



Seth Snyder, 4, and his sister, Sammy, 7, wave a flag they made for Spain, their favorite team.

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This 'Annie' No Orphan

Fairfax Theatre Co. presents rousing western musical.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Featuring music and lyrics by legend Irving Berlin, the City of Fairfax Theatre Co. will present the rousing, western musical, "Annie Get Your Gun," at Lanier Middle School.

The show features a cast and crew of 50, plus a live orchestra and two children's choruses. The Fairfax Academy's Mike Replogle is the director, and the play's second night coincides with the 150th birthday of the real Annie Oakley.

Performances are July 23 through Aug. 2, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 online at www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org/

and \$12 at the door; children 5 and under, free, with adult-ticket purchase — limit one child per adult.

It's the late 1800s, and Buffalo Bill Cody's travel-

ing troupe of entertainers comes to a town where the troupe's champion sharpshooter, Frank Butler, challenges Oakley, the town's best shot, to a shooting match. She beats him and joins the troupe, and Buffalo Bill wants to give her top billing. She and Butler fall in love, but he leaves and joins another troupe.

Linn Guernsey, a 2007 Fairfax High grad and JMU senior, plays famed sharpshooter Annie Oakley. "She's spunky and confident and her family's leader," said Guernsey. "She's unabashed and says and does whatever she wants. She was a Woman's Lib-er before it existed and she wants to be considered an equal to sharpshooter Frank Butler."

Enjoying her role, Guernsey likes Annie because she speaks her mind and is so open and honest. She's also pleased to be reunited with Replogle. "I took musical-theater class from him when I was here," she said. "He's an awesome teacher and a really great director. He's creative, and good at making the script his own interpretation, while keeping it true to the playwright's intentions."

Guernsey's favorite song is "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better," which both Annie and Frank sing. "It's a childish argument between them and it's

"People will love [this show] from beginning to end."

— Jim Hoffman, actor portraying Buffalo Bill

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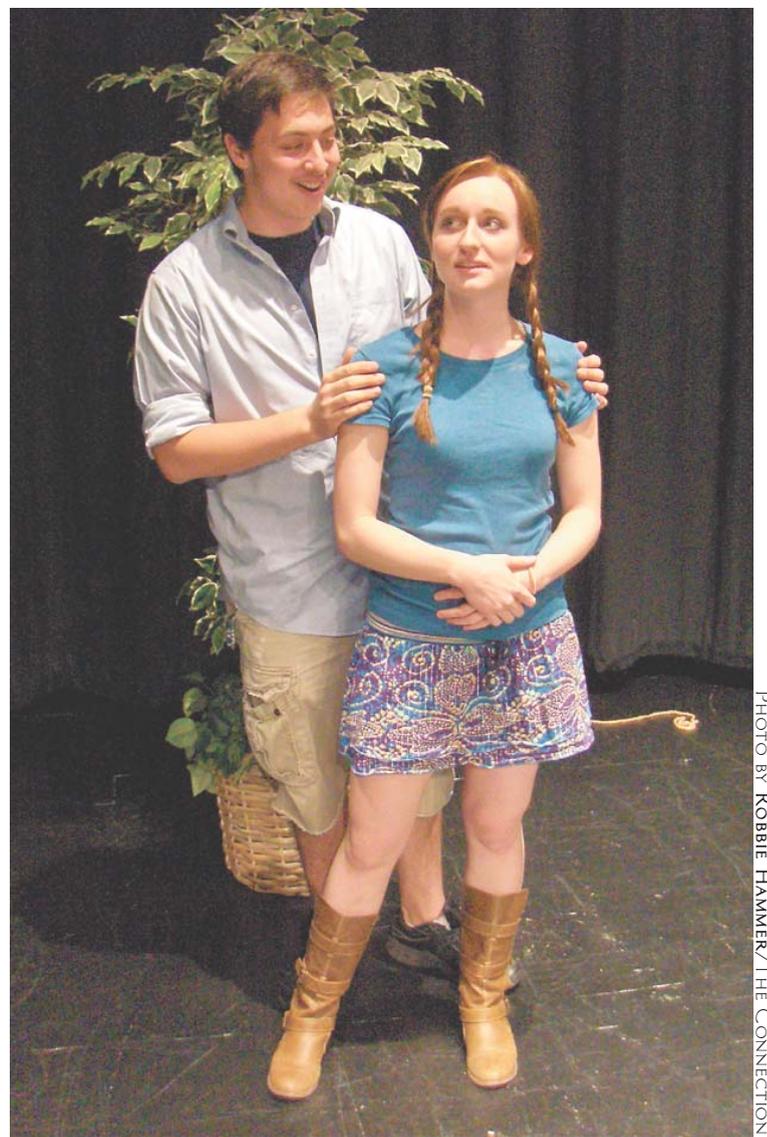


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Dan Westbrook and Linn Guernsey make music together in 'Annie Get Your Gun.'

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City's World-Class World Cup Event

Fairfax throws party for 2010 World Cup final between Spain and The Netherlands.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Spain may have ruled the day, but as far as the City of Fairfax is concerned, everyone came out on top this year.

The city hosted the first-ever 2010 World Cup Fan Fest Sunday, July 11, shutting down Main Street for a celebration of the world's foremost sporting event. A movie theater-sized screen and a wide array of food and drink choices drew nearly 2,000 to watch Spain defeat The Netherlands in the World Cup Finals 1-0.

"This event is very cool," said Fairfax resident Eduardo Martin. "I've never been to anything like this before for any sport, and I really had a great time."

According to the city's marketing director Joanna Ormesher, the idea for the event came from Assistant City Manager and Finance Director David Hodgkins. Hodgkins, she said, played soccer in high school and college, and currently coaches a team for



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Nearly 2,000 people pack Main Street to watch the 2010 World Cup final.

the Fairfax Police Youth Club. So, the lifelong soccer supporter wanted to do something special for the World Cup, and came up with the idea to shut down city streets and erect a massive screen to show the

game.

After three weeks of a vigorous search for sponsors, Ormesher and the city's marketing department had lined up a slate of area supporters as Hodgkins' vision came to fruition.

Hundreds of people arrived well in advance of 2:30 p.m. kickoff, enjoying popcorn from the Girl Scouts, ice cream from

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She's Visiting 11 Countries in 11 Months

Fairfax college student prepares for around the world trip.

BY ELISE AMYX
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax college student Natalie Dache, 21, prepares for a trip around the world, she wonders how she will fit

11 months worth of belongings into one backpack, how often she might be showering and if she will be eating bugs along the way.

"I'm past the excited phase and into the oh-no-what-did-I-just-do phase," said Dache.

Dache will join about 50 other young adults

on a trip around the world in January with The World Race. They will spend 11 months traveling to 11 different nations across the globe including India, Nepal, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland, Romania, Ukraine and Ireland, spending one month at each

location.

The World Race is a Christian organization that sends young adults across the world on a life-changing adventure with Jesus Christ as the focal point. Each stop focuses on a variety of different issues from

extreme poverty to human trafficking. No day is exactly the same. Racers will be involved with construction work, orphan care, door-to-door evangelism and praying for the sick at local hospitals.

Dache has chosen to go on the World Race

for much more than just the thrill of traveling the world. She has a greater purpose in mind. "The extreme poverty in the world is heart-breaking," she said. "Kids here live in this comforting, wealthy bubble and there are kids walking a mile every day to get water. If we can get a generation of kids

not to chase the dollar, to serve instead of be served, they are going to change lives."

"You will experience frustration, you will experience joy, you will experience relief and you will experience God's miracles," said World Racer alumni Tangi Holmes, as a message to prospective World Racers. "It's different day-to-day, but the biggest thing that you will experience is the personal growth with Christ yourself."

Holmes, who now works as an admissions mobilizer at the World Race said, "We look for participants who are willing and open to experience what God has for them around the world. [They] should just be ready to expect anything."

Wanting to go on the world race since she was 15, Dache applied in April and was accepted at the beginning of May. After acceptance, participants must begin raising



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Natalie Dache prepares to embark on a trip around the world in January.

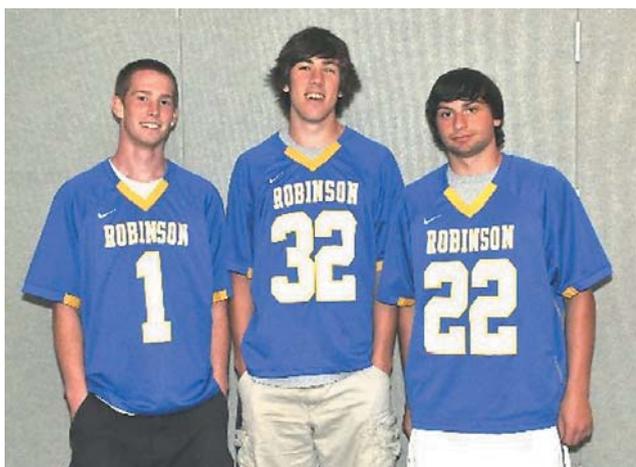
\$14,300, usually done by sending letters to friends, family, and local businesses. However, Dache will be taking a different approach financially.

Last semester, Dache attended Hope College in Holland, Mich., but is now taking online classes through Liberty University to save money and free up time for her to work for her support. With only \$142 raised, Dache still needs to purchase a car to get to and from work, but she is confident God will provide the way for her.

"I'm trusting that God is going to provide the work for me. Money should not be the focus. I'm just going for it in faith," said Dache.

She hopes the first-hand experience will open her eyes to the depth of social justice issues and a way to effectively deal with

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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.

Helping Keep Children Safe

City of Fairfax Police, in conjunction with the Optimist Club, will be offering Safe Assured identification kits on Tuesday, July 27, and Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the City of Fairfax Police Department, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Parents will receive a full-color photo ID and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, a digital photo, video showing movement and mannerisms, a general physical description, vital personal information and a family code word. Private information is encrypted and accessible only by law enforcement.

Missing posters can be created and printed directly from the mini-CD in English, Spanish and French. The Safe Assured ID kits can also be used as a valuable aid for adults with special needs. The kits are free and an appointment is necessary. Go to www.fairfaxva.gov/Police/SafeAssuredIdentification.asp to download the enrollment form. Call Sgt. Pam Nevlud at 703-385-7966 for further information.

Performers To Raise Funds 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 Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton on Saturday, July 17. From 12-4 p.m. on the Quad, bands, singers and other artists will 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.

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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. 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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Ovation: '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, 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."

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"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."

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

— JULIE HIRSCHHORN

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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.

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Wild West Comes to Fairfax

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funny," she said. Guernsey said the show has something for everybody. "From campy, over-the-top, to serious, honest moments, there's a whole spectrum of acting."

Portraying Butler is JMU senior Dan Westbrook, a 2007 West Springfield grad. "Frank's kind of a chauvinistic jerk, so Annie being a better sharpshooter than him is a blow to his ego," said Westbrook. "I've never played this type character, but it's interesting to see his dynamic change from a womanizer to someone the audience eventually likes and relates to."

Westbrook's favorite song is "I'm a Bad, Bad Man" because "it's fun to sing and I get to show my vocal range." He said the audience will like "the energy of the performance by all the actors, and it's a classic musical any age group can enjoy."

Fairfax High senior Jess Rawls plays Dolly Tate. "She doesn't like Annie because she steals the spotlight from her, and also steals Frank, although Dolly doesn't want him romantically," said Rawls. "She just doesn't want anyone else to have him."

"I usually play the intelligent one, but Dolly's proper and upper-class," said Rawls. "She's a pretty girl and would like to be treated as one, even though she's not very nice. It's so much fun – one of the few chances to let yourself go and be as big and animated as you want."

She likes the song, "The Moonshine Lullaby," because of its "jazziness; it makes me feel good when I hear it." Rawls said the show's excitement will appeal to the audience. "It's fast-paced, and everybody's

bright and happy," she said. "And since it's a show-within-a-show, it'll be very vibrant."

Buffalo Bill is played by Jim Hoffman, senior minister of Fairfax Baptist Church. He's acted with the Providence Players and was in the Fairfax Theatre Company's "Children of Eden," last summer. "Buffalo Bill's the head of the Wild West Show, which starts in Ohio and goes to New York and Europe," said Hoffman. "But it gets no money for performing in Europe, so it returns broke."

Buffalo Bill then forms an uneasy alliance with a minor competitor, Pawnee Bill, thinking it'll help them both financially. Oakley and Butler are also brought together for a final, shooting contest. Calling Buffalo Bill "larger than life," Hoffman said he's "all about show business. He doesn't care about making money; he just wants to put on a show. He loves the lights, costumes, people, etc. I like his positive outlook and commitment to the show."

City of Fairfax resident Bill Tuohy, who's acted with the St. John Neumann Community Theater Ministry, portrays Pawnee Bill, Buffalo Bill's big rival. "We used to be partners. Now I have the Far East Show and he's got the Wild West Show," said Tuohy. "But I'm not good with money, either."

He's enjoying his role. "I get to be comical and try too hard to outdo Buffalo Bill. For example, my guns are bigger and my hat is larger." Tuohy especially likes the number, "That's Entertainment" because "it's sheer fun. We can give it our all and it'll still fit. The audience will like the humor throughout the show. I want them to leave with their cheeks sore from smiling and their sides sore from laughing."

World Cup Event

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Ben and Jerry's, cuisine from Courtside Thai and music from the Alte Kameraden band while radio station 107.3 The Fan brought a DJ on hand to MC the festivities. By game time, an estimated 2,000 people filled Main Street with chairs, tents and blankets.

"We had three weeks to put it together from start to finish, but we had a great team to do it," Ormesher said. "Public Works, the Fire Department and the Police Department all helped out and we were great to work with. It was just huge fun and was a great family atmosphere."

While many fans turned out to spend a sunny day outdoors with friends, family and food, the area's most devoted football fanatics came put in full force for an opportunity rarely afforded to perhaps the country's most overlooked sport. For once, their favorite pastime was getting a Super Bowl treatment, and they could not have been happier.

"It happens just once every four years, but it's the best event ever," said Fairfax resident James Clarke. "And I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate it."

"I've never been to anything like this before."

— Eduardo Martin

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them. "Throwing money at countries isn't lasting, it's lazy. If you want to be able to help people, you need to know what they need, not what you think they need," said Dache.

"She's like a thoroughbred race horse, whatever she does she doesn't do it timidly, she does it greatly," said Gerard Dache, Natalie's father. "She wants to understand poverty, disease, illness so when she gets back she can do something about it."

Natalie Dache and her parents are experiencing a mixture of fear and excitement in anticipation for the race. Being with a group of strangers for 11 months, potential disease and the unknown are among her greatest fears. "I'm just excited to figure out ways we can change things. I'm excited to see lives change," Natalie Dache said.

"There are some concerns," Gerard Dache said. "We pray for her a lot. We believe that God will protect her. Our biggest fear is that she would settle for life less than what she was created to do."

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but it's very simple."

— Pete Morgan, general manager,
Burke Racquet and Swim Club

Josh Fisher rock climbs
at Sportrock Climbing
Center in Alexandria.

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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

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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.

THURSDAY/JULY 15

Instrument Petting Zoo and City of Fairfax Concert Band.

Petting Zoo at 6:45 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Amphitheater, City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Classics, pops and marches especially for children with free ice cream and balloons, an instrument petting zoo, and John Lyon on folk guitar. Free admission. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org.

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. Synthetic 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 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Country. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

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.

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.

SATURDAY/JULY 17

Wolftrap Childrens Theatre in the

Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Synthetic 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.

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/performance.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

William Fitzsimmons and Rosi

Golan. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 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.

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.

Rainforest Alive.

10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Discover the world of tropical rainforests and meet unique creatures that call the jungle their home. Presented by Reptiles Alive. 703-978-5600.

Chess Club.

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

TUESDAY/JULY 20

Paul Taylor Dance Company.

8:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$38 in-house, \$10 lawn. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Wolftrap Childrens Theatre in the Woods.

Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Diane Macklin: Animal Tail Tales, 11:15 a.m. Music with the Milkshake Trio. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

SmartMarkets Weekly Farmer's Markets.

3:30-6:30 p.m. at the corner of Monument Drive and Government Center Parkway in Fairfax Corner. Every Tuesday through Oct. 26. www.smartmarkets.org.

Fairfax Farmers Market.

8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Van Dyck Park, 3720 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Steel Train and Girl In A Coma.

8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. jamminjava.com.

English Conversation Group.

7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.

Evening Book Discussion.

7:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "Bleeding Kansas" by Sara Paretsky. Adults. For more information, call 703-293-6227.

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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

Early 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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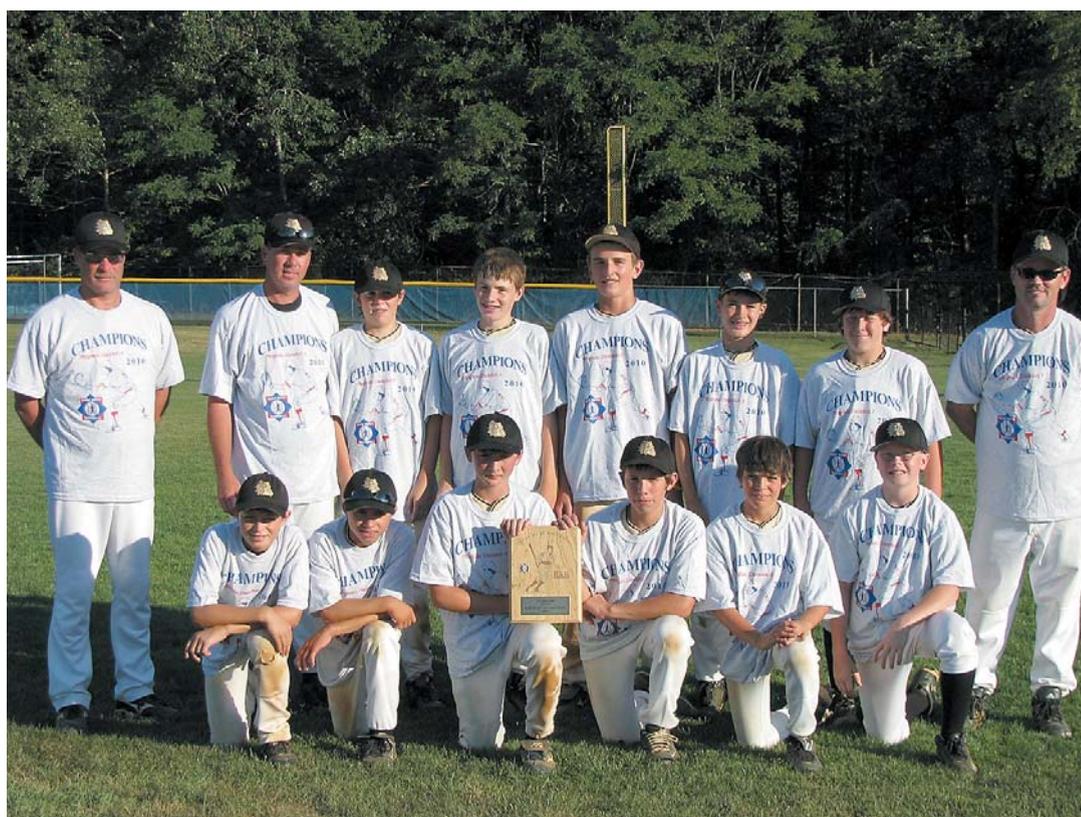


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Babe Ruth Boys Head to States

On 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.

SPORTS

Lange

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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."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Curl-Burke Swim Club has openings for swimmers ages 8-to-18 for swim team and stroke school. Evaluations are being done on July 15 and 29, from 5-6 p.m., at the YWCA in Dunn Loring; July 21 and July 28, from 5-6 p.m., at Reston Golf Course Island Pool; and July 13, 20 and 27, from 6-7 p.m., at Claude Moore Recreation Center. For more information, contact Marilyn Mangels at jwmim@cox.net or 703-860-9157.

FAITH NOTES

Interested in the Catholic Faith? St. Leo the Great Catholic Church is having an inquiry meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m., for those interested in learning more about Catholicism. The meetings are held in the St. John Room of the Parish Center, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-5369.

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.

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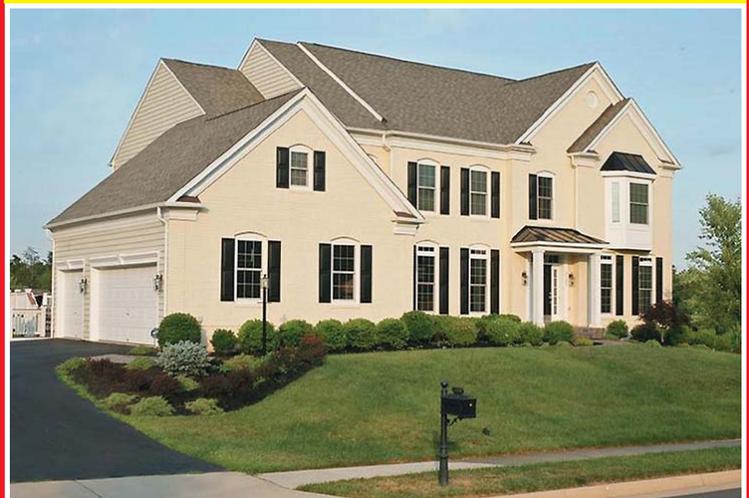
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From Readers on School Board and Staff

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

Many 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, 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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Correction

To the Editor:

I want to compliment the reporter and the Connection Newspapers for publishing a thorough and informative article about the Northern Virginia Tea Party Independence Day Wrap-up Picnic on July 5 ["Tea and Independence," July 8-14, 2010].

The reporter's unbiased and fair reporting of a local Tea Party event should be applauded and recognized, but I must make a correction to one of his quotes in the article from my speech. In answering a "Second Amendment" question from the audience, I said "guns are just tools, tools that have been used by those serving our nation to preserve our freedom. Guns should not be feared, they are just tools of liberty." I did not say "guns should be feared, they are tools of liberty," as was quoted in the article.

I clarify this error in the article because the first quote strives to educate the electorate about the original intent of the Second

Amendment of the Constitution, and the second implicitly implies or suggests the opposite, which was never intended.

Lastly, I want your readers to understand that my "Extend Liberty" speech covered much more than Second Amendment issues. To "extend liberty" is to provide additional opportunities beyond what currently exists. My campaign for the State Senate is founded on providing new opportunities for all citizens of the 39th State Senate District, and throughout the Commonwealth, opportunities for private sector employment and professional advancement, opportunities to start businesses without excess tax burdens and regulations, opportunities to pursue higher education and vocational training of choice without excess tuition costs and limited enrollments, and to provide opportunities for seniors, retired veterans and the disabled to stay in their homes by reducing property taxes and excess insurance burdens.

LETTERS

I again thank the Connection Newspapers for a great article, and to close with another quote I've mentioned many times to my students, "It's not about what exists now that you can change, but it's what you can do new tomorrow, to improve the future."

Scott Martin
Fairfax Station

Scott Martin is the Republican candidate for State Senate in the 39th District and is an associate professor at GMU.

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
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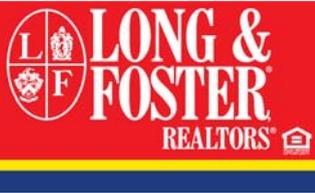


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