.” She added, “It was one of the main things they spoke about at her funeral.”

Survivors include her children: Betty Ann Royster of Alexandria, Charles Lewis Williams of Fairfax and Harold Leonard Williams of Forestville, Md; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

When Macedonia Baptist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary in November 2008, Deaconess Gertrude Williams was honored as a member of the church for over 70 years. Standing next to her was Tonia Heggs.
‘A Helping Hand’

Agencies works with immigrant day laborers.

By Delia Sava
The Connection

We had so many people that gave me and my family a helping hand along the way, that it literally is my time and my turn to provide that helping hand,” said Andres Tobar. For the past six years, Tobar has been the executive director of the Shirlington Employment and Education Center, a nonprofit agency dedicated to working with immigrant day laborers in Arlington.

The son of Mexican migrant farm workers, Tobar was born in South Texas. “The family moved to Fresno, Calif., which is where I grew up,” said Tobar. The longtime Arlington resident — “33 years, but who’s counting?” — says he came to the area as a federal employee with the Department of Education.

Tobar holds a B.A. in Spanish and an M.A. in social science from California State University; much of his work during his years with the federal government focused on programs for minority and low-income students.

Then in 1996 at the age of 50, Tobar took an early retirement but he continued to be active in local politics and served on numerous nonprofit boards. Before assuming the executive director position at S.E.E.C., for five years he was the executive director for the National Association of Hispanic Publications, a nonprofit based in Washington D.C.

According to Tobar, County board member J. Walter Tejada was instrumental in establishing S.E.E.C. to address the problems faced by day laborers and the neighborhood where they were congregating.

“Ten years ago we got together and had a discussion about all those guys on Four Mile Run trying to get a job… they were all Latinos… and it seemed we should be the ones trying to find a solution to get them employment.”

S.E.E.C. provides at no-cost to either party a matching service on a first-come, first-served basis. “Our primary mission is to provide a safe environment for people looking for work and employers who come with potential jobs,” said Tobar. The Center consists of two facilities, a main office and a pavilion. Prospective employers can visit either site to find workers. The goal of the bilingual staff is to facilitate the pairing of worker and employer. In addition to the matching service, the Center provides English as a Second Language classes and vocational training.

“Then as the economy changed, we started to see a desperate need,” Tobar said. In response to the economic hardship of the population he serves, Tobar reached out to the faith community and civic groups with a project called “Give a Meal.” Tobar asks for 50 bag lunches that include a sandwich or two, a fruit or small salad and a drink.

“They can call us and we’ll pick it up or they can drop it off and we’ll distribute it to our guys,” he said, adding, “The Arlington community is too well off economically and too caring to allow people to go hungry.”

The organization is looking for financial support as well as volunteers who can teach English classes or provide vocational training. And Tobar is always interested in speaking to groups on the “challenges and opportunities of having a strong immigrant community in Arlington.”

Being of service seems to be a recurrent theme for Tobar who has been very politically active and was a candidate last year in the primary race to represent the 47th district in the House of Delegates. He lost but expresses deep gratitude for those who supported him.

Tobar admits he was initially reluctant to accept the position of executive director. But then he thought about the “helping hands” in his own life. “Because of my background and the ability to be literally in two cultures: being in Latino culture listening to their challenges and their needs and going to the non-Latino community and asking for help. I think I’ve been doing a pretty good job. I’m glad that it’s me.”
Some of the Cutbacks

- $1 million savings in a furlough day, which will mean all county employees will schedule an unpaid day off work on their pay day.

- $210,751 reduction in cleaning services, which will diminish the number of times restroom facilities are cleaned in heavily used county facilities.

- $200,000 reduction in snow removal, which will eliminate funding for snow hauling from commercial areas when snowfall is in excess of six to eight inches.

- $128,000 for library materials, which will eliminate subscriptions for all newspapers except for the Washington Post, eliminate music CD purchases and eliminate popular paperback purchases.

- $100,000 in arts grants, which will lower the cap on grant funding for two large organizations and provide fewer performances.

- $79,195 for rodent control, which will eliminate one of three positions and eliminate neighborhood surveys in favor of responding to complaints.

- $45,000 reduction in the Think Arlington campaign, which will eliminate advertising on the Metro system for one year.

- $35,000 reduction in tenant services, which will diminish the ability of Buyers and Renters Alliance Voice (BRAVO) to provide intervention, public outreach and advice to tenants.

- $33,600 reduction for poll staffing, which will reduce the number of elections officials from three to two workers for the November 2010 election.

- $27,180 reduction in publications such as “The Citizen,” which would eliminate one of six issues mailed to county residents.

- $20,000 reduction in communications, reducing money available for cable television programming, event coverage and closed captioning.

- $5,000 reduction for snowing, which will decrease trail moving from 11 times a year to seven times a year.
Finding Lost Days in Spring

Changes

Dates that were conference or preparation days that are now instructional days.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

March 4, March 5, April 5
All early release Wednesdays for Elementary Schools between March 3 and June 9 are now full days.

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

March 5, April 5

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

April 5
For more specifics go to http://www.arlington.k12.va.us

Complete plan. Families need to know what steps will be taken to cover the recent closings as well as the steps that might need to be taken in the event that added instructional time is lost later in the year.

Some students who enjoyed the time off are now wishing that they had those teacher planning days in March and April that allowed for a day off mid-semester. “I regret missing the snow days,” said Atiyah Barett, a 5th grader at Long Branch Elementary, “I like to sleep in until noon.”

The make up days are simply an inevitable necessity of “Snowmageddon,” according to Mary Pritchett. The bus driving veteran of 29 years said, “It’s the worst snow I’ve ever driven in. But you just got to go with the flow.”

Fewer Services, More Taxes

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Total county spending would decrease 1.9 percent from last year, and the transfer to schools would increase $6.3 million to $358.7 million — an increase of 1.8 percent to account for the increased enrollment of 700 students. Although Donnellan’s proposal would not close any facilities or eliminate any agencies, it would cut back hours for libraries and park facilities. Community policing would be reduced, and economic development initiatives would be scaled back.

“What we are required to do — produce visible service reductions,” Donnellan wrote. “This proposed budget, while not perfect, stays true to the community’s values and our vision of Arlington as a diverse, vibrant and inclusive community with a mix of programs and services that continue to be recognized internationally.”

Some budget decisions were guided by the county’s green tradition. For example, a $1 million investment in LED traffic lights is expected to save about $375,000 a year by reducing the amount of electricity by 15 percent. Other of her budget decisions were more pragmatic in nature, spreading the reductions across the organization. For example, her proposal would charge the school system $32,000 for using the county’s GIS technology to map the attendance zone boundaries.

“Now the work begins, as we scour the budget, engage the community and do what we are required to do — produce a balanced budget in April,” said Fisette. “We are committed to finding the balance of the service quality that we have come to expect with the burden on taxpayers.”

Two public hearings have been scheduled for March 23 and 24. Another public hearing on taxes and fees has been called for March 25. All three hearings will take place at 7 p.m. in the County Board room.

Bulletins Board

FRIDAY/FEB. 26

The Role of Discipline. 7:30-9 p.m. Cost is $5. Sharifa Oopenheimer, author of Heaven on Earth: A Handbook for Parents of Young Children, will give a talk to parents on family culture and the role of discipline. At the Potomac Crescent Waldorf School, 923 South 23rd Street, Arlington. Call 703-486-1309 or visit www.potomaccrescentschool.org

SATURDAY/FEB. 27

Instructional Recruitment Fair. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. APS representatives will be on hand to interview candidates for current vacancies as well as anticipated openings for the 2010-11 school year. At Wakefield High School, 4901 South Chesterfield Road. Visit the Web site at http://www.apsva.us/ or call 703-228-6189. Become a Teen Fitness Leader, 9-11:30 p.m. At Thomas Jefferson Community Center.
‘Ergathon’

Millie Smith, Olivia Aujust, Victoria Kreiger and Cory Oppenheimer take turns “erging” (indoor rowing) in the Yorktown Row for Humanity, an all-day event designed to raise money for Habitat for Humanity and to support the crew team’s activities.

Volunteers Katherine Wentz, Amanda Gaylard and Katarina Auer offer information about the Yorktown Rowing team and Habitat for Humanity at Ballston Common Mall on Saturday, Feb. 20.
Profile in Real Estate

– Michelle Sagatov

Michelle is a former Arlington County Police Officer turned Real Estate Consultant, who transplanted here from Southern California in 1999. Wife to an accomplished builder, Yuri Sagatov, with Sagatov Associates, Michelle moved into real estate as a way to combine her knowledge of the area with her insights into home construction. She has made the change successfully – her sales volume since she joined Fall Properties in 2006 is over $26 million.

Michelle’s client base ranges from first time home buyers to new construction. She works as a team with her husband to help home-owners decide if they should renovate or sell. By analyzing their client’s goals and budget, Michelle and Yuri help them to understand what their options are and then design a detailed approach for taking the next step. It is a happy marriage, both in work and play.

By staying on top of the market and keeping current with the economic climate, Michelle provides excellent customer service to her ever-growing sphere. Her large database of trusted professionals in other real estate related industries help her to make each real estate transaction as smooth as possible.

Michelle has achieved the National Association of Realtors Green designation and helps her clients save money by being eco-conscious. “I believe in a healthy home and try to educate my clients about this. I am a mother of two and hope to keep the world a healthy place for them to grow in.”
**Home Sales**

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Demon Barber Draws Blood
Signature’s third “Sweeney Todd” is not necessarily a charm.

By Brad Hathaway
The Connection

S ignature Theatre returns to the show that started it all for them. In 1991, their very first musical, Stephen Sondheim’s “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street,” took the Washington theatre community by storm. That was when they were performing in Arlington County’s Gunston Arts Center’s 89-seat Theatre Two.

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actor in a play, tackles one of the most challenging but often most rewarding roles in dramatic musical theater. He’s the demented, tormented barber who uses his razor to wreak vengeance for the mistreatment he has suffered at the hands of the powers that be in mid-19th century London. Having been deported to hard labor in Australia on trumped up charges by a judge who covets his pretty wife, Todd returns after a ship wreck to find his wife took poison after being raped by the judge who then took their daughter as his ward and now, 15 years later, plans to marry her herself.

Through the entire night Sweeney’s eyes seem blank, with a somnambulant emptiness clearly the result of his 15 years of unimaginable pain. It is a psychologically valid approach to the role, but it is a dramatically inert one that drains the production of the intensity inherent in the script and score. It is a musically inappropriate choice as well because, as composed, Sweeney’s blood lust is manic—just look at the explosion of “you sir, how about a shave?” or the gleeful mania of the musical line of his statement that “The history of the world my sweet is who gets eaten and who gets to eat.” While Gero sings acceptably, his semi catatonia saps the life from the entire production just as Sweeney’s razor drains the blood of his victims.

It also deprives Sherri L. Edelen, one of the finer musical actresses to work frequently at Signature, of a vibrant partner to play against. She portrays the proprietress of a bake shop who has eyes for Todd both as a love overing on the edges of Sweeney’s world, and Gregory Mahue adds a touch of youthful vigor as the sailor who saved Todd from the sea and falls in love with his daughter. He has a voice that could hold its own among a stronger cast than this. Erin Driscoll sings smoothly as the daughter even as her charms are hidden behind a formless costume. Chris Van Cleve and Chris Sizemore team up rather nicely as the evil judge and his smarmy assistant.

Michael Bunce, on the other hand, walks through the role of a conman pretending to be a talented barber without much distinction at all. Sam Ludwig makes the transition from the conman’s assistant to demented survivor of carnage well, although just what the intention was behind shaving portions of his skull escaped me.

New orchestrations of the sumptuous Sondheim score by Zak Sandler are inventive in their use of just four players. As a result, the piece has a surprisingly detailed instrumental sound which would please if it were matched by equally rich vocals. The ensemble singing, however, rarely reaches that level and often sounds thin and wavering.

Sondheim’s “Sweeney Todd” has been recognized as a masterpiece of the American musical theater and has begun to be included in the repertoire of even some of the world’s great opera companies. This production provides evidence of that greatness, but it doesn’t replace either of Signature’s first two in the list of great productions of the piece. This third Signature production disproves the adage that the third time is a charm.
**SPORTS**

**Veith’s 28 Points, 24-0 Run Propel Pats Past W-L**

Yorks town beats Washington-Lee, finishes second at National District tournament.

By Jon Roetman  
The Connection

A kind gesture by Washington-Lee High School faculty on Thursday left Yorktown guard Mike Veith feeling awkward. The senior sharpshooter spent the rest of the evening showing his “appreciation” against the Generals.

Since Yorktown’s final home game was cancelled due to snowstorms, Washington-Lee faculty honored the rival Patriot seniors with a ceremony prior to Thursday’s National District tournament quarterfinal contest at W-L. Both team’s seniors were recognized, but the situation didn’t feel right to Veith.

“[Before] the game started and they were doing the senior night I thought, ‘This [is] a joke, we have nobody here,’” he said. “It was kind of embarrassing. It was like crickets when they’d yell our name.”

Veith’s “appreciation” came in the form of 28 points and nine rebounds as No. 5 Yorktown defeated No. 4 Washington-Lee 58-39.

The win secured a berth in the Northern Region tournament for the Patriots while ending the Generals’ season. Veith’s all-around performance was a focal point of Yorktown’s victory.

“When we stole [the win],” he said, “I was kind of like, ‘Yeah, it was our senior night.’”

Washington-Lee led 27-25 at halftime and 36-30 midway through the third quarter when Dajon Taylor knocked down a 3-pointer with 4:46 remaining in the period. But that’s when momentum shifted.

“A Ben Earley free throw cut the Yorktown deficit to five with 4:13 to play. After nearly two minutes, a Veith layup pulled the Patriots to within three at 36-33. Moments later, the Washington-Lee bench was whistled for a technical foul and Veith knocked down both ensuing free throws to cut the deficit to one.

“Less than a minute later, Yorktown center C.J. Bartholomew chased after a loose ball in front of the Patriots bench. The 6-foot-3 senior lunged after the ball and was able to keep it alive. Veith ended up with the ball in the corner and buried a 3-pointer for a 38-36 lead.

“I just swatted it with my left hand,” Bartholomew said. “I was surprised it came back in play. I didn’t think I was going to get it.”

**WITH MOMENTUM on their side, the Patriots continued to score. A three-point play by Bartholomew. A floater by Veith. A layup by Eric Cardillo. Meanwhile, the Generals missed. And missed and missed some more. When Washington-Lee’s Taylor knocked down a 3-pointer with 1:08 remaining in the fourth quarter, it snapped a streak of 24 consecutive Yorktown points and mercifully ended an 11-minute, 38-second scoring drought for the Generals.**

“It seemed like we just went for about a five-minute stretch,” Yorktown head coach Richard Avila said, “where we just seemed like we were clicking.”

Veith scored 22 of his 28 points during the first three quarters, when the game was still undecided. He connected on four 3-pointers, and the triple after Bartholomew’s hustle play which gave the Patriots the lead for good.

“Mike’s one of those kind of players where you’ve got to let him play,” Avila said. “Sometimes he tries to force [shots] but I thought his focus tonight was just tremendous. He knew the situation that we needed. He was a senior; he didn’t want this to be his last game. … I think he’s one of the best players in our district by far. I think he proved it tonight.”

Taylor led Washington-Lee with 15 points. Jack Earley scored eight points for Yorktown and Cardillo added six. Ben Earley and Nick Zobor each finished with four.

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**THE WIN ADVANCED** Yorktown to the semifinal round, where the Patriots defeated No. 8 Falls Church 59-41 on Friday.

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**I feel like after the first two [National District tournament] games, we’ll go off that,” Veith said, “and know we’re good enough to compete in the region.”**

**Sports Briefs**

**Yorktown Girls Advance to Regionals**

The Yorktown girls basketball team defeated Wakefield 55-35 on Thursday during the opening round of the National District tournament, securing the Patriots a spot in the regional tournament. Yorktown lost to Mount Vernon 73-65 on Friday in the semifinals of the district tournament.

Yorktown trailed by 17 at halftime against Mount Vernon but battled back within single digits.

“In the second half we came out and we played much better defense — we understood the matchups,” Yorktown head coach Dave Garrison said. “[Mount Vernon] is a very athletic team, very strong to the hole, so you’ve got to give them something. We gave them the outside shots in the first half and they hit them. We got down a little bit and … lost faith in our system. In the second half we came out and Lindsiwe Rennert did an excellent job of keeping the team together — I’m very proud of her effort.”

Against Mount Vernon, Yorktown senior Peyton Lee led all scorers with 24 points. The junior also led the Patriots with 17 points against Wakefield.

“She worked very hard in the offseason, training every day, working on her shot, working on all parts of her game,” Garrison said of Lee. “She’s going to continue to improve. I think she’s grown up a lot. She didn’t play much at all sophomore year and kind of got thrown to the wolves as a point guard in our first eight games [this season].

We played some of the top teams in the region that really pressure the guard and she got a trial by fire. She really has stepped up in the system.”

Leno Negri scored 16 against Mount Vernon and Brooke Huffman added 11.

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**Yorktown Girls Take Sixth at Swimming States**

The Yorktown girls swim and dive team finished in sixth place on Friday at the state swim and dive competition in Virginia Beach. The Patriots scored 101 points, five behind fifth-place West Springfield. Robinson finished first with 227.5.

Senior Kaiflin Wolla placed fifth in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1 minute, 48.4 seconds. She was also part of the Patriots’ 200 medley relay team (Lydia Carpenter, Abigail Ortmyer, Angela Slevin, Wolla) which finished second with a time of 1:50.77. “I love doing relays,” Wolla said.

“Swimming is a very individual-based sport. You’re on your own most of the time. But in a relay you have to depend on your teammates for everything. … It’s just a completely different feeling than when you’re swimming by yourself. It’s a lot more fun.”

Wolla signed to swim at the University of Delaware next season.

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I’ve Been Wondering...
By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Perhaps some of you regular readers have noticed how newscasts, business, etc. I suppose that’s the first time in six months or so of commentat- ing – I have stayed occasionally from my cancer-related norm. And I suppose that’s a good thing, a sign or an indication that no longer am I consumed, mentally, by the condition in which I find myself so heavily involved. Apparently, I have assimilated hav- ing cancer into my routine. Not so much coordinating my weekly labs, my every three-week chemotherapy infusion, every three-week appointment with my oncologist and miscellaneous other scans, procedures and evaluations into my daily/monthly/quarterly schedule, all of which becomes (or has become for me) second nature, despite their primary – and ongoing – importance; but more so into the activities of my daily living: reading, writing and “restorative” life goes on, believe it or not, even after receiving devastating news. And though I might not have imagined normalizing it (the diagnosis) as I have (especially after that first weekend at home after meeting with the oncologist the previous Thursday), but I have, and the evidence has been in my writing, specifically the non-cancer subject matter that once again is showing through, the material is still as I see it fit to write it, I seem to be a bit more fit than I have been and the process is working.

Don’t get me wrong, the column is still about me, as it always has been. But it’s less about the struggles of dealing with a cancer diagnosis, subsequent – and continuing – treatment, plus all the related effects not unique to me, as it has been since June. Obviously, I’m still very caught up and consumed by my health situation/status (and will continue to be), but subconsciously my brain has rewired itself a little bit and com- partmentalized/segregated some (definitely not all) of the cancer thoughts thereby enab- ling me to mentally reorient once again and literally lose my mind in some more ordinary and mundane minutiae, the kind of which has characterized my column for the past 12 years.

And as I find myself writing about non- cancer once again, I’m feeling unanswer- ed, sort of, by its appearance; I’m me again. I’m not Kenny-with-cancer; I’m just, Kenny, who happens to have cancer, who writes about it regularly but not exclusively. And deviating from this most recent ‘ab-norm’ of late has re-routed me. No longer am I on the cancer train. No longer am I on the road deviating from this most recent ‘ab-norm’ of late has re-routed me. No longer am I on

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Judge Eilperin

Five questions with Yorktown forward Lena Negri

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?
A: I like Drake. I like the way he raps and the fact he can sing and rap.

Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington D.C. metro area you have traveled?
A: Arizona, just for a vacation.

Q: What’s your favorite food?
A: Fruit Loops.

Q: Other than your home gym, what is your favorite gym to play in?
A: I like Washington-Lee’s new gym. It’s nice. I like how their bleachers are on all four sides so more people can get in.

Q: You’re almost 6-feet tall. What is it like being one of the tallest girls at your age group?
A: I was 5-7, 5-8 [in middle school]. It’s nice being able to stick out in the crowd. The red hair helps with that, too.
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