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## Local Cub Scouts Spend Week at Goshen Scout Reservation

The Cub Scouts of Pack 1344 from Cherry Run Elementary ventured off to Goshen Scout Reservation on July 4 for a weeklong camp. Here, 13 cub scouts, accompanied by 11 adults, participated in a variety of activities to meet their Webelo I and II scout requirements. Their fun and exciting week was highlighted with a long and challenging hike to Viewing Rock (elevation 2,498 feet). Here, Pack 1344 shares a moment to take in the wondrous views that overlook Camp PMI and Lake Merriweather.

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## Braddock Recognizes Its Finest Citizens

Best of Braddock Awards honor residents who are making a difference.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

These are the people that build communities with their bare hands. They give up whatever free time they may have to protect their pristine streams, cut their neighbor's grass, set up outreach programs for children and much more. They do all of this, yet because they choose to remain behind the scenes, their work never receives recognition. Fortunately, the Best of Braddock Awards take care of that.

Presented annually by the Braddock District supervisor and the Braddock District Council to district residents who have a positive impact on their communities, the awards were handed out at the Braddock District Office Tuesday, July 13. This year, awards were given out to 15 individuals and one group across nine categories.

"This event is a great way to come together as a community to recognize the people who build our communities who are every day citizens that take time out of their day to serve," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). "When people like these do that, Fairfax County is a better place to live."



The 2009-2010 Best of Braddock award winners.

This year's top honor, Citizen of the Year, was awarded to H. Duane Murphy. Murphy was originally nominated in the Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification category, but after examining his lengthy resume, the Braddock District Council's Award Committee decided that he was the easy choice for the Citizen of the Year award,

Murphy, currently the district's tree com-

missioner, applied for and received a \$5,500 environmental grant for the Southport HOA to monitor his community's stream water quality, remove invasive species, remove trash and more. In addition, he founded the Friends of Accotink Creek, an all-volunteer group that aims to create awareness for restoring the creek, is a board member of Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited and is

president of the Southport HOA.

"I'm humbled," Murphy said. "I couldn't have done all I have without the leadership of Supervisor Cook and especially the help of his Neighborhood College. I learned so much from it, and it made me feel immersed in the community."

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## At-Risk Youths Receive Second Chance

Local youths at-risk take Commonwealth ChalleNGe.

BY ELISE AMYX  
THE CONNECTION

Pregnant at 15 and a high school dropout at 16, Stephanie Ursurin of Burke received a second chance at 18. Her mother, Norma Neuenschwander, encouraged her to apply for the Commonwealth ChalleNGe, a 22 week military-style program in Virginia Beach committed to providing values, skills, education and self-discipline for at-risk teens.

Being sent to juvenile detention and a girl's probation house for stealing her mother's car without a license, Ursurin's anger and disrespectful attitude was damaging to her relationship with her mother. "I was disrespectful," she

said. "I was coming home late. I had an attitude. I needed some discipline."

Neuenschwander knew the Commonwealth ChalleNGe would be just what her daughter needed to change.

Brian Holt, 19, considered applying to the Commonwealth ChalleNGe after talking with this guidance counselor at school in Gaston, S.C. "My lifestyle wasn't great. I just wanted to be a better person and get my life back on track," he said. Holt left school and made a 251-mile journey from Gaston to Pulaski, Va. for his second chance. "I walked all the way from South Carolina to Virginia," he said. "I didn't have any money. I had no food. I didn't eat. I didn't sleep. I just walked. It took me eight days," he said. While on his journey, he de-

Stephanie Ursurin of Burke, right, and her mother Norma Neuenschwander



cidied the program was what he needed to get his life back on track.

Stephen Berry of Springfield, a family friend and now mentor to Holt, took him in, giving him a place to stay. Holt temporarily attended Mount Vernon High School and soon applied for the Commonwealth ChalleNGe Program. Berry helped him process his paperwork for the program and set him out on the right foot. "He's a good kid and I'm just trying to help him out, give him

a place to live and make sure he's on the right path," Berry said.

Sponsored by the Department of Defense under the National Guard Bureau, the Commonwealth Youth ChalleNGe Program receives 75 percent federal funds and 25 percent state funds. The program takes 225 candidates and two classes per year, one 22-week class starting in January and the other

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## Rams On Region Team

**Robinson Secondary's Keenan Kevan (No. 1, goalie), Mike O'meara (No. 32, defense) and Thomas Petrocci (No. 22, midfield) were named first team All-Northern Region in 2010.**

## Public Meeting on Water Quality in Accotink Creek

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a public meeting regarding water quality in Accotink Creek Monday, July 26 at 6 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 and 5, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Portions of Accotink Creek do not meet water quality standards because of poor health in the benthic biological community. Go to the meeting to find out what the agency is doing to address this problem.

For more information, contact Greg Voigt at the EPA at 215-814-5737 or Voigt.Gregory@epamail.epa.gov.

## Input Sought for Pohick Creek Watershed

Fairfax County staff is seeking the public's input for the development of the Pohick Creek Watershed Management Plan.

A watershed plan forum will meet Tuesday, July 27, from 7-9 p.m. at the Sangster Elementary School cafeteria, 7420 Reservation Drive, Springfield. The meeting is open to all residents and is part of an ongoing process to develop comprehensive watershed management plans for each of the 30 major watersheds in the county.

Watershed management plans are a tool to identify and address issues effecting the environment and to protect and restore streams and other water resources. Meeting presenters will provide an introduction to the watershed planning process and the draft plan document. Participants will provide their feedback and comments on the plan and on projects that are proposed in the plan.

For more information, call 703-324-5500 TTY 711 or go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds), select the link, "Get Involved in Your Watershed," then click on Pohick Creek on the map.

## Performers To Raise Money For Wild Life Federation

"Animals can't wait for a check from BP" is the slogan for the BP oil spill fund-raising event taking place at the Warehouse Arts Center in Lorton on Saturday, July 17. From 12-4 p.m. on the Quad, bands, singers and other artists will

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PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

The cast of 'Tom Jones,' a Robinson Drama Boosters production, strikes a pose.

# Meet an 18th Century 'Player'

## Ovation Summer Theater presents 'Tom Jones' at Robinson Secondary.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Students from several, different schools are joining together to present Ovation Summer Theater's production of "Tom Jones" at Robinson Secondary. Based on the famous, 18th century novel by Henry Fielding, the show is filled with comedy, romance and adventure.

Show times are Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or at [www.robinsondrama.org](http://www.robinsondrama.org). Director Julie Wharton said her cast is doing a great job and people of all ages will enjoy the play.

"The kids come from Lake Braddock, Chantilly, Robinson, Westfield, Oakton and Woodson, but they get along so well," she said. "They've really clicked and are just wonderful. The audience will love the story and feel part of it. It's a very funny show with lots of action."

Tom Jones is a foundling, raised by a rich, country gentleman. He's an honest, well-meaning, young man who's always in the wrong place at the wrong time. He falls in love with Sophia, the daughter of a neighboring, wealthy family, but their love is forbidden because he's beneath her socially. So the story illustrates the couple's misadventures while they try to stay together.

In the title role is Chantilly High sophomore Matt Calvert. "He's a nice guy who wants to help people," said Calvert. "His honor is important to him. He's deeply in love with Sophia and will do anything to get her. He's also good-looking and a 'player' in the

1780s, and three girls including Sophia are after him."

"I've always played goofy, non-serious characters, so this role is a nice change because he's so sincere," said Calvert. "He's got lots of good lines, interacts with a wide variety of characters and gets into lots of interesting predicaments. He also fights for his honor against people who are armed with a pistol and a sword."

Calvert said the audience will enjoy this "funny, exciting adventure with lovable characters. And, hopefully, they'll tell their friends."

Robinson sophomore Hannah Bunting described her character, Sophia, as innocent, sweet and girly. "She's also intelligent and has many ideas about how her life should be with Tom," said Bunting. "She's only ladylike around adults, especially her aunt. But she's freer when she's by herself or around her friends or her personal maid."

"I like how she's always dreamy and wistful, plus bubbly, on stage," said Bunting. "It's really exciting for me to play a lead and be more involved in drama. I think the audience will like that it's a play within a play, and how the narrators, Partridge and Petunia, talk [directly] to them so it's interactive. The whole play is lighthearted and fun; people can just watch it and enjoy themselves."

Freshmen Hillary Hollaway, of Robinson, and Kate Scott, Chantilly, portray Partridge and Petunia, respectively. "We're twins and the story's acted out while being told from our points of view," said Hollaway. "We used to live in Somersetshire, England."

"But a scandal arose, and Partridge was asked to leave," said Scott. "And as his dutiful sister, I went with him."

Describing her character as a "big, pompous man,"

**"It's a very funny show with lots of action."**

— Julie Wharton

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# Commonwealth ChalleNGe

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starting in July. Each candidate must be 16-18 years of age, a willing volunteer, free of felony charges and must in some way be at risk of falling behind in school. Jeremy Phillips works on staff in the admissions department at the Youth Challenge Program. He said the individuals applying for the program, "are bright individuals who are falling behind in their credits and will not graduate with their class."

The Commonwealth ChalleNGe program is committed to providing the values, skills, education, and self-discipline needed to produce responsible, productive citizens in a highly disciplined atmosphere. The discipline was just what Holt needed to regain focus in his life. "The program teaches you how to be a leader. You do things that you never thought you would be able to accomplish. It teaches you to never quit," he said.

The program is comprised of eight components cadets must successfully complete to graduate from the Academy. These components include academic excellence, life-coping skills, job skills, health and hygiene, responsible citizenship, service to the community, leadership and fellowship, and physical fitness. However, Usurin said the biggest challenge she faced was living with 36 other girls. Before, she said, "I would probably want to beat someone up." The program has helped Usurin deal with her anger in a better way. Her mother has noticed a change of heart.

"She is not very angry like before. We can talk more. Everybody [in the family] is happy for her," said Neuenschwander.

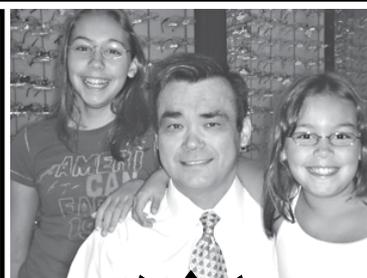
Even with 5:30 a.m. wake up calls and a structured living environment, Phillips makes it clear that the Youth ChalleNGe Program is not a boot camp. "It is military style, but it is volunteer. Because they are volunteering for this program, they have to feel it in their heart," said Phillips.

After completing the 22 week Commonwealth ChalleNGe on June 22, Usurin and Holt are both employed and have their GEDs. "Before I was satisfied working a minimum wage job and I was afraid to change but now I'm ready to do better things with my life," said Usurin. She plans on going to college to receive enough credits to enlist in the Army. Holt plans on going to college to enlist in the military as well and later hopes to become an officer in the Air Force.

Both teens said they were fortunate to have a second chance at life. "It feels amazing," said Holt. "A chance like this only comes once in a lifetime. A lot of people don't have that chance."

The Commonwealth ChalleNGe Program is always accepting applications. The last pre-screen orientation for the July session Saturday, July 10 in Virginia Beach. Those interested may come to the orientation with application in hand to apply for the July session. More information on the program can be found at [www.vachallenge.org](http://www.vachallenge.org).

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# OPINION

## From Readers on School Board and Staff

Readers cite many examples: Community often feels shut out of process on key issues.

**M**any readers wrote in response to last week's editorial, "School Board Could Learn to Share." Along with numerous letters about the board vote to close Clifton Elementary, readers added to the list of school board and school staff decisions that left various members of the community feeling left out, confused and often angry.

About a year ago, frustrated leaders of multiple advocacy groups formed the Fairfax Education Coalition [www.fairfaxeducationcoalition.org](http://www.fairfaxeducationcoalition.org), to address what they call a "disturbing trend: lack of transparency and accountability on the part of FCPS, no matter what the issue."

It isn't that the school board was necessarily wrong on all these issues. But consistently, parents and others who are advocating for their communities, schools and interests feel that most members of the school board and some staff are not interested in community input, or in sharing the basis of their decisions.

Here are a few other concerns (in the words of readers for the most part):

- ❖ The decision to close Graham Road Elementary, moving to another building that was beyond walking distance for the community, creating barriers to what has been excellent community and parental involvement.

- ❖ The decision to buy the Gatehouse II building, an abuse of public trust that was vetoed by the Board of Supervisors. (Watch for a possible lease agreement that might circumvent current restrictions.)

- ❖ The decision to expand Langley High

School even though South Lakes High School had capacity for those Reston students who go to Langley.

- ❖ The decision to forcibly redistrict Fox Mill Estates and Floris students from Oakton into South Lakes. This was done only after the Langley expansion was approved.

- ❖ Undermining efforts to have later high school start times by fanning the fears that the change would force the elimination of many sports and activities.

**EDITORIALS** ❖ "This is not just about one issue; rather there is a decidedly consistent pattern on the part of FCPS of shutting out the public in making decisions about our public schools."

Serving on the school board requires a massive commitment of time and effort for virtually no pay. No one makes this commitment without having the best interest of the schools as a whole at heart. But it is clearly time for some soul searching on the board about listening and responding to community concerns.

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— MARY KIMM

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### State Funding

To the Editor:

It's time all Americans started making modest sacrifices for everyone else. In Fairfax County, high school parking lots look like Beverly Hills 90210, while teacher, firefighter and police parking lots look like Hoopville. Most people pay their cell phone and cable TV bills without thinking but some people go into rages when your country asks you to contribute to invest in jobs for returning veterans and USA infrastructure and industries to free us from Middle Eastern oil dependence such as well maintained highways and freight rail development. Gov. McDonnell (R) and his supporters don't want anyone to pay any extra "state or gasoline taxes" for road and infrastructure or to fund state education, employment and services for the recently unemployed despite Virginia's desperate need.

The Washington Post article "Virginia's love-hate relationship with federal spending" analyzed

that Virginia workers receive \$118 billion a year in government spending on wages and military contracts that has helped build high tech industries, hospitals, hotels and soon thousands of jobs transferred to Fort Belvoir. Despite massive federal support for Virginia workers, state employees are being laid off and the best of them have not received a raise in

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years. We are not paying enough state taxes to pay for our own road repairs let alone job development and protecting the most vulnerable — the elderly and recently unemployed.

Seems like the only ones who remember the troops fighting in the Middle East and our lack of jobs and our dependence on oil are the troops doing the fighting. Military men and women fight, die and experience daily casualties in the Middle East while most other Americans have forgotten the meaning of Sacrifice. A modest tax on imported gasoline to fund

U.S.A. jobs and infrastructure is a lot easier than sacrificing an arm, leg, eye or life as thousands of our military men and women have.

Bulldozing jobs and transportation development into the ground of "no extra taxes for anything," bodes ill for the State of Virginia and our lack of ability for modest sacrifices while others are giving all.

**Emile Derek Boyle**  
Burke

### Burke's Rich History

To the Editor:

It was a great pleasure that I read your article in the July edition of the Burke Connection about the revitalization of the Burke Historical Society and Burke's Own Little Red Schoolhouse [ "Back in Action" and "Burke's Own Little Red Schoolhouse" ].

I am very pleased to inform your

readers that we have started the formal request for a historical marker for the Little Zion Baptist Church in Burke.

On July 4, I wrote on behalf of the Fairfax County Asian American History Project (FCAAHP) to the Burke Historical Society and members of the Fairfax County History Commission, as well as to Supervisor John Cook's (R-Braddock) office requesting support for my request that a historical marker should honor the history of the Little Zion Baptist Church on Burke Lake Road across from my own community of Edgewater.

I am very pleased that Ryan Kelly of Supervisor Cook's office very generously offered to work on getting the historical marker. Moreover, Phyllis Ford of the Historical Marker Committee to implement my request. Ford had earlier succeeded in getting a historical marker for the Laurel Grove Colored School that is a legacy of

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her own ancestors; she has been very active in preserving and documenting the African American history and contributions to the rich traditions of Fairfax County.

Ford and Terri Henderson, a member of the church, have also offered to work with the Greater Zion Baptist Church to obtain the necessary documents required to get the historical marker. I do hope that the historical marker will be installed in time to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the church in 2011.

The church is now the home for a Korean American Church that I featured in my book on the "Fairfax County Asian American History Project: A Contemporary History honoring 143 Years of Asian Residents in Fairfax County" that is available in Amazon.Com.

**Corazon Sandoval Foley**  
Member  
Fairfax County Asian American  
History Project

## Public 'Handled'

To the Editor:

The School Board voted last week to close Clifton elementary. I cannot tell you how devastating that was. Immediately following the vote, I saw children and parents crying outside. Over in a small garden, I saw two adult women, who I can only assume were parents, collapsed on the ground and holding each other while sobbing uncontrollably. It was extremely trying for me to see that. These people were "handled" in the worst sense of the word.

The School Board's stated reasoning throughout the process continued to vacillate and wander around politically with no valid reasons or thinking behind the decision. The involved community was able to provide many, many facts supported with solid thinking as to why the school should not be closed.

Mary Kimm did an excellent opinion piece last week ["School Board Could Learn To Share," Connection, July 8-14, 2010]. The schools people just dismissed it as uninformed and unimportant.

**Bruce Bennett**  
Vienna

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## COMMUNITY

# H. Duane Murphy Braddock District Citizen of Year

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The Young People of the Year Award went to rising seniors Kelsey Rose of West Springfield High School and Melissa Sbrocco of Robinson Secondary School. Rose was nominated for her extensive efforts in suicide prevention. Rose, according to the Committee, helped a friend who was contemplating suicide, and was so moved by the experience that she has since written, choreographed, directed and performed in an event to raise awareness of teen depression.

Sbrocco was honored because of her dedication to community service, the committee said. Sbrocco has worked for several years with children with mental disabilities, and in another project, mentored elementary school students. In addition, Sbrocco has worked with the Heart to Honduras Foundation by assisting Honduran students trying to overcome difficulties in education.

"It feels so great to win this award," Rose said. "You don't do things for the attention, but it is nice to know that there are people out there who recognize it and appreciate it."

The Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls, though only in its first year, accomplished enough in that time to be recognized as the Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District. Founded in 2009 by Corazon Foley, the club is a public-private partnership that provides wellness support to the area's senior citizens through physical exercise,



**Citizen of the Year H. Duane Murphy receives his award from Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and Board Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).**

mental stimulation and social interaction.

The center does not have a central location and therefore stages its activities, including tai chi, yoga, karate and more at several sites. In its first year, all three classes were filled to capacity, and this year, due to overwhelming demand, the center has expanded to several more sites and has already filled this summer's classes.

"I think that the group really deserved the award," said Sam DiBartolo, a center volunteer. "The center has been a great suc-

cess so far and all of our classes have been very popular."

**THIS YEAR'S** winner for the Most Outstanding Business People went to Jules and Nicky Verster, former owners of Great Harvest Bread, for their support of community charities through food and monetary donations. Mike McMahon won the Most Can-Do Public Employee for his work during his 11-year term as district tree commissioner and other efforts as an employee of the

National Park Service. The District Neighborhood College coordinators Norma Lopez, Janet Hubbell, Tilly Blanding, Paulette Whiteside, Sarah Allen and Jackeline Reyes won the local version of McMahon's award, and Michael Walsh of the Woodwalk HOA won in the Commercial Enhancement or Beautification category.

Fernando Restrepo won for Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification for purchasing a dilapidated property and working extensively on it to turn it into a showcase instead of an eyesore. Restrepo maintains common garden areas and waters plants around the Canterbury Woods community.

Tommy Salvi, winner of the Special Achievement Award, rounded out the lineup. Salvi, a deaf sixth-grader at Canterbury Woods Elementary, was recognized for his dedication to helping other deaf children by revamping the youth activities for Cue Camp Virginia and other efforts. Salvi also went before the Board of Supervisors and School Board last year to speak about his life experiences.

"Tommy is a delightful, polite, articulate and respectful kid who is a great ambassador for our program," said Linda Levine, a teacher of the deaf.

The winners received an engraved plaque, a commendation from the House of Delegates from Del. David Bulova (D-37), and a copy of a congressional record in which U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) gave a statement to the House of Representatives recognizing the winners.



**Instructor Bardia Jaffari teaches his students how to perform a hook punch.**

## Cardio Kickboxing Class Packs a Punch

The Pohick Regional Library has more to offer than just books. On July 13, from 2:30-3:30 p.m., the library hosted a cardio kickboxing class for teens ages 12 to 18. Freelance kickboxing instructor Bardia Jaffari taught the

class, which aimed to give participants a good workout.

Cardio kickboxing is different from other cardiovascular exercises, such as running, biking and swimming. "I try to use every muscle so that everything gets utilized. We start from the toes and work up to the



**Kickboxing students Joey Chu, 12; Mary Akinosi, 12; and Melissa Rossi, 14, practice a kick.**

head," said Jaffari, who has been teaching cardio kickboxing classes for seven years and averages about 50 people in a class.

Kickboxing stems from many techniques used in martial arts, but rather than focusing on self-defense, it targets the body's muscles. A session typically lasts about one hour. "It's the highest calorie burning workout," said Jaffari. "You can burn about 760

calories per hour."

The Pohick Regional Library will be offering many other events and hosting classes throughout the month of July. To learn more, call 703-644-7333 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/pohick](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/pohick). Pohick Regional Library is located at 6450 Sydenstricker Road in Burke.

## MILITARY

# Soldiers Recall Heritage

**Area man among soldiers stationed in Iraq marking history of D-Day invasion.**

BY SGT. KIMBERLY JOHNSON  
U.S. ARMY

**C**ONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE **ADDER, Iraq** — Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, 265th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) celebrated their lineage and honored Veterans during a ceremony here June 6, the 66th anniversary of D-Day.

The 116th Infantry Regiment was one of four National Guard regiments comprising the 29th Infantry Division, established during World War II, that were part of the initial invasion of Normandy, France, in 1944.

"This day is huge for us, not only as a company, but as a battalion," said 1st Sgt. Kevin Stewart, first sergeant with A Company, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment and

an Appomattox, Va., native. "A Company had a significant role in World War II because the unit was part of the Allied invasion of Omaha Beach in Normandy."

During the ceremony, soldiers with 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment received a first-hand idea of what their predecessors endured during the Normandy invasion by listening to Stewart read a letter written by Bob Slaughter, one of the survivors of D Company, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, a unit that participated in the first wave of landings on the area of Omaha Beach known as the "Dog Green" sector, according to Slaughter's official biography.

In addition to the readings by Stewart, a prayer, offered to Soldiers on D-Day by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was also read to the current Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment.

In the prayer, Roosevelt said, "Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our republic, our religion and our civilization and to set free a suffering humanity. ... They will be sore; tried, by night and by day, with

**"A lot of what the Army has gone through in the past can be used to educate and teach soldiers of the future."**

— Maj. Michael Petterson

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# Let's Go Climbing

"It might look intimidating,  
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— Pete Morgan, general manager,  
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Josh Fisher rock climbs  
at Sportrock Climbing  
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"It's the imagination of climbing," said Pete Morgan, the general manager at the Burke Racquet and Swim Club. "It might look intimidating, but it's very simple."

Josh Fisher, who currently climbs at Sportrock Climbing Center in Alexandria, has been rock climbing indoor and outdoors for 12 years.

Fisher's favorite part about climbing is "the absolute focus when you're on a route," he said. "Because while you're on a route, nothing else matters, but the moves right above you." Climbers like Fisher enjoy the challenges rock climbing offers, both physically and mentally, as they figure out different ways to make it to the top of the climb.

The sport provides many fitness benefits, from burning calories to increasing strength, flexibility and balance.

Fisher likes climbing weekly at Sportrock Climbing Center because the gym offers a variety of different kinds of climbing walls and difficulty levels, which is sometimes harder to find at outdoor climbing spots.

"Inside you get to go through a whole different sequence of climbs," he said.

After seeing the growing success and interest in climbing walls, Morgan said he wondered, "How cool would that be if I could bring that kind of difference and fun to a gym?" The Burke Racquet and Swim Club ended up turning one of its racquetball courts into a 20-foot climbing wall room with ten climbing stations.

While the facility mostly caters to children, Morgan said some thrill-seeking adults are willing to give it a go.

"Most of the adults are parents of our kids that find it intriguing and inviting," said Morgan.

REI in Fairfax also has a rock climbing wall, and it is used for climbing classes, youth open climbing, and for customers to try out the store's climbing gear. The store has an outdoor school, which provides several one-day classes in which people can learn to safely climb outside at Great Falls National Park.

"It really is an activity that is overshadowed by other family activities, but people really can learn how to do this activity together and really enjoy it together as a family," said Halle Enyedy, the head of the REI Outdoor School program.

In addition to classes, REI offers weekend getaway climbing trips to Elizabeth Furnace, where climbers of all skill levels can experience the world of climbing outdoors during a three-day climbing and camping excursion.

"We notice that people come outside, and they love nature and it's combined with something that they love, which is climbing and they're lifetime climbers all of sudden," said Enyedy. "We want to make sure that we provide them with the increasing skill sets and safety and knowledge about how to get into this sport safely."

Rock climbing is an activity that is open to people of all ages, fitness levels and experience. It's not just a sport reserved for adrenaline junkies, but also those brave enough to give in to their curiosity.

"It's the same thing you do when you're a child and you look at something to climb," said Morgan of people's draw toward the climbing wall. "Whether it's a set of bars, or in this case, just looking at the potential."

— CHLOE MULLINER

# CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

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**Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

**Wolftrap Childrens Theatre in the Woods.** Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Synetic Family Theater: Cowardly Christopher Finds His Courage, 11:15 a.m. Steve Roslonek: Stevesongs. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

**Mid-Atlantic Band Battle III.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

**Groovy Reading.** 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Sing and dance with Groovy Nate and his puppets. All ages. 703-293-6227.

**Afternoon Reading Group.** 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "A Lesson Before Dying" by Ernest J. Gaines. Adults. 703-293-6227.

## FRIDAY/JULY 16

**Johnny Cash Tribute Band.** 7:30

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# Short Night of Work for Lange

Local boxer treats fans to early knockout at Patriot Center.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**E**arly in his fight against Jimmy LeBlanc last Saturday night at George Mason University's Patriot Center in Fairfax, it looked as if local boxing sensation Jimmy Lange might be in a little bit of trouble when LeBlanc scored on a few punches.

But any of those first round concerns were quickly dashed in the second round when the pro boxer from Great Falls took total control of the bout. Lange knocked LeBlanc down early in the second round then later scored the match-ending knockout with 1 minute, 30 seconds showing on the clock.

"After [several] body blows, I came upstairs with a hook for the first knockdown," said Lange, who improved his pro record to 32-4-2, with 23 career knockouts. "On the second [for the knockout] I got in a good left upper hook."

The first knockdown early in the round and the ensuing knockout later were both set up by Lange's extraordinary body punches which totally wore down LeBlanc (12-17-4), a

**"It's priceless for me to have fans around me backing me like that."**

— Jimmy Lange



Jimmy Lange spars with former opponent and 'Contender' teammate Jonathan Reid at LA Boxing in Reston.

Boston-based fighter from Weymouth, Mass.

"There's a lot you can tell with guys with the way they react in the ring," said Lange, who weighed in at 154 pounds in the days leading up to the scheduled 10-round bout. "You know when you land a good body shot."

It was after one of those body shots following the first knockdown that Lange knew LeBlanc was a beaten boxer and that he



The fight is stopped after LeBlanc goes down a third time.

would not last much longer. He could sense his opponent reeling and went for the kill with the knockout blow.

The Lange-LeBlanc fight night headliner — billed as "No Excuses" — was the showcase match on an evening that included seven undercard fights.

**LANGE** said his slow start in the first round of the fight was more by design than anything else. LeBlanc scored on a few punches in that opening round but Lange said he was not hurt by them.

"He caught me with one right hand which looked worse than it was," said Lange. "It

wasn't a difficult first round. I had planned to feel him out and see what he had."

Once Lange got a feel for his opponent during that first round, he then dominated LeBlanc thereafter and displayed to the 3,833 fans on hand some of the boxing prowess and moxie that has made the former boxing reality TV star of NBC's "Contender" a sensation in his sport.

Of LeBlanc, Lange said, "He's a real good guy and a good boxer."

As he always has when fighting in front of his local fan base at the Patriot Center,

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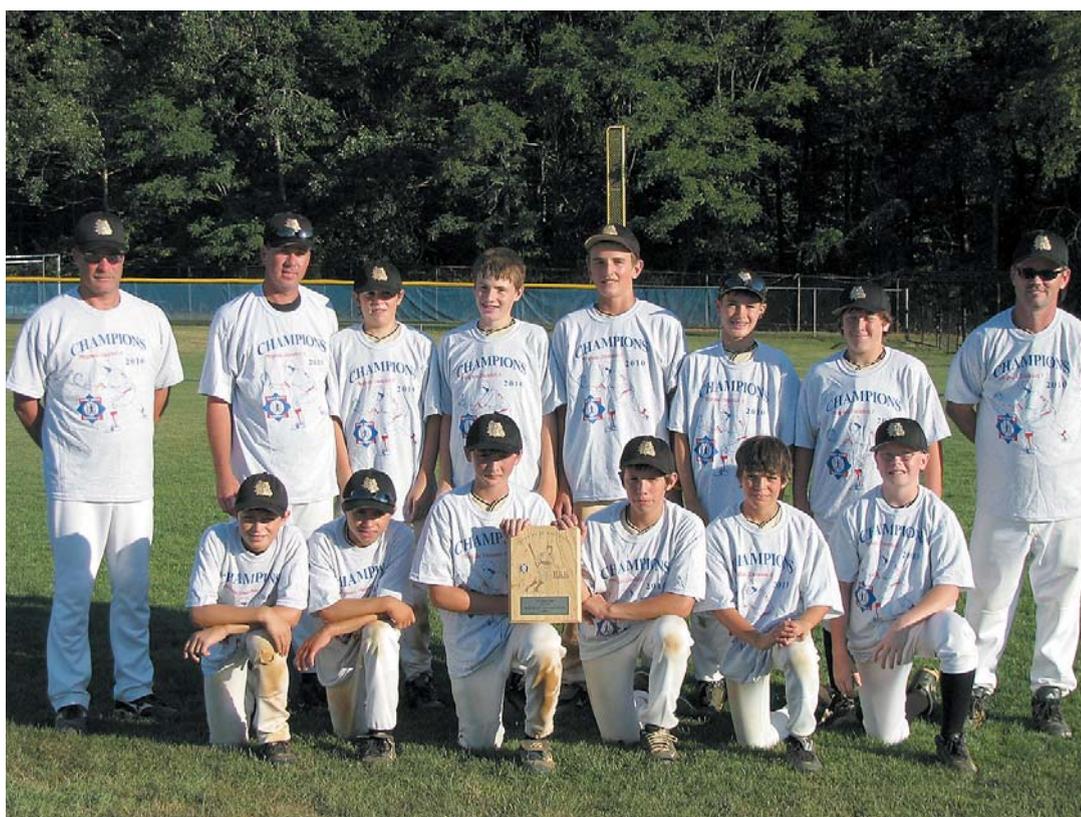


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## Babe Ruth Boys Head to States

**O**n July 11, the Greater Fairfax Babe Ruth Boys 13-year-old All-Star team won the Virginia District VI Championship. The District VI Tournament took place July 9-11 at West Springfield High School in Springfield. Teams from Springfield, Greater Fairfax and Falls Church/Annandale competed for a chance to advance and compete in the 13-year old Babe Ruth Virginia State Tournament, set for July 22-27 in Victoria, near Farmville, Va.

At states, teams from all over Virginia will compete for a chance to advance and compete in the 13-year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars National Regional Tournament beginning Aug. 5 in North Carolina. Winners of that tournament can then advance to the Babe Ruth 13-year old All-Stars World Series in Texas, beginning Aug. 19.

**The District VI champion Greater Fairfax Babe Ruth 13-year-old All-Stars are headed to the state tournament, slated to begin next Thursday, July 22 in Victoria, Va. The Greater Babe Ruth team includes: front row, from left, John Lowery, Nick Render, Kenny Berry, David Aiello, Mitch Mumma and Tyler Murray; back row, Stuart Lowery, Manager Stephen Render, Cory Ciocco, Michael Camarata, Bobby Heinecke, Chris Cole, Max Lyons and Coach Bob Mumma.**

# Trio Takes Their Games to Nebraska

Local athletes set to compete at Special Olympics National Games.

By RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Three local athletes with as much passion and love for their respective sports as can be imagined will be competing at the Special Olympics 2010 National Games July 18-23 at the University of Nebraska.

The trio — Jordann Long of Burke and Katy Sanchez and David Curtin of Springfield — are part of Team Virginia Special Olympics. In all, 33 individuals across Virginia qualified for the National Games. Nationwide, there will be over 2,800 athletes participating in Nebraska.

Long, 16, will be competing in swim events at nationals. She has been swimming for the past five years within the Virginia Special Olympics program. She practices with 19 other teammates once a week from November through June at the Burke Racquet and Swim Club in Burke.

"She enjoys every aspect of the Special Olympics and swimming," said Suzanne Long, Jordann's mother.

Jordann Long also is a member of the Old Keene Mill Swim Team that competes throughout the summer in the NVSL. Her competitions take place on Saturdays and



PHOTO COURTESY OF LONG FAMILY

**Jordann Long will participate in swimming events at next week's Special Olympics National Games in Nebraska.**

Mondays.

Now, her focus is on nationals in Nebraska.

"She's been talking about it every day," said Suzanne Long. "She's so excited. Competing with other athletes there will be exciting for her, and meeting other athletes."

Jordann Long, who attends Lake Braddock Secondary School, will be competing specifically in the 50-freestyle and 50-back events, as well as in a relay. "I like swimming as a team," she said, of her particular fondness of relay events.

Jordann Long enjoys other sports such as soccer, basketball and gymnastics. She has even taken up equestrian in the past. But



PHOTO COURTESY OF SANCHEZ FAMILY

**Katy Sanchez, displaying a recent medal she earned, competed at the Latin American Games in Puerto Rico last February.**

she has a special love of swimming.

"She's been really focused on swimming, taking lessons and really working hard," said Suzanne Long. "She enjoys it and does well in it. She likes to compete."

Jordann Long earned a gold medal in the freestyle event at the 2009 Special Olympics Virginia Games. In the most recent 2010 state games, she garnered a gold medal in free and a bronze in backstroke.

She and her Team Virginia teammates will be flying out to Nebraska from Richmond



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**David Curtin is one of six Virginia Special Olympics golfers who will be competing at nationals.**

International Airport this Saturday. Her parents, Suzanne and Jim Long, will be making the trip as well to watch their daughter compete.

**SANCHEZ, 22**, will be giving it her best shot at nationals in several track and field events. The 2006 Hayfield High graduate will have a busy week in the corn state participating in the 100 and 400 running races, the running long jump and the shot put.

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## Fairfax Stars Win AAU National Championship

The Fairfax Stars U12 girls basketball team defeated the Arkansas Elite on Wednesday, July 7 by a score of 63-60 to claim the 2010 U12 girls AAU Division 1 national championship.

In a total team effort, with every player contributing and some playing through injury, the Stars maintained their composure down the stretch to claim their third consecutive AAU national championship. Five-foot-5-inch Taylor Murray scored a team-high 22 points as Fairfax held off a late charge by an Elite team that never gave up and almost tied the game with 3 seconds left with a long, three-point shot that went astray.

In the past two years, the Stars also won the U10 and U11 AAU Div. 1 national championships with most of the same players. This year's national champions went 7-0 during the tournament, which took place in Rochester, Minn.

Playing on the team during the season which started in March were: Taylor Murray, Sharon Hull, Kelly Koshuta, Lindsey Abed, Karlie Cronin, Lauren Turner, Jessica Daguilh, Raven Lott, Marta Snizek,



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX STARS

**The AAU Division 1 national champion Fairfax Stars U12 girls' basketball team will be competing at the Junior Nationals in Washington, D.C. beginning July 25.**

Leeah Betourd and Stephanie Jones. They were coached by Bob Dix and assistant coach Lauren Arthur. The Stars improved their season-to-date record to 62-3, including 35-3 against older age group teams. They will conclude their 2010 season by participating in the 2010 U.S. Junior Nationals Championship tournament in Washington, D.C. July 25-27, playing up in the U13 age group.

## Lange Victorious

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Lange fed off his adoring supporters.

"It grows every time," said Lange, of the adulation he has benefited from in his 10 pro fights at the GMU facility since 2005. "It's priceless for me to have fans around me backing me like that. It's the ultimate home field advantage."

Lange, who in the week leading up to Saturday's fight was a media hit on local TV and radio shows, went on to say his fans are knowledgeable about the sport and display a sense of sportsmanship.

"I have very decent fans," he said. "They don't disrespect my opponent and they really love me. They really put themselves into these fights."

Tentative future plans are for Lange to fight again at the Patriot Center on Nov. 6. He will, however, likely fight outside of the Northern Virginia area at least one time prior to that target date.

Lange said Saturday night's showing was a great shot in the arm for him.

"It always builds your confidence to get a second round knockout," he said. "I wasn't going to get beat that night by anybody."

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## SPORTS

# Olympians Nebraska-Bound

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Katy's father, Joe Sanchez, will be making the trip to Nebraska to watch Katy compete at next week's games.

"I'm really looking forward to [nationals]," said Katy Sanchez, whose favorite sport is actually basketball. "My favorite part will be meeting new people from all over the United States."

At the Special Olympics Virginia Games, Katy Sanchez finished third in the pentathlon — an event that combines an athlete's achievements in running long jump, high jump, shot put, the 400 and 100.

As far as her love of basketball, Katy Sanchez played the sport as a girl within the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). She enjoys hoops so much because of the team play involved.

"I like the sportsmanship in basketball and playing together," she said. "I always played basketball."

In recent years, Katy Sanchez got involved with track and field when one of her basketball coaches recommended she give it a try.

She has been a part of the Special Olympics for four years and loves the camaraderie and friendships she has built through the program.

"It's a wonderful program and has opened so many doors for her," said Susan Sanchez, Katy's mom and a special education teacher at Mark Twain Elementary.

Standing 5-foot-2, Katy Sanchez participated in the Latin America Games this past February in Puerto

Rico. There, she competed in the triathlon — a tolling event that combined swimming (200-meters), bicycling (12 miles) and running (3 miles). She finished third in her division to earn a bronze medal.

Away from the athletic venues, Katy Sanchez spends time working at Hayfield Animal Hospital, off of Telegraph Road. During high school, she studied animal science and eventually went to dog grooming school in Dumfries, which she recently completed.

For Curtin, swinging a golf club has been a part of his life since he was old enough to stand up. Of course, when he was a young boy playing in his back yard, he used a plastic club and ball.

For the past 12 years, Curtin, 23, has been playing in competitions through the Special Olympics. A life-long Springfield resident, he will be taking his golf game to nationals next week.

"It's exciting and overwhelming at the same time," said Curtin, of competing against other Special Olympians from around the country. "I'll play some golf, meet new people and make new friends."

Curtin, who has been involved with Special Olympics since he was a child, is a graduate of Edison High as well as from the Pulley Career Center, where he earned a certificate of completion. Currently, he is in training with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and will likely work at Reagan National Airport in time.

David Curtin competed in a national golf event a couple years ago and said that experience should help him next week. "I won't be that nervous," he said

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# MILITARY

## Burke Soldier Takes Part in D-Day Ceremony in Iraq

FROM PAGE 9

out rest, until the victory is won. ... Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war. ... Some will never return. Embrace these, father and receive them, they heroic servants..."

As the decades pass, World War II Veterans are dwindling in numbers, leaving their legacy to be remembered and retold by younger generations.

Maj. Michael Petterson, executive officer with 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment and a Burke native, said he takes it upon himself to remind people of the more than 200 years of Army service and sacrifices made and encourages soldiers to learn, and relearn, the lessons of freedom.

"As an Army officer, I believe a lot of what the Army has gone through in the past can be used to educate and teach soldiers of the future," he said. "If time is taken to study what our Army has done and what it's accomplished, there's a realization the Army doesn't change much. People are still the same. A lot of them are driven by the same patriotism to serve their nation."

Petterson said it's important to remember the men and women in America's history who have done difficult things and reminds Soldiers to keep that in mind as they deploy to Iraq.



PHOTO BY SGT. KIMBERLY JOHNSON

**Maj. Michael Petterson, standing, executive officer with 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment and a Burke native, speaks to soldiers about the unit's role in the World War II invasion at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, during a D-Day celebration, June 6 at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, on the 66th anniversary of the operation.**

"If you don't know that, you can get down and think you're going through a very unique situation," he said to soldiers during the D-Day ceremony. "If you look at the regimental crest, the division patches you wear and the battle streamers, all those

mean something. The men and women who have gone before us have earned those things. The fact that this battalion received a Presidential Unit Citation (during World War II) for its actions means a lot to me to come out and help educate the soldiers."

The decorations of the World War II Veterans from 116th Infantry Regiment are displayed in Bedford, Va., where the National D-Day Memorial is located.

"The town of Bedford lost more Soldiers, per capita, than any other city," Stewart said. "I have the privilege of being the first sergeant of that unit."

When not deployed, 1st Battalion 116th Infantry Regiment would normally participate in the D-Day ceremonies back in Bedford, Va., Stewart said.

"If we were there and not here, the company would go out in Class A uniform and participate in the memorial ceremony," he said. "Many of our Families are in Bedford, attending the ceremony there today. It was important for us, today, to do something in honor of the men who fought and died that day."

The 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division was the only National Guard infantry regiment that landed for the beach assault on D-Day, Petterson said.

"D-Day is part of our lives; part of our history," said Lt. Col. E. Scott Smith, commander of 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment and a Lynchburg, Va., native. "We're extremely proud to wear the 29th (Infantry Division) patch. It creates a kinship. ... It's the same reason one is proud of their family they belong to."

### FAITH NOTES

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield is hosting "Galactic Blast" Vacation Bible School on July 25-30, from 5:30-8 p.m. For age 3-rising sixth graders. Free, includes dinner. 703-451-4331.

**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, is hosting a free Sunday Sundae Summer Movie Supper on Sunday, July 25, at 4 p.m. There will be a light supper, The Disney movie "Cars" and a sundae bar with all the toppings. ejdowning@cox.net.

**Mission Ambassadors** is part of the Vacation Bible School at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church. On three days, students who have completed the fifth and sixth grades visit local missions to learn about and participate in their work. This year trips to The Lamb Center, Food for Others, and The Hermitage are scheduled. Join us for a Fourth of July Picnic at 12 p.m. in the grove next to the church. Moon bounce, patriotic singing and more. Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Sydenstricker Road, Springfield. 703-451-8223.

**The Ministry of Music and Performing Arts of the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church**, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax will present a Musical Extravaganza on 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 17. The program will feature some of the most anointed musical talent in the region. The public is invited, admission is free. 703-764-9111.

**Cranford UMC**, 9912 Old Colchester Road, Lorton, summer hours take effect Sunday July 4-Labor Day. Church begins at 10 a.m. Vacation Bible School will continue on July 18, Aug. 1, 15 and 29. 703-339-5382.

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## COMMUNITY

# Ovation Presents 'Tom Jones'

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Hollaway said Partridge is "full of himself, but doesn't realize it. He thinks he's humble, but he's not. It's fun because he's like both my dad and I, so I have a lot to draw on. And I always wanted to play a guy on stage."

Scott called Petunia "pretty much Partridge's polar opposite. She's high-strung and controlling and needs everything to be perfect. Partridge goes on tangents, but Petunia balances him out and brings him back. She's also nurturing and want to take care of the actors. I'm a perfectionist, too, but not so stern."

Hollaway said the show has something for everyone.

"It's fast-paced and we make it relatable to the audience," said Scott. "It's the perfect mash of past events and immortal emotions that people still experience. It's amazing to watch and be part of."

**PART OF THE** magic on stage comes courtesy of 2009 Robinson grad, Sarah Russell, now a theater major at Indiana University. As assistant director, she gives constructive criticism to the actors and oversees set production and other technical aspects. She's also the fight choreographer.

"I've done stage combat for four years and am internationally certified by Fight Directors Canadian in hand-to-hand combat, swordplay and quarterstaff — a large stake," said Russell. "I'm also certified by Dueling Arts International in single swordplay."

"There's lots of falling down that needs to be done safely, plus stage slaps, as well as more complicated stuff," said Russell, of "Tom Jones." "There are two,

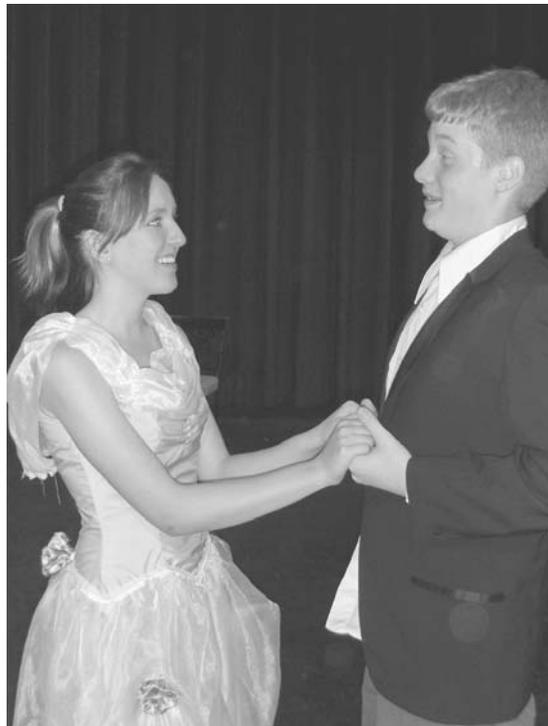


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**Hannah Bunting and Matt Calvert rehearse a scene for 'Tom Jones.'**

hand-to-hand fights, a sword fight and a quarterstaff fight, and I'm teaching everyone each weapon."

"The actors are really into it and enthusiastic," she said. "They partnered up and choreographed their own fights, after I gave them the basics, and they're wonderful. They look brilliant; their fights really work and look realistic."

### CALENDAR

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p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Country. Free. 703-324-7469 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**The Kennedys.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$18. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Murphy's Kids, The Independent and Parachute Musical.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 at the door. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**NSO at Wolf Trap: West Side Story & More.** 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Emil de Cou, conductor, with Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Gounod and Bernstein. Tickets \$20-\$52. 877-WOLFTRAP or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

#### SATURDAY/JULY 17

**Wolftrap Childrens Theatre in the Woods.** Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Syntetic Family Theater: Cowardly Christopher Finds His Courage. 11:15 a.m. Steve Roslonek: Stevesongs. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**The GoodLife Theater.** 10 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station Puppets. Free. 703-324-7469 or

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**Burke Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke.

**4 Out Of 5 Doctors.** 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

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

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

**Understanding and Asserting Your Rights to Marital Assets in a Divorce.** 10 a.m. at 9302 Lee Highway, Suite 1100, Fairfax. [zpashaei@thewomenscenter.org](mailto:zpashaei@thewomenscenter.org).

**NSO at Wolf Trap: Idina Menzel & Marvin Hamlisch.** 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$20 - \$52. 877-WOLFTRAP or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

#### SUNDAY/JULY 18

**Community Eat-for-Heat Pancake Feast.** 8:45-11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. A "pour on the fixings" pancake feast and help prevent hypothermia this winter. Arts and crafts available for children. Most of

the proceeds will go to the FACETS Hypothermia Project. \$6 adult, \$3 child, under age 2 free. 703-323-0880 or [LaurieA@jccnv.org](mailto:LaurieA@jccnv.org).

**NAACP Fairfax County Youth Council Meeting.** 4 p.m. at the George Mason University Johnson Center, Robeson Room, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Meetings are open to youth ages 10-20. [restonbell7@gmail.com](mailto:restonbell7@gmail.com).

**B.B. King with Lukas Nelson & The Promise of the Real.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFTRAP or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**William Fitzsimmons and Rosi Golan.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

#### MONDAY/JULY 19

**The Go-Go's.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$54-\$471. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**RFC 93 Boys Soccer Benefit Show with The Darby Brothers.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 at the door. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

### NEWS BRIEFS

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perform in an effort to raise money for the National Wild Life Federation. Admission is free, however, voluntary donations are encouraged and raffle tickets will be sold for prizes such as an Apple iPad. All proceeds will go toward the NWF.

"It initially came about because my daughter was horrified by what she saw on the news and as a family we were thinking, 'what the heck can we do?'" said event organizer Karen Matthews, whose 15-year-old daughter attends Lake Braddock Secondary. The performances aim to spread awareness of the environmental impact of the BP oil spill and to raise money for NWF.

"[The animals] can't wait for a check because they'll be dead," said Matthews. The NFW will have information on rescue efforts and ways to help at the event.

In a joint effort, students from Lake Braddock, Robinson, South County, West Springfield, Hayfield, and other area high schools will host the music and arts themed event. The organization of the event was also aided by Matthews' children who "rallied up their peers" to spread the word. "It gives me goose bumps," said Matthews. "These kids are coming together whereas football season they were enemies. I feel so blessed to work with these kids."

Aside from raising awareness on the impact of the BP oil spill, Matthews has two more goals — to raise enough money to donate to the NWF and for the teens helping to look back on these moments and feel good about them.

"If everyone does a little bit, it will make a huge difference," said Matthews. "Animals can't wait for checks."

The Workhouse Arts Center is located at 9601 Ox Road in Lorton.

— JULIE HIRSCHHORN

## Fairfax County Offers Citizen's Police Academy

The Fairfax County Police Department is now accepting applications for its fall Citizen's Police Academy which runs from Sept. 9-Nov. 13. It offers county residents a better understanding of the Police Department and a greater awareness of the daily challenges faced by its officers.

The 10-week program provides the public with a unique glimpse behind the badge. Attendees will learn about departmental resources, programs and the men and women comprising the department.

Classes combine lecture and interactive activities. Topics include SWAT and special operations, gangs, 911 communications center, patrol, crime prevention, crime scene and identity theft. A tour of the Adult Detention Center is included.

The fall Citizen's Police Academy will meet on 10 consecutive Thursday evenings. Classes meet from 6:30-10 p.m.; graduation is Saturday, Nov. 13, from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class locations will rotate to various police facilities throughout the county.

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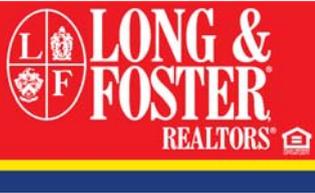


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