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Mason Neck resident Lia Corso, 14, uses the adapted water ski equipment at last year's Dreams for Kids 'Extreme Recess' event at Pohick Bay Regional Park. The event allows disabled children to participate in water sports.

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Hyland Looks to Future of His District

Visioning task force takes stock of current conditions in Mount Vernon, Lorton.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Before it starts brainstorming about the southeastern Fairfax County of the future, the Mount Vernon District Visioning Task Force needed to have a firm grasp on the issues and challenges facing the area today.

So Fairfax County Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) sponsored a daylong workshop and bus tour for approximately two dozen members of the new task force Aug. 7.

Hyland has charged the citizen-run committee with developing a set of goals and aspirations for the Mount Vernon District, which includes Lorton and parts of Springfield as well as the Mount Vernon area.

The supervisor hopes to get a good picture of where residents would

like to see his district in 25 years. He expects the visioning task force to release its final recommendations by the end of 2010.

The following are some of the issues he indicated he would like the visioning task force to consider:

“Things are not quite the same in both parts of the district.”

— Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon)

on the its new political boundaries by the fall of 2011. Hyland would like his visioning task force to consider whether some changes should be made to Mount Vernon's political boundaries.

The Mount Vernon District spans two large and distinct communities, the Mount Vernon area and Lorton. In the past, Hyland has floated the idea of trying to break his political district into two different seats, since the two communities have very little in common.

“Things are not quite the same in both parts of the district,” said Hyland.

Communities in the Mount Vernon area — generally considered those neighborhoods east of Richmond Highway and north of Fort Belvoir — are among Fairfax's oldest and home to the county's largest concentration of senior citizens. Residents in that area need to focus on how to provide assistance to older people and to help the elderly live independently for as long as possible, said Hyland.

Lorton, on the other hand, is one of Fairfax's newest and fastest growing communities. Several young families have moved to that part of the county over the past 10 years and Lorton residents are gen-



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The new Lorton Healthplex will open on Lorton Road.

erally concerned with overcrowding at the local public schools because of the large school-age population, said Hyland.

The task force should also consider whether it is beneficial to have the northern portion of Richmond Highway split between two magisterial districts.

Currently, most neighborhoods north of Fort Belvoir and to the east of the highway are in the Mount Vernon District and represented by Hyland. Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) represents most neighborhoods north of Fort Belvoir and directly to the west of Richmond Highway.

When the two supervisors disagree about a development project on Richmond High-

way, it can create serious problems, said Hyland. For example, Hyland was upset about a stance McKay took on the redevelopment of the Penn Daw Shopping Center recently. But since the site was in Lee District, McKay had a lot more leverage over the land use case than Hyland, even those some of Hyland's constituents would be directly impacted by the land use case.

“When it comes to redistricting, should we have Route 1 all in one district?” he asked the task force.

But McKay is in favor of keeping Richmond Highway split between the two mag-

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Winning Bid Keeps Community Intact

Mayor Bill Hollaway purchases Old Town Hall at a June 23 open auction.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

As the Town of Clifton reinvents itself through revitalization projects designed to breathe new life into its arts and entertainment community, its residents still want to maintain a bridge to the past. Thankfully, its new mayor feels the same way.

Mayor Bill Hollaway, the town's newly-elected mayor, purchased the vacant Old Town Hall along with his brother John at an open auction on June 23. Hollaway's winning bid of \$280,000 for the property, located on Chapel Road, ensures that the building would remain a part of the Clifton community.

“It feels great [to have the winning bid],” Hollaway said. “I wanted to make sure that the property ended up with someone who

knew the town, understood the community and wanted to do the right thing with it and now we have that.”

While the property made its way into the hands of the current mayor, the process to sell the building has been underway for nearly a decade. According to former mayor Tom Peterson, the building has been vacant for more than 10 years, and when he took office four years ago, a deal made by the previous council was already in place to sell it to a town resident. The resident, Peterson said, was an architect who planned to renovate the property, lease half of it and let the town use the other half as necessary.

However, just as the deal was to be finalized, the real estate market crashed and according to Peterson, the deal fell apart. The council's first thought, he said, was to renovate the building itself and find a use for it, but after the “Pink House” sold for a

higher than anticipated price, the decision was made to sell it. The council openly solicited the listing and eventually selected Tranzon Fox, a nationwide firm with an office in Fairfax not only because the branch's managers, Michelle and Jeff Stein, were Clifton residents, but because the council felt they had the best plan to sell the building.

“Michelle and Jeff Stein convinced us that we would make the most money and make it quickly if we auctioned the property,” Peterson said. “So, we signed with them.”

According to Jeff Stein, Tranzon Fox started the five-week marketing campaign for the property May 19. Stein said that his company sent nearly 40,000 e-mail flyers to targeted real estate agents and prospective buyers, sent more than 200 pieces of direct mail and listed the property both in print and on the Internet. By the end of the campaign, seven bidders registered for the auction, and those bidders were required to bring a cashier's check for \$20,000.

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No Funding

State withdraws money for Traffic calming projects.

Virginia's abrupt withdrawal of support for a popular “traffic calming” program in Fairfax County has left at least 18 approved projects without funding, according to county transportation staff.

The commonwealth has eliminated financial support for speed humps, raised crosswalks and other measures that slow down vehicles. The Fairfax supervisors characterized Fairfax's “traffic calming” program as relatively inexpensive, just \$200,00 per year.

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Brick by Brick

Thousands of people came to the Dulles Expo Center on Aug. 7-8 to see the second

largest Lego fan festival in the country. With 700 exhibitors, visitors saw hundreds of different creations — from robotic mindstorm drummers, to a massive post-apocalyptic representation of Washington, D.C. Here, Gavyn Smith, visiting his grandfather in Lorton, talks with one of the co-creators of the Monster Chess Set, Ron McRae. The chess set took four man-years to build and has over 100,000 Lego pieces.

Solicitor Charged for Indecent Liberties with a Child

A 14-year-old girl was allegedly sexually assaulted by a door-to-door solicitor at her Lorton home Monday, Aug. 16.

According to Fairfax County Police, a Greensboro, N.C. man was selling carpet cleaning products door-to-door on Plaskett Lane when he arrived at the victim's home at 3:30 p.m. The man asked the victim, who was home alone at the time, to use the bathroom and the victim let him in. Upon exiting the bathroom, he allegedly sexually assaulted her.

Numerous patrol officers, detectives, K9 teams and a police helicopter saturated the area after the victim reported the incident. Residents in the community were able to provide police with detailed information on the group of solicitors, who were working for South Carolina based Pumpers Trust — Mrs. Clean Pump-it-Off Company, and the vehicle they were using. Around 10 p.m., a vehicle fitting the descriptions was stopped in the area and officers identified one of the nine occupants as the suspect.

"The officers that responded canvassed the neighborhood and spoke with numerous residents," said Officer Shelly Broderick. "The residents were able to provide information about the solicitors and the car they were driving, and

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Brendan Meyers participates in last year's Extreme Recess event.

For Fun, Just Add Water

Dreams for Kids leads children with disabilities through day of fun.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

When Andrew Horn looks out into lake and sees several dozen children waterskiing, kayaking, tubing and swimming, a smile creeps across his face. These children, though looked at differently by their peers, are just like them for once and loving every second of it.

Horn is the executive director of Dreams for Kids, a Washington, D.C. based charitable organization that provides educational and recreational opportunities to disabled children. For the second year, the group will be making its way to Pohick Bay Regional Park in Mason Neck on Saturday, Aug. 21 to host Extreme Recess, a program that provides a day of fun under the sun and on the water for more than 60 children with disabilities free of charge.

"Kids with disabilities don't have the same kind of access to athletic and recreational activities that other children do," Horn said. "So, we've put an event together that will give these children an opportunity

to participate in sports that they usually do not."

Extreme Recess, only in its second year, is just one of many athletic programs that Dreams for Kids leads in the greater Washington, D.C. area. According to Horn, the group has already partnered with the Georgetown University men's lacrosse team to host lacrosse clinics, among other activities, including a baseball clinic with the Washington Nationals that is currently in the planning stages.

While these events have provided an unforgettable experience for the children involved, Horn soon realized that many more children were out there to help, and that many of them wanted to play something other than lacrosse, baseball or basketball. So, last year, Dreams for Kids launched the inaugural Extreme Recess at Pohick Bay to give children a chance to participate in a number of water sports.

"We always want to do all we can to make every sport available to these kids," Horn said. "They don't typically have access to water sports, so we figured we would give the kids a full day of them."

"It's all about the children, and it always has been."

— Joe Hoffmaster, event sponsor

THIS YEAR'S EVENT will provide a full day of water sports to more than 60 children, ranging in age from 4 to 24. A team of Dreams for Kids volunteers will lead the children through waterskiing, kayaking, canoeing, tubing, boating and jet skiing, all using adaptive sporting equipment. Instead of the two typical water skis, for example, Dreams for Kids has fashioned a chair outfitted with two outriggers so that a disabled child can sit down and glide across the water. On shore, participants can enjoy a moon bounce, arts and crafts classes, food and more.

"It's a really impressive, very well-run event," said Carol Corso, a Mason Neck resident whose 14-year-old daughter Lia participated last year. "It is well-staffed by willing and enthusiastic volunteers, but most importantly, it felt very safe, too. We just really

More

Extreme Recess is Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Approximately 15 spots are still open for the event, and interested parties can e-mail Andrew Horn at ahorn@dreamsforkids.org for registration information. Children must be between the ages of 4 and 24 and have a physical, developmental or cognitive disability to be eligible. Participation is free.

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\$280K Bid Buys Old Town Hall

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"The process was very smooth and easy," Stein said. "The auction provided a fair and open method to sell the property. Everyone could see what was going on, so nobody could say that a particular bidder was shown favoritism or got a sweetheart deal."

Hollaway said that the bidding came down to just him and another bidder, but in the end, the other bidder was not willing to match Hollaway's \$280,000 bid plus a \$28,000 buyer's premium auction fee. This sale price, Hollaway said, was surprising as the sale price was expected to be much less.

"I wanted to make sure that the town got a fair price for the property," Hollaway said. "People in the town thought that the bidding wouldn't get higher than \$180,000, but the bidding was very active."

Now that Hollaway has the property in hand, he is laying out his long-term vision for the building. He said that the property is currently zoned as a residential/low-impact commercial, so he plans to renovate it and transform it into an office building. As of

press time, Hollaway was painting the exterior and interior of the building and seeking out prospective tenants. Eventually, he said, he would like to expand the building to install additional office space and have it filled with medical practices and law firms.

"It's all a part of the revitalization of the business community in Clifton," Hollaway said. "We not only want to have bars, restaurants and shops in town, but a businesses as well. We are expanding many things, but nothing in this area, and this takes care of that."

Though having ownership of the property means more work and added responsibility, Hollaway is nonetheless excited about this opportunity to keep a vital part of the community intact. The building, he assures, would not only be in good hands, but would also add a new component to its economic landscape.

"I drive by the property every day, so I'm going to want to make it look good," Hollaway said. "The town got top dollar for the property and knows that it will be taken care of, so it's a win-win for everybody involved."

COLLEGE NOTES

The following students from Clifton are among the 646 students who have been named to the dean's list at the University of Mary Washington: **Morgan Bobinski**, junior; **Margaret Boatner**, senior; **Dana Jones**, senior; and **Ryan Vaughn**, sophomore.

Maureen Commins of Fairfax Sta-

tion, a junior at Gettysburg College, has been placed on the Deans' Honor List for outstanding academic achievement in the Spring 2010.

Theresa Moriarty Ganssle of Fairfax Station was named to the spring 2010 dean's honor roll at the University of Mississippi. A grade-point average of

from 3.5 through 3.74 is required of full-time students carrying at least 12 semester hours for listing on the dean's honor roll.

Matthew John Astorino of Fairfax Station was named to the spring 2010 dean's honor roll at the University of Mississippi.

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Day of Fun on the Water

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fell in love with it.”
That degree of safety is made possible, Horn said, by not only the organization of the event, but also due to the generosity of the community. In addition to the two dozen volunteers and a precise schedule that will allow the staff to closely monitor the children, Horn said that local businesses have donated a great deal of money and goods to ensure that all of the equipment is top-notch and therefore, as safe as possible. Woodbridge-based Hoffmaster’s Marina, for example, is the event’s main sponsor, and is providing 50 percent of the funding for the day as well as several boats, jet skis, life vests and other gear.
“We sponsor this event because it’s all about the children, and it always has been,” said Joe Hoffmaster, owner of Hoffmaster’s Marina. “Children

are like flowers and all they need is a little water and care and when you have a challenged child, it can be difficult to get the right water. They just need a boost, and this event will be that for them.”

While Extreme Recess may not Dreams for Kids’ marquee event in terms of the number of participants or the amount of money raised, Horn could not be more thrilled at what he and his team has created. The event, he said, is a perfect representation of the organization’s mission, and no matter how many participants register or how many sponsors turn out, simply an afternoon of normalcy is considered a success.

“We will have 60 kids out there with physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities that will be given the opportunity to do something that will let them be like any other child,” Horn said. “And that’s what it is all about.”

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officers used that information to apprehend the suspect.”
The suspect was arrested and charged with one count of taking indecent liberties with a minor. The investigation is ongoing and further charges are possible. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text “TIP187” plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Flower Sale To Support Woodson Cavalier Cruise

W.T. Woodson High School’s class of 2011 will be celebrating its graduation next spring with the Cavalier Cruise, an all night drug and alcohol free graduation party. Planning and fund raising for this event is already underway. The WT Fall Flower sale will help meet the Cavalier Cruise costs. Members of the public can help show their support by purchasing mums and/or pansies from W.T. Woodson High School. Order forms are available in the main office, on the PTSA website at wtwoodsonptsa.org, or by e-mailing bptracker@aol.com. Deadline for ordering is Sept. 12. The plant pick up takes place on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m.-12 noon, in the W.T. Woodson Kiss and Ride parking drop off area located behind the school. To learn more call Cynthia Wainer at 703-426-2414 or 703-424-6078.

The following students from Fairfax Station are among the 646 students who have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of Mary Washington:
Claire Tuley, senior;
Dana Kreyenhagen, senior; and Rachael Flaks, senior.

COLLEGE NOTES

Lorton are among the 646 students who have been named to the dean’s list at the University of Mary Washington **Tara Gallagher**, sophomore; and **Jacob McCrumb**, senior.

Daniel Neri of Fairfax Station, a junior, has been placed the Deans’ Commendation List for outstanding academic achievement in the Spring 2010

at Gettysburg College.

Dennis Bazow of Fairfax Station, a sophomore at Gettysburg College, has been placed on the deans’ honor list for the spring 2010 semester.

Charisse A. Molina of Clifton received a bachelor of arts degree in international studies from Colby College on May 23.

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The Workhouse Museum and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Committee present 'Inez on a Horse: Commemoration of a Suffragist Leader,' on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 3:30 p.m. at The Workhouse Quad, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton.

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

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Inez on a Horse: Commemoration of a Suffragist Leader. 3:30 p.m. at The Workhouse Quad, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Workhouse Museum and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Committee will celebrate the many appearances of Inez Milholland Boissevain on horseback in parades supporting the women's suffragist movement to gain voting rights. 703-584-2900.

U.S. Marine Corps Wind Ensemble. 4:30 p.m. In the Performance Tent, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Free. 703-584-2900.

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OPINION

World Press Freedom Heroes

Kemal Kurspahic, Connection editor, one of the original 50 press freedom heroes of the world.

In September, the International Press Institute will celebrate its 60th anniversary in Vienna, Austria by adding 10 journalists to its list of World Press Freedom Heroes, bringing the total to 60.

The International Press Institute is a global network of editors, media executives and journalists dedicated to freedom of the press, the protection of freedom of opinion and expression, the promotion of the free flow of news and information, and the improvement of the practices of journalism.

Why does it matter? Halfway through 2010, at least 45 journalists, 10 of them in Mexico, have been killed around the world to silence them. 109 were killed in 2009. Both organized criminals (like drug cartels in Mexico) and government authorities who do not want to see their activities exposed go to extreme lengths to suppress information.

Why is it local? Of the 50 World Press Freedom Heroes named 10 years ago — and who will be honored again in Vienna next month — one is Kemal Kurspahic, managing editor and community editor for the Vienna, McLean, Great Falls, Reston and Oak Hill/Herndon Connections.

According to the World Press Freedom award:

In December 1988, Kurspahic was named editor-in-chief of *Oslobodjenje*, Sarajevo's 70,000 circulation daily newspaper, the first elected by the paper's staff. Until then, the Communist Party had controlled all editorial appointments.

Then after the communists were ousted and

Bosnia's first democratic elections held, one of Kurspahic's first battles was to maintain his paper's newly acquired editorial independence against a coalition of nationalist parties, through a constitutional court case in 1991.

During the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, despite snipers' bullets, constant shelling, and newsprint shortages, the paper's multi-ethnic staff of Bosniaks, Serbs and Croats — guided by Kurspahic — worked day and night in a nuclear bomb shelter to put out a daily issue of the paper, providing one of the city's only sources of information. The paper's modern high-rise building was reduced to rubble by the shelling, and yet the paper was produced every day. *Oslobodjenje* was a symbol of coexistence and the struggle against intolerance and "ethnic cleansing."

Between 1992 and 1995, more than 10,500 people were killed in the Sarajevo area. Five employees were killed and more than 20 wounded. Kurspahic himself was injured in a car crash in 1992 while eluding sniper fire. Throughout this period, Kurspahic and his staff never missed a day of publication, despite shortages of electricity, fuel, paper and ink.

Kurspahic was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University; Clark Fellow at Cornell University; and a Senior Fellow at the US Institute of Peace and worked for five years for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, first as the spokesman in Vienna (2001-2004) and then as the Caribbean regional representative, responsible for 29 states and territories.

to the silence is the same as ignoring the opinion of everyone else. Don't pretend you were listening to anyone, you weren't.

Gibson and Wilson talk about the personal attacks School Board members incurred. I am not going to defend these attacks, but let me tell you a little bit about motivation. Elizabeth Bradsher (Springfield) is a

School Board member who I personally liked. Members of the community told me she lied to them and changed stories every time they talked to her. I did not believe them. I asked her about what she needed to hear to change her opinion on closing Clifton Elementary. She told me she needed to hear from members of the community who did not have children there and ways to bring down the cost per pupil for the renovation. We provided both of these at the public forums, and she not only was not swayed by them but ignored them, like they were never important anyway. Then, at the final vote, she told the audience "Don't

worry your children will be OK," but it sounded more like "Don't worry little country bumpkins, we city folk know what's best." Is it any wonder some people got a little angry?

This board has no humility and no respect for the people they represent. This letter plainly showed that. It was embarrassing for me to even read. For a public servant to lash out at the people they represent in such a callous fashion. I urge every voter in Fairfax County to take back these appointed "representatives" and elect anyone running against them. They brag about the great level of academics they are bringing to our county and that achievement is all that matters. Well, Japan has a similar standard and it is no surprise it also has one of the world's highest suicide rates. I have four college degrees. I certainly understand academic excellence. I wish the members of this board did. I am not convinced they have a clue in what really motivates children to be good students. Sense of community, belonging, traditions,



Kurspahic

Kurspahic served as the managing editor of The Connection Newspapers from 1997-2001, returning in the spring of 2007 after his time with United Nations. Kurspahic has excelled at community journalism in Northern Virginia, winning many awards here, teaching editors and

reporters by example, and serving the community by continuously increasing the number of local voices in the papers he edits.

He is the author of four books, including "Prime Time Crime: Balkan Media in War and Peace" (US Institute of Peace Press, 2003) and "As Long as Sarajevo Exists" (Pamphleteer's Press, 1997).

Sometimes in the last two years during the recession, it has taken what feels like heroic efforts to continue to publish independently owned, hyper-local newspapers that have to operate on current revenues. But the biggest physical threat to reporters here is probably the automobile accident. As for intimidation, it is garden variety, officials who threaten to withhold information when they don't like what we write.

Here at the Connection, we have Kemal Kurspahic to remind us about true heroic efforts of journalism.

— MARY KIMM

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Not the Way To Respond

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the recent letter submitted by School Board members Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) and Tessie Wilson (Braddock) [Connection, July 29-Aug. 4, 2010]. I was truly appalled reading such pontificating by elected officials. Clearly, it is a sad commentary on our current political scene that our "representatives" have forgotten the definition of "representative." I would like to address several parts of their treatise.

First, they mention they were elected to make the best decisions for our children and not to listen to the people who elected them. I elect representatives to represent me and the best interests of my community, not because I think they know better or are smarter than I am. Those people are appointed, not elected.

Gibson and Wilson talk about listening to the silence. Listening

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To the Editor:

Enough, already. In reading the articles submitted each week to

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our local newspapers regarding the closing of the Clifton Elementary School, one thought keeps recurring. Clifton residents want a private school paid for with public dollars.

The majority of these parents are affluent and well educated and one would have to admonish them for not trying to retain this setting that they've enjoyed for so many years. In fact, Dwayne Nitz wants to turn Clifton Elementary School into a "charter school" so selected students can enjoy a private school setting at no expense to their parents. What he fails to realize is that there is no guarantee that all Clifton students would get into this charter school as the whole county would be able to apply. Additionally, preference would be given to low-income families whose children attend low performing schools. And let's face it, this is Fairfax County, our public schools are among the highest performing in the nation.

These vocal Clifton parents are not playing fair. Those of us who chose to send our children to private school did so the ethical way, we paid for it with our hard earned dollars while continuing to pay taxes to fund our neighborhood public schools. Private schools in Fairfax County don't even have access to "public" school buses to transport children to and from school. And yet, private school parents suck it up and pay their taxes anyway.

What I'm hearing is a lot of whining from parents with deep pockets pushing their weight around to get what they want. Sure, I understand wanting to keep the children in the neighborhood together in the same elementary school, but I speak from experience in assuring everyone that sending children to a school outside of the neighborhood has no detrimental effect on the child.

What it does is inconvenience the parents. Yes, that's right. Parents have to escort their children back and forth to private school on their own dime at the expense of their own precious time. But we do it and we don't expect the county to pick up the tab namely because the county on several occasions has said it would not.

I wish the Clifton residents would stop wasting everyone's time and admit they want something no one else in the county has — their own niche in the woods where their children can get the feel of a private school but the county pays the bill. And that's not fair. Shame on you and shame on Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), a politician who caters to you for his own personal gain and who endorses this plan.

Stop blaming the School Board and FCPS for thinking about the entire county's fiscal welfare and not catering to the bullying tactics of some Clifton residents. If you want that private school feel, then you've got to spend that private school dollar, especially when you can afford to.

Lorrie Joseph
Fairfax Station

Inconsistent, Unreliable?

To the Editor:

A close look at the data provided by the "staff" on which the current School Board claims to have based its decision to close Clifton Elementary offers a disconcerting picture of inconsistencies and reveals the use of unreliable and even arbitrary parameters. Community members and interested parties have combed through hundreds of pages from final staff reports and planning studies in a process that has lasted approximately a year. Throughout this concerted effort to be involved in a decision that would impact their community, professionals, neighbors,

parents, everyone contributed their options, solutions and improvements to the concerns and issues raised within the study period.

It seems like the School Board grossly underestimated the parent community of Clifton Elementary. This is one well-informed group of both professional and empirical individuals extremely focused in the advancement and education of their children. The School Board also did not expect being held accountable to this assemblage of citizens who as it turns out not only pay the staff and the School Board salaries but also appear as the ultimate arbiter in the organizational chart of Fairfax County government. It also overlooked a performance marked by academic excellence which has made this school the pride of this corner of the county attracting parents and students from beyond Virginia's state lines, all over the East Coast.

FCPS Staff's documentation and costs have fluctuated erratically throughout this process.

❖ Staff's July 2009 report projected overcrowding at Clifton Elementary (student enrollment of 396).

Fact: By May 2010, staff reversed course and projected excess capacity at Clifton Elementary (asserting student enrollment of 298).

❖ On June 14, staff projected the cost of addressing overcrowding at a new school at Liberty as \$17,200,000.

Fact: Two weeks later, by June 24, staff projected the cost of addressing overcrowding and new school at Liberty as \$18,250,000, increasing its estimate by more than \$1 million.

❖ On June 14, staff projected the cost of building a 550-student school at Liberty to be \$10,900,000.

Fact: On June 29, staff projected the cost of building a 550-student school at Liberty to be \$9,309,300.

❖ In its May 3 report and again on June 14, staff asserted its recommendation of building a new school at the Liberty site and closing of Clifton Elementary at such time as the new school at Liberty opens.

Fact: By June 29 and after over a year of discussion explicitly linking CES and building at the Liberty Site, staff reversed course and excluded the building of a new elementary school as a method of addressing where Clifton Elementary students would go if Clifton was closed and now suggested distributing students to Oak View, Fairview, Sangster and Union Mill elementary schools.

❖ Union Mill, Clifton and Willow Springs all could have been part of a solution to address overcrowding to the north and east of their locations given the excess capacity available. The following are the average distances to the Liberty Middle School Site and Capacity Deficiencies in the worst overcrowded schools for Year 2015-16, per staff's projected own figures: Eagle View (distance to Liberty site 5.6 miles/ number of students over capacity 434); Powell (3.2 miles/322 students); Greenbriar East (6.1 miles/228 students); Greenbriar West (5.8 miles/ 89 students).

❖ In eight of the last 11 years, CES has been enrolled above capacity: 1999 (296); 2005 (394); 2000 (370); 2006 (383); 2001 (394); 2007 (376); 2002 (381); 2008 (377); 2003 (405); 2009 (366); and 2004 (404).

While CES had less than 300 students in 1999, it had more than 400 students just four years later (and more than 500 students in 1991). CES' enrollment history, development in the area and the fact that many residences built in the early 1980s are now "turning over" suggest that staff's assessment of a declining population — one of the keystone's to its recommendation to close CES — is simply not reliable.

Lin-Dai Kendall
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Students in School Age Child Care star in local filmmaker's project.

BY JULIE HIRSCHHORN
THE CONNECTION

The scene at the Cinema Arts Theater in Fair City Mall in Fairfax on Aug. 16 was one straight out of a Hollywood premiere. In fact, it was a premiere. Filmmaker Danny Commander of Fairfax, a SACC (School Age Child Care) program employee, spent 18 months directing and producing his first feature film, "Times Destination."

"I want to act like a movie star everyday. It was a fun experience."

— Jayla Muse of Fort Belvoir

Limousines rolled up to the premiere location, carrying the film's young actors and actresses, who were all part of the SACC program and the making of the movie. Of course, no movie premiere would be complete without a red carpet and paparazzi. As the young stars stepped out of limousines that were rented from Reston Limos, they walked a mini red carpet where they were greeted by many photographers and posed for their close-ups.

"I want to act like a movie star everyday. It was a fun experience," said film star Jayla Muse of Fort Belvoir.

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James Lehman, lower right corner, poses with some of his friends from SACC. He said every part of working on the movie was fun.

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SACC Stars at Premiere

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The movie was made with the help of 60 children from several elementary schools in Fairfax County including Lane, Hayfield, Forestdale, Franconia, Gunston, Garfield, Springfield Estates and Island Creek. Along with acting, these students also aided in the production aspects, such as lighting, sound, script writing and camera work.

"It was difficult for the kids to handle at first, but they were really interested," said Commander. "They knew that this opportunity wasn't something that comes along that often."

MOST OF THE child stars thought filming was a blast. They did not even seem to have trouble memorizing lines, which can be a problem for many professional actors. "It was pretty easy because Mr. Danny would be nice about it and tell us our lines if we messed up," said Reid Williams of Potomac Park, Md.

Commander also had the unwavering support of the SACC directors and employees. "I'm very proud," said SACC director Anne Goldstein. "Having an opportunity for children to take a vision and work on it over a period of time is great. This is all about creativity and hard work."

"Times Destination" focuses on a man who finds a

ticket on the ground with consequences and then has to go back in time in a time machine to try and fix the errors of his way. "It was really exciting. My favorite part was when we were in a time machine," said Haley Breaux of Alexandria.

Many of the SACC staff were pleased with the way the children handled production and filming. "You would think that since they're kids they would have a hard time, but they were awesome," said SACC employee Tiffany Howard of Woodbridge.

"I liked messing around with all my friends and always laughing," said film star Will Flowers of Alexandria.

"Times Destination" was filmed locally in places such as Shadowland Laser Tag and Lucky's Sports Bar and Grill in Alexandria.

The premiere hosted about 600 SACC students, guests and chaperones during two showings of the film, giving each screening a full house. The first was at 10:30 a.m. and the second at 12:55 p.m. With popcorn and drinks in their hands, the cast and crew enjoyed seeing their hard work pay off.

Commander hopes to continue his passion for directing and producing by making other small film projects in the future. "You never know where making a movie is going to go," said Commander. "When you finally get to see the finished product, that's what you're working for."

"They knew that this opportunity wasn't something that comes along that often."

— Danny Commander



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Kendrick Clawson, Chris Joseph and Brian Cobbs all worked on the movie as actors. They agreed that their favorite part of the project was filming in a laser tag arena.

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Twilight Time for Older NVSL Swimmers

Longtime summer team members move on at age 19.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The conclusion of the summer-time swim season for organizations such as the Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL) also marks the end of the individual summer season swim careers for older team members who have often been a part of their respective clubs for 10 or more years.

Numerous older teenagers who have grown up enjoying the social and competitive benefits of being part of a summer season swim team finally reach the age where they are no longer eligible to actively compete in the weekly meets.

This is a bittersweet time for the young men and women, who are often preparing for their first or second years of college in the upcoming fall while also enjoying one last hurrah with the summer teams of their youth.

NVSL swimmers, according to league rules, become ineligible to swim for their teams once they turn 19 years of age. The ripple effects of older swimmers moving on is a natural progression but also one that hits programs hard as those veteran team members have often served as leaders and good role models to their younger teammates.

Adam Pennington, 18, just completed his final full season as a member of the Cardinal Hill swim team in Vienna. Pennington, who graduated from James Madison High School this past June, will swim within the Ivy League this upcoming school year as a freshmen member of the Columbia University (New York City) swim team. Next summer, he will be allowed to swim for Cardi-



Robyn Dryer of Orange Hunt captured first place at All Stars in the girls' 11-12, 50-back race.

nal Hill until his 19th birthday comes on July 9. At that time, his summer swim career will be officially ended and he will no longer be allowed to compete in his team's meets.

So Pennington, who was a star high school swimmer in recent years at Madison, tried to enjoy this recently completed summer season the best he could.

"Next summer I won't be able to swim for Cardinal Hill the whole year," said Pennington, who just completed his 13th year as a team member. "When you're 11 or 12, you kind of take for granted being part of a team like this. But the last year or so I started thinking, 'Wow, I want to get the most out of [my remaining years with the team].'"

Pennington, who has been a part of the McLean Fish club team since 2001, made his swim mark at Madison where, as a junior, he was part of two Warhawk relay teams — the 200 and 400-free relays — that set Virginia state high school records. During

his senior year, Pennington, in individual events, finished second in the state in the 500-freestyle and third in the 200-free.

He has loved his years swimming for Cardinal Hill, which was 2-3 this summer in NVSL Division 4. The team has had its ups and downs over the years. Pennington recalled one summer when the team failed to win a meet and another one, in 2009, when the team went a perfect 5-0 and won the Division 5 title.

"I've seen the team transition between [different] coaches and I've seen the bad times and the good times," he said. "You get the whole experience and full range of emotions being part of it for 13 years. As you get older, it's less and less about winning and more about the good times with your friends."

During his career at Cardinal Hill, Pennington has broken five team records, some of which have since been broken by others. He said he has competed in at least seven season-ending All Star meets. At this summer's All Stars on Aug. 7 at Broyhill Crest Pool in Annandale, Pennington finished second in the 50-back and fourth place in the 50-IM.

He said he consciously stepped up into more of a team leadership role this summer.

"Definitely this year more than other seasons," he said. "[In prior years] there were always older team members than me so I didn't assume [as much] leadership until this year. Being a leader is a lot of fun. We got blown out in a few meets and I told the

"When you're 11 or 12, you kind of take for granted being part of a team like this."

— Adam Pennington, Cardinal Hill

kids it's not all about the winning. I think good sportsmanship is the biggest thing."

Dave Watt, this year's Division 11 coordinator and a former team representative for Walden Glen in Springfield, said swimmers who have grown up and remained with their respective summer teams often become wonderful team role models.

"The ones who stick around end up being great leaders and really have a tremendous impact on a team," said Watt, a Springfield resident. "They really love swimming and being on the team, and the kids really look up to them."

Watt said good leadership from the older swimmers is especially important because of the large age fluctuation of the summer team rosters. Younger swimmers, both girls

and boys, are greatly influenced by their older teammates. Watt is totally impressed with the guidance he has seen from so many of the NVSLs older teenagers.

"It starts with the coaching staff," said Watt. "But sometimes it's those junior assistant coaches who are still swimming whom the younger kids can really identify with. The mentorship is really not to be understated."

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swimming is unlike some other team sports [in that] an 18-year old can be a teammate with an 8-year old," said Watt. "They're training together at the same times and they're going for a common goal. The teams that do well usually have strong leadership."

Kaitlin Wolla, 18, just completed her final year as a member of the Division 1 Overlee (Arlington) swim team. A 2010 Yorktown High graduate, Wolla will be swimming at the University of Delaware this upcoming school year. She has been an NVSL All-Star since the age of nine.

Wolla, along with being a top swimmer for Overlee this summer, has also been an acting assistant coach for the team. She enjoys working with her younger teammates and helping them further develop as swimmers and learning to enjoy the sport

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Emma Merrill of the South Run swim team won the girls' 13-14, 50-back event at the Aug. 7 All Stars meet.

COMMUNITY

Here and Now: Mount Vernon District

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isterial districts. He said the corridor, which is home to some of the poorest residents in the entire county, benefits two county supervisors fighting for its resources and investment.

"Route 1 is in a better position having two supervisors and the chairman in its corner. It gives Richmond Highway an edge over other revitalization districts in the county. With all the challenges we have on Richmond Highway, we need that edge," said McKay.

Inova Lorton Healthplex

In addition to having some emergency services, the Inova Lorton Healthplex will include medical office buildings and possible a hotel. When it opens, the healthplex will be considered part of Mount Vernon Hospital and is ultimately supposed to bring stability to the facility's finances, said Hyland.

Monopoles

Hyland would like the task force to investigate where new monopoles, which improve cell phone and mobile Internet reception locally, could be placed without upsetting many local residents.

The supervisor said proposals for the cell phone towers have become among the most contentious community issues he has had to handle in recent years.

Often, those residents who live closest to a proposed monopole site oppose its construction, even when the wider Mount Vernon community supports the plan. Those in opposition often have concerns about visual pollution as well as the health effects of living near a cell phone tower.

"People who are directly impacted come out of the woodwork to oppose them," said Hyland.



This new regional military hospital at Fort Belvoir Army Base is expected to generate 500,000 outpatient visits per year.

Senior Centers

Mount Vernon District has Fairfax County's largest population of senior citizens, said Hyland.

Unfortunately, not all parts of Hyland's district have access to great senior services. The supervisor would like to see more facilities like the Hollin Hall Senior Center open in other areas, like Lorton.

"We have to make sure all of our seniors have something available to them like this," said Hyland.

Approximately 200 people use the Hollin Hall Senior Center every day. Most of the programs and activities are organized by participants, which helps keep costs down, said the Julie Ellis, the center's director.

Hollin Hall charges a \$48 annual membership fee and offers activities ranging from Thai Chi to competitive bridge, said

Ellis.

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital

In 2010, the Mount Vernon Hospital is on track to be "in the black" for the first time in its history, which means it is unlikely Inova Health System will entertain the notion of closing the facility again any time soon, said Hyland.

"The joint replacement center is one of the best, if not the best, center of its kind in the United States," he said.

But Hyland said the hospital could still use some improvements. The facility needs to be able to offer private rooms and many local residents would like to see a local maternity ward built.

Inova does have long-term plans to double the size of Mount Vernon Hospital, mostly by building upward, by 2040, said

Hyland.

North Hill Affordable Housing

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is expected to vote in favor of a financing plan to build affordable housing units at North Hill along Richmond Highway.

The project can be built "by right," which means that the community has less control over what the developer constructs on this piece of land. There will also be no public hearing held on the project, said Elizabeth Lardner, Hyland's appointee to the county's housing and redevelopment authority.

"Some people have a belief that all affordable housing is located on Route 1. It is not. It is spread throughout the county," said Lardner.

According to information provided by Hyland, approximately 11 percent of Fairfax's affordable housing units are located in the Mount Vernon District. Hunter Mill (16.6 percent), Lee (19.52 percent) and Mason (17.54 percent) have considerably larger shares of the county's stock of affordable units.

Affordable housing should also not be equated with public housing, said Lardner. The North Hill project, for example, will not be low-income housing but rather, affordable units for those households with an annual income over \$50,000.

New Military Hospital

Hyland, as well as all local elected officials, is worried about the impact of the new regional hospital at Fort Belvoir Army Base on local traffic patterns.

Expected to open in the fall of next year, the hospital will serve all branches of the military and is expected to generate an average of 1,500 patient trips per day. According to Fort Belvoir's staff, that is approximately three to four times more patient trips than the base's current hospital generates.

Projects Lose Out when State Takes Back Funds

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The county will use what money it currently has available to finish as many of the 21 traffic calming projects already in the pipeline. But at least 18 Fairfax traffic-calming projects that had already been approved would no longer have financial backing.

The Virginia Department of Transportation is having trouble giving Fairfax any money for new secondary road projects, including stop signs, traffic light installation and road widening, because of a drastic decline in statewide transportation revenue.

Overall, the commonwealth allocated just under \$2,000 to Fairfax for all of its secondary road construction. Just a

few years ago, Virginia gave Fairfax about \$20 million to cover similar types of projects, said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee.)

A secondary road is also not necessarily a minor road. Some of Fairfax's most heavily used corridors, such as Braddock Road and the Fairfax County Parkway, are technically secondary roads in Virginia. Improvements to those types of streets will have to be covered by the \$2,000 allocation.

"I think people gave up on road expansion and capacity enhancement awhile ago but now we are not even taking care of what we have. This is why we can't get crosswalks painted," said McKay of the transportation funding situation.

"The folks that work for VDOT are very skilled, very motivated people but they just

simply do not have the resources to do what they need to do at this point," said McKay.

Several supervisors have said they are reluctantly willing to pick up the slack from the commonwealth for funding relatively inexpensive transportation items, such as the traffic calming program.

But that could mean that individual communities would have to contribute funding directly if they wanted speed humps on their local streets. Some transportation officials worry that this could lead to an inequitable situation, where only communities of means would be able to secure traffic calming projects.

The following is a list of approved and requested traffic-calming projects that no longer have funding from Virginia:

❖ Brimstone Lane - Fairfax Station

- ❖ Burgundy Road - Franconia
- ❖ Center Road - West Springfield
- ❖ Colts Brook Drive - Reston
- ❖ Dallas Street - Chantilly
- ❖ Elmwood Street - Chantilly
- ❖ Griffith Road, Lisle Avenue, Pimmit Drive - Falls Church
- ❖ Highland Avenue - Falls Church
- ❖ Holmes Run Road, Falls Church
- ❖ Marbury Road - Oakton
- ❖ Barkley Drive - Fairfax
- ❖ Potomac View Boulevard - Lorton
- ❖ Langley Farms - McLean
- ❖ Misty Creek Lane - Fairfax
- ❖ Olley Lane - Fairfax
- ❖ Quincy Adams Drive and John Milton Drive - Herndon

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

CALENDAR

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by 9/15. Adults. 703-339-4610.
English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-451-8055.
Outerloop presents: A New Day Tour. Karnivool, Tides of Man, Nerojoc, This Time It's War, Elisium, When Day Breaks, Below the Sixth. \$10/advance, \$12/day of show. 5:15 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 25

Invasive Management Workshop. 2:30 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Help with habitat restoration. Participants must be at least 12 years old unless accompanied by an adult. 703-324-8681.
Flora Fauna Presents Snails and Slugs. 10 a.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. \$2 per child ages 2-5 years old. 703-451-9588.
Young Explorers: Nature's Treasures. 10 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Children ages 6-9 can discover how plants and animals live in the park. \$4 per child. 703-768-2525.
Suicide Bereavement Workshop. 7 p.m. at Haven of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Registration required at 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.
Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. at 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale.
Practice Your English. 10:15 a.m.



Christian rockers MercyMe perform with Amy Grant Saturday, as part of DCFest 2010 on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 3 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center. \$19-\$99 at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com.

Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.
Travel Club. 1 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Bring lunch and enjoy a lively discussion. Adults. 703-451-8055.

THURSDAY/AUG. 26

Flora Fauna Presents Creek Critters. 10 a.m. at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. Netting for stream fish. Dress for wading. Ages 2-5. \$4 per child. Register at 703-451-9588.
Practice Your English. 7 p.m.

Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

FRIDAY/AUG. 27

Hate Eternal, Cannabis Corpse, Order of Ennead, Dead End Kids, Shotgun Surgery, Orgy of the Damned. \$13/advance, \$15/day of show. 7:30 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940.
Cinema Under the Stars: "Princess and the Frog." Doors open 6:30 p.m. In the Performance Tent, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. \$20. 703-584-2900.

FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive in Clifton hosts "SonHarvest County" Vacation Bible School Aug. 16-20, from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. For ages 4 through sixth grade. \$35 per child or a maximum of \$75 per family. Register at www.lordoflifelutheran.com for the registration form or 703-323-9500.

Temple B'nai Shalom, 7612 Old Ox Road in Fairfax Station, is having a Tot Shabbat/Ice Cream Social for New and Prospective Members on Friday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. TBS is a Reform Congregation established in 1986, and a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. Contact tbsjoin@tbs-online.org or 703-764-2901.

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, will have a free showing of the family movie, "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs," Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 7:15 p.m. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

Messiah United Methodist Church is hosting a block party on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 12:30 p.m., at 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield. An enjoyable afternoon of outdoor fun with games, music, food and more. 703-569-9862.

Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hoopes Road in Springfield, will host a Parenting Workshop 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25. Dr. Rene Hackney of Parenting Playgroups will discuss children and stress. The free workshop meets in the church fellowship hall and is open to the public. Register at 703-644-6384.

Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield, offers a Divorce Recovery Workshop 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 22-Nov 17. The workshop is conducted by trained facilitators and topics will include denial, grief, anger, loneliness, guilt, rejection, forgiveness, letting go, self worth and hope. No matter where you are on the timeline, you are welcome to work on healing in a caring, non-judgmental environment. The workshop and childcare are free. Resource books available for \$12. Childcare must be requested at time of registration. 703-569-9862.

Cranford UMC, 9912 Old Colchester Road, Lorton, summer hours take effect Sunday through Labor Day. Church begins at 10 a.m. Vacation Bible School will continue on Aug. 15 and 29. 703-339-5382 or www.cranfordumc.org.

Christ Church, 8285 Glen Eagles Lane in Fairfax Station, will host The Alpha Course, Wednesdays, Sept. 8-Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Free. 703-690-3401.

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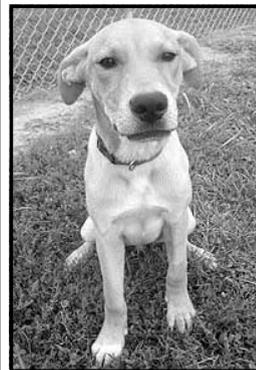
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Last Lap Around the Pool

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more and more.

"It was amazing," she said, of her role as an assistant. "You don't really get to know how many kids are on the team until you actually have to coach them. Then you get to know them on a whole different level. They're not just the kids that run around you all the time, they're your pupil. You get to watch them grow and become better swimmers. It really touches you after awhile. It gets really sentimental."

She said coaching is harder than being a team member.

"You've got to learn how to handle kids in so many different ways," said Wolla. "Swimming, it's just what to do. With coaching, you have to take care of these kids and help them pay attention and focus."

Wolla loves competing in All Stars and said the annual meet generates a different kind of pressure. At this year's All Stars, Wolla won the girls' 15-18, 50-butterfly and was second in the 50-back.

"There's not more pressure; it's just a different feeling," said Wolla, of All Stars. "When you have your team there [during regular season meets], you have this whole extra back-up [of moral support] behind you cheering for you. But at All Stars it's just my mom and my dad, my few friends on the side who are here. It all depends on you. There's not more pressure, just more of a spotlight moment."

Fifth year Overlee head coach Joan Mountain has loved both Wolla's swimming and coaching contributions.

"The best thing about Kaitlin is if you can tell she loves to swim," said Mountain. "That's the kind of energy she brings to all these kids. She's a hard worker."

ELIZABETH HALL of the Poplar Tree team in Chantilly turned 19 on July 31. She competed for the Pirates most of the summer until her birthday. Thereafter, she could not participate in any of her team's postseason events, including All Stars.

In her final meet as an eligible swimmer several weeks ago, Hall, in a home meet, broke an NVSL record in the girls' 15-18, 50-butterfly event. She had originally broken the league record in the event two summers ago before her teammate and friend, Amanda Kendall, broke that mark last summer. But Hall reclaimed the league record last month with a time of 28.26. During her Poplar Tree swim career, Hall was a four-time NVSL champion in the fly and free.

"I knew I wouldn't have the opportunity [this summer] to break any records at All Stars or at Divisionals," said Hall, knowing her birthday would come prior to those postseason meets.

Hall, along with holding the league mark in the 50-butterfly, holds Poplar Tree club records in both that event as well as the 50-back. She missed setting a new league record in 50-back by two-tenths of a second.

Breaking the league mark in the 50-fly in her final competition as a Poplar Tree team member was an overwhelming experience for Hall, who has competed 11 years with the Pirates.

"It was very emotional knowing it was my last race," said Hall, of the 50-fly. "The whole team was behind me. It was a great experience."

Of her record breaking race, she said, "I've competed in that race so many times and knew what I had to do [for the record]. I took off and just swam it. Afterwards I didn't know I had the record."

She attended but could not compete in All Stars, which she has been a part of on several occasions over the years.

"It was challenging just to watch it," she said. "I wished I was still in it."

Hall, a rising sophomore at William & Mary where she is studying psychology, has been a swimmer-assistant coach the past four years with the Pirates. She plans on continuing in that role with the team next summer.

JULIA BOLGER, 17, a member of the Division 5 Mount Vernon Park Gators and a rising senior at West Potomac High School, made her sixth trip to All Stars this summer. She said All Stars competition, to her, is less pressure than the regular season.

"I feel like there's less pressure on me because I'm not trying to get points for my team," said Bolger, who was seventh at All Stars in the girls' 15-18, 50-back event. "I feel like there is a bit higher standard that I have to hold myself to because I'm expected to go faster than everybody else."

Bolger said she gets up at 4 a.m. four days a week for swimming practice. How does she keep going?

"There are definitely days that I don't want to get up," she said. "But I'm part of a carpool that swims. If I don't show up for the carpool it throws everyone off. If I don't show up for the carpool they'll be late for swim practice and they'll get yelled at so I feel like there's a bit of pressure on me to show up."

Sports editor Jon Roetman contributed to this story.

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7608 SOUTH VALLEY DR	5	4	0		FAIRFAX STATION	\$765,000	Detached	0.78		SOUTH RUN
11908 HENDERSON CT	4	3	1		CLIFTON	\$760,000	Detached	1.13		ASHLEIGH OF CLIFTON
7616 MAPLE BRANCH RD	4	3	0		CLIFTON	\$750,000	Detached	5.12		HENDERSON HILLS
7834 PRAKNES LN	4	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$725,000	Detached	0.29		LEE CHAPEL GROVE
6810 BULKLEY RD	4	3	1		LORTON	\$715,000	Detached	1.23		HUNTER ESTATES
8314 GREENTREE MANOR LN	4	2	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$680,000	Detached	0.26		CROSSPOINTE
6100 HENRY HOUSE CT	4	2	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$670,000	Detached	0.95		FAIRFAX STATION
6096 ARRINGTON DR	6	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$659,000	Detached	1.06		FAIRFAX STATION
13330 REGAL CREST DR	5	3	1		CLIFTON	\$650,000	Detached	0.18		CLIFTON CREST
9688 SOUTH RUN OAKS DR	4	2	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$650,000	Detached	0.24		SOUTH RUN OAKS
11701 WOLF RUN LN	4	3	1		CLIFTON	\$640,000	Detached	4.16		WOLF RUN
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6806 CORDER LN	4	3	1		LORTON	\$632,000	Detached	0.32		MOUNT AIR
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7613 MAPLE BRANCH RD	4	3	0		CLIFTON	\$603,000	Detached	5.00		WILLIAMS AND CONLEY SUB
6585 ROCKLAND DR	6	3	1		CLIFTON	\$580,000	Detached	0.21		LITTLE ROCKY RUN
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13704 SPRINGSTONE DR	4	3	1		CLIFTON	\$570,500	Detached	0.35		LITTLE ROCKY RUN
6863 COMPTON HEIGHTS CIR	5	3	1		CLIFTON	\$570,000	Detached	0.20		COMPTON HEIGHTS
9706 ATHEY RD	4	4	1		LORTON	\$569,990	Detached	0.10		GUNSTON COVE
5708 MALLOW TRL	2	1	1		LORTON	\$569,000	Detached	0.14		GUNSTON MANOR
8360 BROUGHTON CRAGGS LN	5	3	1		LORTON	\$568,000	Detached	0.09		LORTON VALLEY NORTH
13852 SPRINGSTONE DR	4	2	1		CLIFTON	\$560,000	Detached	0.20		LITTLE ROCKY RUN
6115 EMMETT GUARDS CT	5	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$557,000	Detached	0.47		FAIRFAX STATION
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