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South County's Scott Blackstone won the 189-pound division of the Northern Region Classic on Dec. 11 at Fairfax High School, helping the Stallions to a third-place finish.

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Holiday 5K Run Honors Recent Robinson Grad

In death, Adam Seymour raises funds for heart-defects research.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Bright, athletic and artistic, Adam Patrick Seymour had his whole future ahead of him. Just 18, he'd graduated from Robinson Secondary School in June and was about to start his freshman year at Lynchburg College.

But in August, he had a heart attack during a preseason training run with the college's soccer team and died, three days later. Now, a New Year's Eve race in Centreville will take place in his honor to raise money for scholarships for others and to help fund research into congenital heart defects (CHD).

"Doctors think Adam had a cardiac arrhythmia, exacerbated by an asthma attack," said his mother, Beverly Seymour, a second-grade teacher at Bull Run Elementary. "Through the money raised, we hope we can help prevent this from happening to someone else."

Bull Run Runners will host its Fifth Annual 5K Run on Friday, Dec. 31, at 3 p.m., in Centreville's Bull Run Regional Park. As part of the Festival of Lights there, the race will begin at the large pavilion, with 75



Adam Seymour has fun in the water with younger brother, Nick.

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percent of the proceeds going to the CMG Heart Foundation/Adam's scholarship and 25 percent to the park.

REGISTRATION is \$27 at www.bullrunrunners.com and will close Dec. 30. Awards go to the overall men's and women's winners and the top two finishers in various age categories. After the race, fruit and water will be available and a drawing will take place for gifts. See the website for more information, to donate or to sponsor this event.

The Seymours' neighbors, Terri and Travis Grabb, lost their toddler son, Corbin Marc

Grabb, to CHD in 2006 and started the non-profit CMG Heart Foundation in his name. So while the Adam P. Seymour Foundation awaits tax exempt status, Adam Seymour's friends and family partnered with CMG. It increases awareness of CHD, raises funds for research and supports children and families fighting it. See <http://cmgheartfoundation.net/> and <http://adamseymourfoundation.org>.

Adam Seymour's brother Nick, 14, an eighth-grader at Robinson Middle School, worked with Heather Ripley, the mother of one of Adam's soccer teammates at Robinson, to design the T-shirts Adam's

"Adam was a wonderful boy and a great son and brother."

— Beverly Seymour

friends and relatives will wear at the race. The shirts are in Adam Seymour's favorite color, blue, with the words, "Adam's Angels," in white, with a halo over Adam's name.

"They're selling them over Facebook," said Beverly Seymour. "It's Nick's way of raising money for the foundation."

NOW CLIFTON residents, the family lived in Centreville when Adam Seymour was younger. He began playing SYA soccer at age 6; later, at Robinson Middle, he captained the JV team and played defender for Robinson Secondary's varsity, all four years.

"Adam was a wonderful boy and a great son and brother," said Beverly Seymour. "He was kind, caring and easygoing, and always athletic — soccer was his passion." At 12, he won SYA's "Character Counts" award, given by the coaches for good sportsmanship. In his teens, he spent three years teaching skills to younger soccer players.

While taking a ceramics class in his senior year, he also discovered a talent for pottery. His ceramics teacher, Joe Dailey, mentored him, and Adam Seymour sold his vases, bowls and cups at the Robinson art

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Incinerator Worth More Than County Estimated

Supervisors continue to look at purchasing trash-burning facility.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

A neutral party has determined that the Energy Resource Recovery Center in Lorton, also called the trash incinerator, is worth far more than Fairfax County had initially estimated.

Fairfax's Board of Supervisors is considering purchasing the incinerator from Covanta, a private operator, and received information about the price tag attached to the trash-burning facility during a closed-door meeting Dec. 7. County Executive Tony Griffin will present a detailed cost-benefit analysis of buying the incinerator to the supervisors at another meeting behind closed doors in early January.

According to two different supervisors, a third-party has valued the incinerator at around \$400 million. Fairfax County staff had assessed it would be worth far less, approximately \$200 million, and Covanta had assigned it a much higher value, approximately \$800 million, said Fairfax

County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

"We ended up kind of right in the middle. It is not as high as Covanta had thought and not as low as the county had thought. Our staff is now looking at the numbers as a result of the appraisal we received," said Bulova.

The county board wants to determine whether buying the facility would produce a better deal for Fairfax consumers than a new lease with Covanta.

NEARLY ALL of the county's waste, commercial and residential, ends up at the Lorton incinerator and most Fairfax residents and businesses pay for the trash-disposal services either directly or through a trash collection service.

"There is a lot at stake for Joe Average county consumer and it would be irresponsible not to thoroughly evaluate all the facts before us," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

Fairfax's current contract calls for the county and company to firm up the arrangement over the incinerator's future operations by the end of March, even though Covanta's lease doesn't expire until 2016.

This is the first time Fairfax's contract with the private operator has come up for re-

Springfield), already opposes any proposal under which the county would purchase the incinerator. Fairfax would not be able to pay down the debt on the incinerator purchase and still operate the facility at a cheaper rate than Covanta, said Herryty.

Herryty said the county needs to focus on negotiating new service fees with Covanta instead of figuring out how to purchase the facility.

"We need to do is get back to the negotiating table. Trash is not inherently a government function, and we have one of the lowest tipping rates in the region," he said.

OTHER SUPERVISORS are concerned that a privately-operated facility could start taking trash from municipalities that would eventually crowd out Fairfax's waste. Elected officials said there is a shortage of waste disposal sites on the East Coast, particularly in the New Jersey and New York area.

"We want to ensure that we can have a say where the trash comes from that goes in that incinerator. We could have a scenario

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newal since the trash facility opened 20 years ago. The option for Fairfax to purchase the incinerator was built into the agreement at its outset in 1987.

"The contract says that, at this stage, the county can purchase the property, so the board should take a look at it. I don't have a passionate opinion about whether we should do it or not, but we do have a responsibility to the taxpayers to at least look at all our options," said McKay.

At least one supervisor, Patrick Herryty (R-

Local Political Districts Likely To Expand

Preliminary data suggests most local seats fall short of population target.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

A number of local seats in the Virginia General Assembly appear likely to grow in terms of geographic size and reach following the 2010 political redistricting process.

Over the last 10 years, Fairfax County's residential population appears to have increased at about half the rate of Virginia's population overall. As a result, Fairfax's share of representation in the General Assembly is expected to shrink relative to that of other localities, according to the Virginia Public Access Project, a nonpartisan organization that studies Virginia government.

Some state legislators said Fairfax could lose up to one seat in the House of Delegates and one-half of a seat in the State Senate, reported the Virginia Public Access Project on its website in early November.

That organization and others have based their predictions on population estimates from 2009 provided by the Virginia Department of Legislative Services. The official 2010 census numbers, which are the figures used for political redistricting, will not be released until February.

"Now, it looks like all Fairfax seats [in the House of Delegates] are going to have to grow in population but that could all change when the real numbers come in. Hopefully, Fairfax will do a little bit better relative to the rest of the state when the real numbers come in," said Del. Mark Sickles (D-43), who represents Franconia.

IF EARLY ESTIMATES hold, several of the delegate and senate seats in the central, southern and southwestern portion of the Fairfax could shift outward toward Prince William County to account for tremendous growth in Northern Virginia's outer suburbs.

"You cannot change one district without having a ripple affect on many others. I can't imagine that every single district won't be impacted," said Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), who represents northern Fairfax and leads the committee that oversees redistricting in the Senate.

Unlike Fairfax representatives, many General Assembly members representing Loudoun and Prince William counties must lose constituents during this redistricting cycle.

For example, Del. Bob Marshall (R-13), who represents a district that includes parts of Prince William and Loudoun at Fairfax County's border, holds a seat that is estimated be 186 percent the size of a delegate district's target population. In the next redistricting, he could shed as many as 68,000 constituents, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

FAIRFAX DELEGATES with districts closest to Loudoun and Prince William would

Preliminary data from the Virginia Department of Legislative Services shows that many Fairfax County seats in the House of Delegates probably need to grow to reach their target population. These percentages reflect how much the current delegate districts are either under-populated or over-populated. The Virginia General Assembly is scheduled to take up political redistricting during their 2011 legislative session.

not be able to absorb the excess population from Marshall's seat and others that are too large by themselves. Many of Fairfax's outer ring seats also contain growing communities and have less of a need to pick up new constituents.

For example, Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who represents Springfield and Lorton at the Prince William border, needs only 4,000 new constituents — one or two precincts — to reach the target delegate population in the next census.

Sen. George Barker (D-37), whose district stretches from Clifton to Springfield, needs his district to grow by only 3 percent overall, about two precincts, to reach the ideal Senate seat size.

But Barker and Albo's seats could shift so that other districts in Fairfax's core can take pick up some of the excess population in

Prince William and Loudoun.

House of Delegates District 41, represented by Eileen Filler-Corn (D), is located north of Albo's and is the most under-populated of any in Fairfax, according to the estimates. Filler-Corn's seat, which includes West Springfield and Burke, needs to grow by more than 10 percent, or 9,000 residents.

Senate District 35, represented by Chap Petersen (D) needs to increase by about 8 percent, the most of any senate seat in Fairfax. Petersen represents the City of Fairfax and Vienna.

"I need to pick up the equivalent of a couple of precincts. There would be no huge change if everything else were static. But most of the other districts around me also need to pick up precincts and the cumulative affect of that could be rather large,"

said Del. David Bulova (D-37), who represents the City of Fairfax and surrounding parts of the county.

If Fairfax County's seats have to push out, it is likely that more of the local General Assembly seats would straddle two localities.

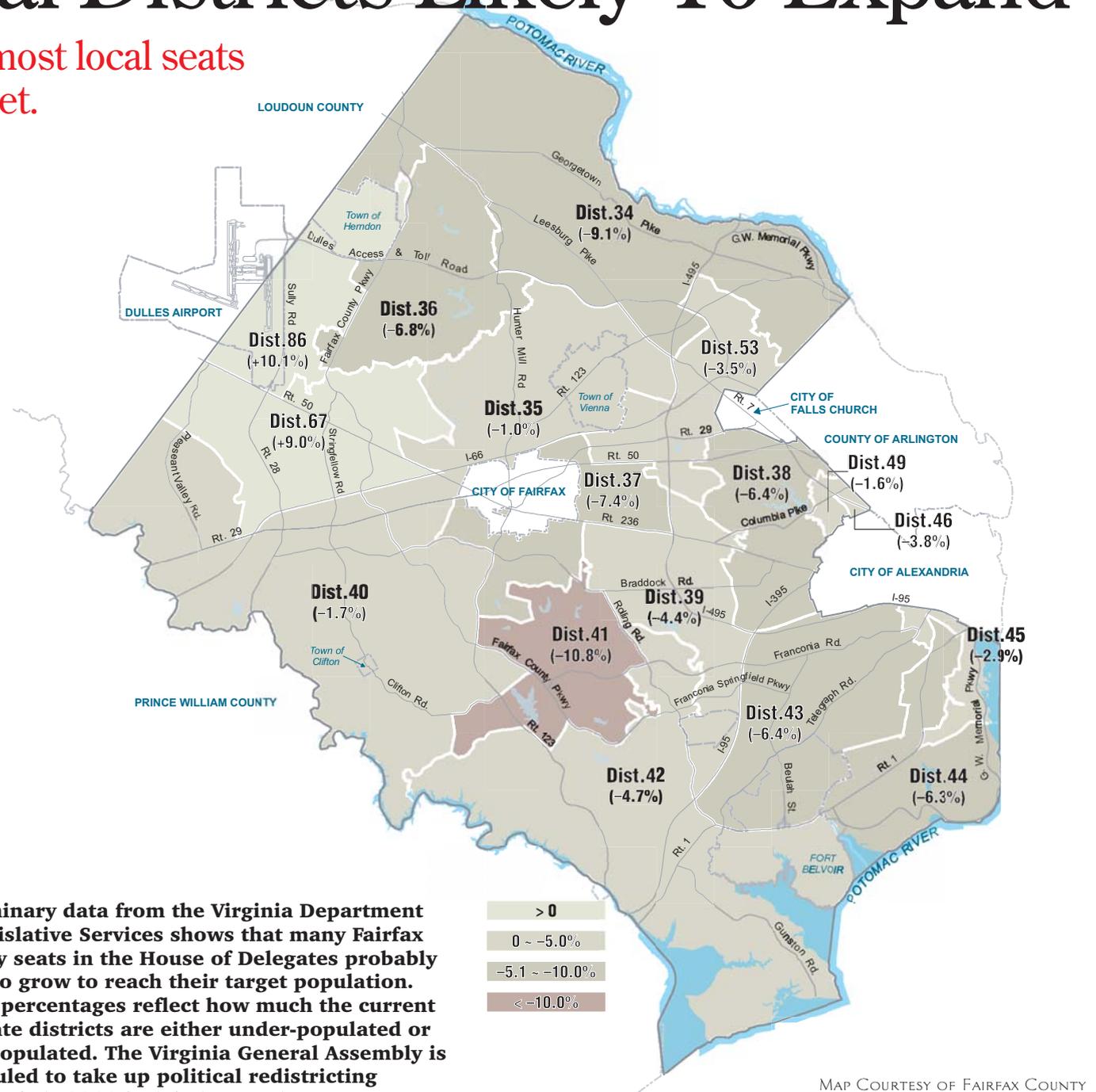
Currently only six of the 17 delegates in Fairfax County also represent another city or county. Seven of the Fairfax's 10 state seats are also split between two localities.

"We might have more districts with half of their precincts in Loudoun and half of their precincts in Fairfax," said Sickles.

Sickles added that some Republicans might be pleased about having to absorb part of Prince William and Loudoun, which tend to be more conservative.

"I know there are some members who would probably welcome some Prince William and Loudoun precincts, and they are probably going to get them," he said.

There is the possibility that the Republican leadership would just remove a house



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Political Boundaries

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seat from Fairfax County altogether, and move it either to Prince William or Loudoun.

"I am hoping that we don't lose a seat, but that could happen," said Sickles.

Even districts that have not undergone wild population shifts could be subjected to dramatic population shifts

Approximately 40 percent of Del. Vivian Watts (D-39) district changed after the 2000 political redistricting,

even though her seat needed relatively few adjustments on paper.

"They moved 30,000 new people into my district and took 27,000 of my old constituents away. I had not represented any of the Springfield area before that and they took most of Annandale away from me," said Watts.

According to Watts, the Republican-controlled House of Delegates moved the more liberal part of her district into another seat in order to make her next election more

competitive for Republicans.

"They made two other districts less competitive and gave me as many new voters as they could," she said.

What happened to Watts' seat is typical during a partisan redistricting process, said Michael McDonald, a George Mason University political scientist and expert on redrawing political districts.

"There is an approach where you change up the district a lot on the incumbent so they have new constitu-

ents. I expect that type of technique to be used if there is a partisan gerrymander," said McDonald.

A few legislators said they are going to refrain from making predictions or speculating what might happen with redistricting until the official census data is released.

"It really too early to tell. ... We don't have the numbers yet. And you never know, somebody could decide to retire and that changes everything," said Del. Tim Hugo (R-40)

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— Michael McDonald, GMU political scientist

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JoJo Vukhac of Fairfax, far left, and other attendees do the Electric Slide line dance with a little help from dance instructor Susie Thomas of Alexandria.

Dance Fever

Seniors hit the dance floor during Center Without Walls' Holiday Open House.

The floor of the Woods Community Center in Burke rumbled with the sounds of dancing as the Center Without Walls (CWoW) celebrated its Holiday Open House on Tuesday, Dec. 14. The Susie Thomas Washington Line Dance Lover's Club demonstration team performed several dance numbers and led several line dances with the crowd. Alexandria's square dance caller Butch Adams also got the group involved in several different square dances.

CWoW is a public/private partnership between the residents of Burke, West Springfield and Fairfax station, local businesses and places of worship and Fairfax County Government to provide seniors in the area opportunities to take classes and get out into the community. Businesses, churches and other partner organizations donate facilities to be used for seniors classes.

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Susie Thomas's Washington Line Dance Lover's Club performs a modern dance routine to holiday music.



Uisuk Chu of Chantilly dances the Electric Slide with the crowd.



From left, Pat Rowe and Elaine Travis work on their promenade.

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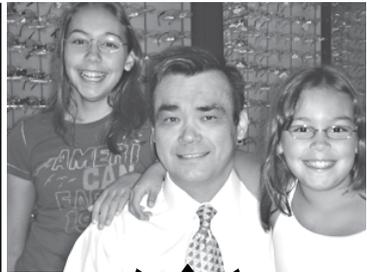
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OPINION

Counting Blessings? Don't Forget Nature

Free gifts to all in Northern Virginia from nature include drinking water from the Potomac River.

The holiday season offers many opportunities to count our blessings and give something back to those who enrich our lives. In the process, we may realize that we've been taking for granted something, or someone, very dear to us. I suspect nature often falls into that category.

From rivers winding through forests to oyster reefs rising from coastal bays, our ecosystems provide us with clean water, fertile soils, food, fuel, beauty, flood control, storm protection and many other benefits. So this year, I encourage you to join me in showing your appreciation for all that nature does to enhance and sustain our lives.

In the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region, whether a faucet runs in the White House or in your house, that water almost certainly comes from the Potomac River. When you fill your coffeepot before breakfast or your children wash their hands before dinner, you are among more than 4 million other people in our area who depend on the Potomac River for water.

In addition to household water, the Potomac provides many other natural services. It creates habitat for fish and wildlife, offers opportunities for recreation and tourism, supplies water for irrigation, absorbs wastewater generated by communities, and supports industry and economic development.

And if we extend our view to take in the whole Potomac watershed, including tributary streams such as Turkey Run and Cabin John Creek, then we see the critical roles that forests play. While some forest benefits are obvious — wildlife habitat, recreation, wood products and forestry jobs — services such as preventing erosion and filtering runoff often go unnoticed.

Now here's the clincher. Nature's services are absolutely free.

But perhaps that fact has been part of their undoing. Many natural systems around the world, from tropical coral reefs to our own Chesapeake Bay, are seriously degraded. This reality begs a question: If humans can't put a

price tag on it, do we really value it?

Even professional conservationists sometimes struggle to describe all the benefits we derive from nature, much less determine an economic value. But scientists from The Nature Conservancy are working with conservation and university partners to do both through our Natural Capital Project. In the near future, we will offer practical tools for factoring natural systems into decisions about how humans interact with our world.

This we already know for certain: Nature is the life-support system for every animal, plant and person on Earth. So for all that nature has given to you in 2010, I hope you'll consider giving something back. One way you can show your appreciation is to be a good neighbor to the Potomac River. To find practical tips for protecting water quality, visit our website and download our guide to river-friendly living, the Good Neighbor Handbook: www.nature.org or www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/maryland/files/goodneighborhdbk_web.pdf

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Michael Lipford is Virginia executive director of The Nature Conservancy

GUEST EDITORIAL

Those with Intellectual Disabilities Threatened

Excerpts from a letter from the Arc of Virginia to Gov. Bob McDonnell:

Despite our being 8th in per capita income, Virginia is ranked 46th for its fiscal effort towards community-based services for Virginians with developmental disabilities. In addition to its lengthy waiting lists and continued practice of institutionalization, Virginia's existing community services are chronically underfunded. Virginia's reimbursement rates for home and community-based waiver programs have not kept pace with inflation, and as a result, our service system is behind the rest of the country.

To put it simply, Virginia cannot sustain the cuts and policies contained in the current budget.

The Arc of Virginia is the Commonwealth's oldest and largest advocacy organization for people with developmental disabilities and their families. It was The Arc families who, 55 years ago, established the first education programs for children with developmental disabilities. It was The Arc families, who for decades, fought for access to community-based supports so their sons and daughters would not be forced to live in state operated institutions. Today, we ask you to protect the core state services and supports that people with developmental disabilities and their families have fought so hard for, and improve access to the services that are still lacking.

Virginia has not fulfilled the promise of community integration for Virginians with

developmental disabilities. More than 1,100 Virginians with developmental disabilities continue to be institutionalized in outdated and segregated state facilities. More than 6,400 Virginians with intellectual and related developmental disabilities continue to languish on waiting lists for community-based supports. Nearly 3,000 of these individuals are identified as being in "urgent need" for reasons such

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as living with an aging caregiver, aging out foster care, or imminent risk of homelessness. In the face of this crisis, the current budget provides no help to any waiting list families through June 30, 2012.

The Arc of Virginia urges you to protect existing HCBS Waiver services and supports, which are scheduled to be cut on July 1, 2011, by taking the following actions in the 2010-2012 Introduced Budget:

- ❖ Elimination of the 5 percent cut in reimbursement rates for HCBS Waiver programs
- ❖ Elimination of the 2/3 reduction in respite hours for families receiving HCBS Waiver services
- ❖ Elimination of the reductions in assistive technology and environmental modification

Furthermore, The Arc of Virginia requests that you to take action to end the ID and IFDDS Waiver waiting list crisis, beginning with the following actions:

- ❖ Removal of budget language that eliminates 400 new ID Waivers and 67 new IFDDS Waivers in FY12, honoring the promise made to people with developmental disabilities and

their families in § 32.1-323.2

- ❖ Inclusion of funding for 800 new ID Waivers and 165 new IFDDS Waivers to further aid waiting list families

- ❖ Provision of \$5 million in support services for 1,000 people who are also waiting because they have been denied access due to level of functioning

Finally, The Arc of Virginia joins countless other local, state and national organizations in calling for an end to Virginia's antiquated practice of institutionalizing people with developmental disabilities. We request that you establish a comprehensive plan to transition to a community-based system of support and reinvest cost savings to assure successful transitions, maintain existing services and provide support to those who are waiting.

If action is not taken to sustain and strengthen the community-based safety net, thousands of Virginians may be at risk of losing their homes, jobs and lives in the community. Please prevent Virginia from taking a huge step backwards in the civil rights movement for Virginians with developmental disabilities. It is time to fulfill the promise of community and end the segregation of people with developmental disabilities. Virginia has waited long enough.

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Your recent article [“For Wrestling Fans, It’s a Classic Meet,” Fairfax Connection, Dec. 9-13, 2010] on page 13, had a photo of my son Jordan Yost (Fairfax wrestler class of 2010). He is an excellent athlete, a very good student and a great son. He is a freshman at Washington and Lee University and is wrestling there and is doing very well. The reason I am telling you this is partly out of pride, but also to let you and the Connection Newspaper know, just how much the last four years have meant for my son, my Woodson students and myself. Although Jordan was in more

than several issues of the Connection, he always took great pride in seeing and reading good stuff about himself ... as would any person. The Fairfax Connection fairly and equally represents all schools in “our” area. It is the only paper I wait for and enjoy looking at, besides our school newspaper.

Thanks for all the time you put in for all of our school, especially Woodson and Fairfax.

Jeff Yost
Principal
Woodson High School

MILITARY NOTES

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Christopher A. Buck has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as “Operation Warrior Forge,” at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He is the son of Jennifer C. Buck and stepson of Jessie B. Strickland of Old Colchester Road, Lorton. Buck is a 2007 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Army Sgt. Maj. Michael D.

Buckley has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal. The medal is presented to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who distinguish themselves by either outstanding achievement or meritorious service to the United States in noncombat situations. Buckley is an element leader of the Jazz Ambassadors assigned to the U.S. Army Field Band at Fort George G. Meade, Md. The sergeant major has served in the military for 21 years. He graduated in 1980 from Lake Braddock Secondary School and received a bachelor’s degree in music education in 1985 from the University of North Texas, Denton. In 1989, Buckley earned a master’s degree in music from the University of Northern Colorado.

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where we would have trucks coming from all other states and other parts of Virginia. We want to be sure that there continues to be the capacity for our own trash at the Covanta plant," said Bulova.

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said he generally favors privately-run operations over publicly-run facilities but he is also worried about not having

capacity for the county's waste disposal in the future. If Covanta is taking on trash from other states, it could limit the amount of waste they would be willing to take from Fairfax.

"You know the New York City trash barge that was floating up and down the East Coast a few years ago? I don't want that to be the Fairfax County trash barge. I don't want to have a situation where we don't have a place to put our trash," said Cook.



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Classic Wrestling

Blackstone wins, Stallions place third at Nova Classic.

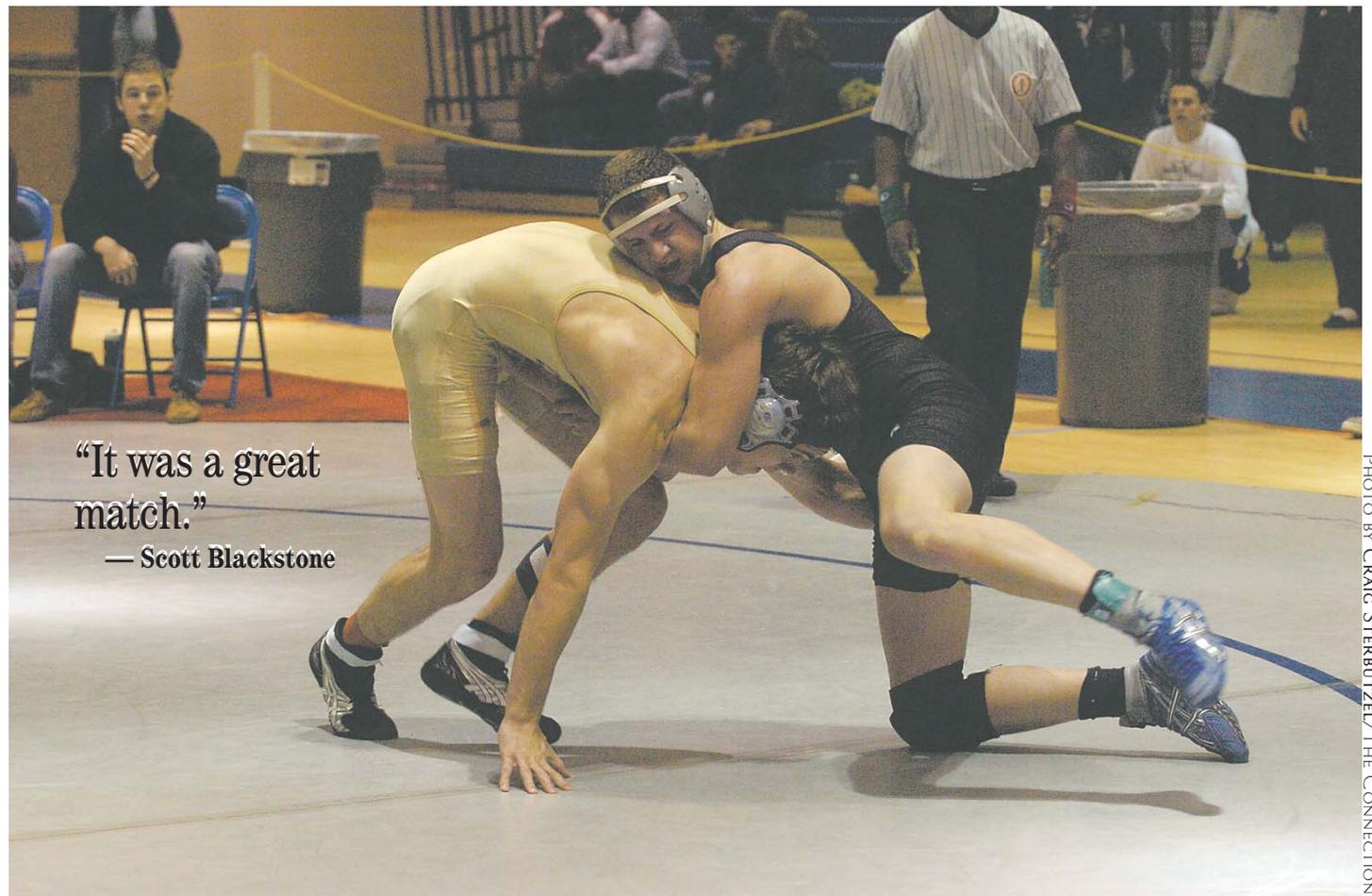
When Scott Blackstone needed to dig deep for an energy boost, he turned to his brother Eric, who was watching from the side of the mat during the 189-pound championship during the Northern Region Classic at Fairfax High School.

"He's the biggest influence in my life," Scott Blackstone said. "He got me into wrestling and he encouraged me to push myself farther. I was on the mat, looked over, he said, 'You're not tired, you're not tired.'"

Blackstone used the motivation to hang on in overtime, where he defeated Oakton's Austin Murga by decision, 4-2.

Blackstone said that he and his opponent

SEE BLACKSTONE, PAGE 13



"It was a great match."

— Scott Blackstone

South County's Scott Blackstone, right, defeated Oakton's Austin Murga to win the Northern Region Classic's 189-pound division on Dec. 11 at Fairfax High School.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Area Wrestlers Shine at Annual Tourney

South County finishes third at Northern Virginia Wrestling Classic at Fairfax High.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Northern Virginia Wrestling Classic, the local high school early season showcase event, took place this past Friday and Saturday at Fairfax High School.

Thirty-one teams, most from within the Northern Virginia area, participated in the early season tournament. The team champion, for the second straight year, was Westfield High School, which accumulated 271.50 points and had 12 individual place finishers (top eight). Fauquier (Warrenton) and South County Secondary finished second and third, respectively, with 253 and 168. North Stafford (139.50) finished fourth, Annandale (117) was fifth and Chantilly (115.50) garnered sixth place. Rounding out the top 10 teams were seventh place Lake Braddock (112), eighth place Edison (105), ninth place Bishop Ireton of Alexandria (100) and 10th place South Lakes (95).

Other local team finishes included 11th place Fairfax (90), and 13th place Marshall (84). W.T. Woodson (73) finished 15th, while Centreville High, Madison and Bishop O'Connell (Arlington) finished in a three-way tie for 17th place with 70 points each.

South County's Scott Blackstone went 5-0 to win first place at 189 weight class. Blackstone, in the finals, defeated Oakton's Austin Murga in overtime, 4-2. A second place finisher for the Stallions was Keegan Sullivan (152-division). Other place finishers for third place South County were: Austin Musfeldt (fourth place at 171); Zach Ayres (fifth place at heavyweight); Brett Stein (fifth place at 140); Hunter Manley (fifth place at 103); and Tyler Howard (eighth place at 135).

FOR SIXTH place Chantilly, Bernabe Mejia was the Chargers' best finisher with a third place showing at 189 weight class. Mejia went 5-1 over the two days. He won his third place consolation finals match, 3-1, over Ray Geier of Paul VI High (Fairfax). The Chargers had three other place finishers in Ricky Lopez (fourth at 152); Kyle Smith (fifth at 119); and Ian Shircliff (sixth

at heavyweight).

Lake Braddock's strong seventh place team showing was fueled by three third place individual finishes, those coming from Cory Smith (171), Jake Sage (140) and Rory Renzi (135). Smith, in his third place match at 171, defeated Austin Musfeldt of South County, by fall at 3 minutes, 17 seconds. Sage, in his third place match at 140, defeated Ireton's Ricky Baier, 3-1. Renzi, at the 135 consolation finals, bested Westfield's Frank Aiello by major decision, 11-2.

Other place finishers for the Bruins came from Gil Enav (sixth at 160); Sean Haskett (sixth at 130); and Josh Story (eighth at 152).

Fairfax High, 11th place overall in the team standings, received a second place individual finish from Joseph Vanderplas, who went 4-1 over the tournament at the 215 weight class. Vanderplas lost a tough 5-2 decision to Justin Tribble of North Stafford in the finals. The Rebels had three other place finishers in Shaun Hasenpflug (fourth place at 160); Nick Lowstuter (sixth at 103); and Kevin Richards (eighth at 125).

Paul VI (Fairfax), which finished 21st overall in the team standings, saw five of its wrestlers earn top eight place finishes. Those Panthers to place were: Ray Geier (fourth at 189); Ty Campbell (fifth at 171); Tommy Whitaker (sixth at 125); Conor

Hughes (seventh at 119); and Dan Carlton (eighth at 140).

Woodson High had four top eight place finishers — fourth place Carson Brown (heavyweight), fifth place Randall Mailand (152), seventh place Mitchell Kohlhaas (112) and eighth place Michael Orrick (160).

Westfield, the team champion, had two individual champions — Beau Donahue, who went a perfect 5-0 to capture the 140-division weight class, and Brett Campbell, who went 4-0 to win the 112 class. Donahue defeated North Stafford's Stephen Gwaltney by major decision (15-3) in the 140 finals. Campbell, meanwhile, won his 112 finals match over Fauquier's Bennett Payne, 4-2.

The Bulldogs also had four wrestlers who earned second place finishes in Tyler DeLeon (4-1 at heavyweight); Stephen Aiello (4-1 at 130); Derek Arnold (4-1 at 125); and Dennon Caranza-Kee (4-1 at 119). Also for Westfield, Harry Van Trees finished third place (5-1 at 152); Frank Aiello (135 division) and David Aiello (103) both took fourth place finishes; Jacob DeLeon (215) and Nick Lehman (145) both finished fifth; and Gabe Ryan (103) was seventh.

SPORTS

Lake Braddock Boys Continue To Get Up to Speed

Bruins to play at Robinson on Friday; Lee, West Springfield boys' seasons underway.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A recent increase in man power should go a long way toward helping the Lake Braddock Secondary boys' basketball team in setting a right course for itself in the early stages of the season.

The Bruins (1-1) played their first couple of games without several players who, up until two weeks ago, were still competing as members of Lake Braddock's successful football team which won the Northern Region Division 6 championship before seeing its season end with a state playoff game loss to Battlefield High on Dec. 4.

On the hardwood, Lake Braddock played its first two games short-handed — a 56-50 home win over Centreville on Dec. 3, and a 68-40 home loss to Herndon on Dec. 7.

"The team is still in flux with the football players coming off the state semifinal," said Bruins' basketball coach Brian Metress. "Our football players missed the first 20 practices. They practiced for the first time last Friday and Saturday and we still had kids trying out on Saturday, Dec 11th. We went ahead and played our out-of-district games with Centreville and Herndon with only eight varsity players in uniform but pushed our W.T. Woodson game back because it was a [Patriot] District game."

Lake Braddock was set to play three games this week — at Westfield on Tues-

day, Dec. 14, the re-scheduled Patriot District home game versus Woodson on Wednesday, and a contest at local rival Robinson Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

In the season-opening win over visiting Centreville, the short-handed Bruins played excellent defense most of the night, allowing just 15 points total over the first half and 27 through three quarters. Lake Braddock had a 37-27 lead going into the final quarter and went on to get the hard-fought victory.

Three Lake Braddock players, in the win over Centreville, scored in double figures — senior forward Ibrahim Wehelie with a team-leading 18 points, senior center Bobby Freedman with 12 points and junior guard Brendan McHale with 10. Alec Boyer, a senior forward, added eight points.

Lake Braddock, however, could not keep up with a talented Herndon team four days later, as the Bruins fell to the 3-1 Hornets by 28 points. Freedman led the Bruins with 15 points in the lopsided loss, in which Lake Braddock fell behind 19-2 early on.

Lake Braddock will use its pre-holiday schedule to become a more cohesive group on the floor in preparations for the bulk of the district schedule following the start of the New Year.

"The goal for us right now is just solidify-

ing a group of 12 guys, incorporating our football guys and establishing what we do," said Metress.

Lake Braddock will host the Glory Days Grill Tournament of Champions holiday tournament Dec. 27-29. The eight-team field will consist of Middleburg Academy, Robinson, Madison, Hylton (Woodbridge), South Lakes, Osbourn (Manassas), Woodbridge and the host Bruins.

Four first round games will be played on Monday, Dec. 27 at Lake Braddock:

"The goal for us right now is just solidifying a group of 12 guys, incorporating our football guys and establishing what we do."

— Lake Braddock Coach Brian Metress

Middleburg Academy versus Robinson at 2:15 p.m.; Madison versus Hylton at 4 p.m.; South Lakes versus Osbourn at 5:45 p.m.; and Woodbridge versus Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m.

THE LEE LANCERS boys' team (0-2) will be looking for their first win when they host W.T. Woodson this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Lee, under longtime head coach Michael Harris, opened its season with an 84-70 loss at local rival Edison on Dec. 7. Three days later, in their home opener, the Lancers lost a Patriot District game to West Potomac, 68-51.

In the season opening loss to the Eagles, Lee's Maseer Ghorab, a junior guard, led the Lancers with 22 points. Also in double

figures for Lee that night were senior guard Jalen Boswel (14 points), junior guard C.J. Lewis (13) and junior forward Danny Sapp (12).

Lee's top scorers in the loss to the Wolverines were Ghorab (18), Sapp (13), Lewis (10) and Boswel (9).

Along with hosting Woodson this Friday, the Lancers will also be playing at home next Tuesday, Dec. 21 against Oakton.

THE SPARTANS of West Springfield High are 1-4 in the early going of the season. The team, under new head coach Jason Eldredge, opened the season with a loss at Centreville, 51-41, on Dec. 1. Then, at the Herndon Tip-Off Tournament, the Spartans went 1-1, defeating Briar Woods, 58-56, on

Dec. 3 before losing to Middleburg Academy, 74-52. Last week, West Springfield lost at Westfield, 67-37, on Dec. 7, then fell to district opponent T.C. Williams, 69-34, at home.

Ali Kazmi, a senior guard/forward, scored 17 points to lead the Spartans in the loss to Middleburg.

In games this week, the Spartans were scheduled to play at Robinson on Tuesday, Dec. 14, and they will host defending Northern Region champion Chantilly this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Eldredge, the Spartans' new coach, was the head girls' basketball coach at Freedom High in South Riding the past five years where he led the Eagles to two state titles the past two winter seasons.

Blackstone's Classic Win

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had a lot in common.

"He wrestled like me," he said. "He was lanky, we kept trying to work the same side of the mat. It was a great match."

Blackstone's finish helped South County place third as a team with 168 points.

Westfield won with 271.5 points, followed by Fauquier with 253.

South County's Keegan Sullivan finished second in the 152-pound division, losing an 8-3 decision to Fauquier's Van Grimes.

Lake Braddock finished seventh with 112 points and Woodson was 15th with 73.

— JON ROETMAN

Spring Soccer Tryouts for VISTA Patriots FC

The VISTA Patriots FC, an NCSL U19 (U17, 18, and 19) boys team, is seeking experienced players born on or after Aug. 1, 1991. The team is looking for five or six players to fill some available spots on the team. The team is composed of players residing in Northern Virginia from the Centreville, Chantilly, Burke, Manassas, Springfield and the Fairfax Station areas. The team has players playing up and would accommodate athletes with multiple commitments. The team has a history of developing players with an emphasis on team play, respect for others and good sportsmanship. The Patriots were nomi-

nated and honored twice by the coaches, referees and ODSL, as winners of the Randy Rawls Sportsmanship Award. The Patriots are coached by a former collegiate player who holds a USSF National License. Tryouts will be conducted starting Dec. 11-12 and throughout the winter up to the start of the NCSL spring 2011 season.

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The Varsity Cheer squad from Paul VI Catholic High School poses with their championship banner after winning the Grand Champion title at the Cheer and Dance Extreme's Christmas Classic.

PVI Cheer Team Wins Christmas Classic

The cheerleaders at Paul VI Catholic High School have had a lot to cheer about recently. At the Nov. 21 Cheer & Dance Extreme's "Rumble in The Jungle Classic" in Eldersburg, Md., both the JV and varsity squads from PVI received first place medals and the varsity team received the Grand Champion Award with a trophy.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, the varsity and JV cheerleaders attended the Cheer and Dance

Extreme's "Christmas Classic" in Dundalk, Md.

The JV squad won first place and received a trophy. The varsity squad won first place for their routine and were named Grand Champions of the event. With about 40 squads competing, the PVI team was named the overall winner of all competing divisions, including school and recreational league divisions.

Salvation Army Needs Local Residents' Help

Annual red-kettle campaign underway.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Year after year, the Salvation Army provides help for people in need in the local area. This year, though, more than ever, it needs the public's help.

That's because three factors are converging on it at the same time: More families are in need, fewer contributions are coming in and Giant Foods has drastically cut the group's red-kettle, solicitation hours.

"Right now, we're concentrating on our Christmas and winter-relief efforts," said Maj. Earl Fitzgerald, commanding officer of the Salvation Army's Fairfax Corps. "Our red-kettle program helps fund that."

Since 1960, the Salvation Army has served Fairfax County residents with utility and rent assistance, food, clothing and furniture on an emergency basis, all year long.

During the Christmas holidays, it also gives them toys and bicycles.

Potential recipients apply for aid in October and November, then the organization screens them to verify the need. Last year at this time, the Salvation Army brightened the holidays for 1,100 local families with 1,500 children. "This year, we're assisting 2,590 children in 1,250 families," said Fitzgerald. "Because of the economy, people

are out of work and struggling financially."

"We're also getting less donations because of the economy," he continued. "So we're putting an appeal out to the public for assistance."

"Funds raised [now] help support families in January and February."

— Maj. Earl Fitzgerald, commanding officer, Salvation Army's Fairfax Corps

LAST HOLIDAY SEASON, said Fitzgerald, Salvation Army bell ringers stood outside 21 Giant Foods stores in Fairfax County, at least seven hours a day, Monday through Saturday. "It was a major source of fund raising for us," he said.

The Salvation Army is more visible dur-



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Salvation Army employee Melvin Bruce Gomer of Centreville rings the bell, Saturday morning, outside the Fair Lakes Wal-Mart, for the red-kettle campaign.

ing the holiday season and people donated generously at the kettles outside Giant, explained Fitzgerald, because "people are in the spirit of giving in the holiday season and they respect the work of the Salvation

Army."

Now, though, Giant has reduced the number of hours the organization can solicit there. "They've only given us one week in November and one week in December, four hours at a time," said Fitzgerald. "Because of the Giant decision, between Nov. 12 and Dec. 24, we'll lose \$150,000 in fund raising."

He's not faulting the decision, however, just stating a fact. "Giant's new, company policy regarding soliciting is so that more organizations can raise funds there, too — also on a limited basis," he said. "And we do appreciate the time they've given us."

But, added Fitzgerald, the change was announced "two weeks before we began our Christmas fund-raising campaign, so we weren't prepared for it. And it's affecting our fund raising in both the Fairfax County and Washington Metropolitan areas.

"D.C. Metropolitan-wise, we're projecting we'll lose \$700,000," he said. "That's a lot of money and help."

So, with nearly 1,100 more children to provide for, this year, Fitzgerald hopes the public's holiday spirit of giving will continue as Christmas draws closer. Meanwhile, he said, "We're scrambling with our fund-raising."

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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.

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, will have a Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24 at 8 p.m., with refreshments. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, will offer three worship services on Friday, Dec. 24. "The Miracle" is a Candlelight Service for Families at 5 p.m. The Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols is at 7:30 p.m., and the Candlelight Message and Communion at 10 p.m. www.BurkePresChurch.org or 703-764-0456.

RCCG Victory Temple, 6621 Electronic Drive, Suite G in Springfield, will host "A Night with the King: A Christmas and Carol Service", featuring The New Birth Choir and Clarity Pictures Ministries, on Friday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. 703-459-9434.

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Classes will be held at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Center, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Contact Carolyn Smith at carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-5369.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, offers services on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., in addition to Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.uucf.org.

The Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road in Annandale, Bible Study Fellowship will study of the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. The Day Women's Class meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and offers a children's program for ages 6 weeks-6 years. rdmarotto@cox.net.

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road in Alexandria, needs volunteers for the Phoenix Rising Meal Program at. Help prepare meals for the homeless Thursday, Dec. 23, 6:30 p.m., and deliver the bags Friday, Dec. 24. Contact 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

Congregation Adat Reyim, an independent Jewish congregation, offers services Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:40 p.m. Hebrew School is Sundays at 9:30 and Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Hebrew High is Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Preschool is Monday-Friday at 9:30 a.m. Adat Reyim is located at 6500 Westbury Oaks Court in Springfield. For more information, contact us at 703-569-7577 or visit www.adatreyim.org.

Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, worship services are Saturday Coffeehouse at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.BurkePresChurch.org.

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Sounds of the Seasons

The Robinson Secondary School Singers, under the direction of Michael Horanski, were featured performers at the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command's Christmas Concert Dec. 12 at the

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Project Provides Peek into History

County opens Old Colchester Park excavation to visitors on Dec. 4.

BY JONAH GHILE
THE CONNECTION

An abundance of historical relics has been discovered hidden behind a secluded neighborhood just off of Jefferson Davis Highway, at the southern tip of Lorton.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, Fairfax County Park Authority, through its Cultural Resources Management and Protection Section (CRMP), initiated its open house to neighbors interested in the program's excavation, an archaeological investigation that began in early October.

In an effort to transform Old Colchester Park into a cultural and natural resource preserve, Fairfax County acquired all 144 acres, totaling roughly 27 sites, both historic and pre-historic, spread across the property.

"Our goals for this project are to definitively understand the boundaries of the site, so we can find how and where the park can be developed and interpreted," said Kathleen Lowe, prehistoric field director for the project. "We're going to get them on the National Register of Historic Places, so they'll have additional protection as cultural resources."

The property was recognized as a port town belonging to colonials, Tobacco was the fruit of the land, enabling Great Britain to conduct business, bringing in goods for exchange while promoting growth expansion for Colchester's occupants. Through that stream of trade, the town was able to thrive economically producing services for tourists and inhabitants.



A group of locals examines a field worker's investigation.

"Old Colchester Road is a historic road and there were residences, work shops and all the necessary things that would have supported a town."

— Christopher Sperling

"Old Colchester Road is a historic road and there were residences, work shops, and all the necessary things that would have supported a town," said Christopher Sperling, field director for historic excavations.

tions.

Sperling said that because tobacco was such a sought after commodity and could grow well, England saw great potential for the crop and monopolized its production.

WITH MANY Lorton residents particularly interested in the history of the old port town, Fairfax County assembled a team of archeologists who were assisted by 50 vol-

unteers.

"I would describe this area and this project as being a time capsule, because you have under the ground a wealth of information and artifacts that remain because this area has never been developed," said Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

Up until about 1700, American Indians were also a part of the Colchester community, before they were pushed out toward the piedmont and western part of Virginia.

The onset of winter has halted further digging at Colchester until the spring. CRMP's team is still embarking on "boundary investigations."

"We are dedicated to this project," said Sperling. "It's an incredibly talented group and the team that has been assembled has experience ranging from Montpelier — James Madison's estate — and Mount Vernon. The talent that is here is exceptional."

Ringing Bells

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ing since donations are down and the need is up."

He's currently writing letters to local businesses, asking for their support. "But unless we find a lot of people in the community who make some decent contributions, it'll be tough making up that deficit," said Fitzgerald. "My biggest concern is that we use the funds raised in the Christmas and winter-relief campaign to help support families in January and February."

He said the Salvation Army would "probably" be able to meet its toy and clothing demands at Christmastime, thanks in great part to the Angel Trees in various businesses around the county. Each contains tags with a child's first name and the gift wanted. Angel Tree locations include BJ's and Wal-Mart in Fair Lakes, Wal-Mart in Burke and shops in the Tysons Corner Mall.

The organization also runs an Adopt-A-Family program whereby people can volunteer to buy gifts for an entire family. It's run through the Salvation Army's social-service office and may be reached at 703-385-8700, ext. 23.

"We can only help as the finances are provided," said Fitzgerald. "We're also looking for at least 100 volunteers, in addition to our paid employees, to man our kettle locations. I'm trying to cover all 21 Giant stores in my service area. This includes Fairfax, Chantilly, Centreville, Herndon, Reston, Vienna, Great Falls, McLean, Burke, Falls Church and Fairfax Station."

The Salvation Army also needs volunteers for its donation kettles outside other Wal-Marts, Safeways, Magruder's in Vienna, K-Mart in Chantilly and Herndon, the Lotte store in Chantilly and the Super H Market in Fairfax.

To volunteer, call 703-385-8700, ext. 11, and ask for Stacey Burke. Tax-deductible checks, payable to Salvation Army, may be sent to it at 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. In addition, people may text the word, "give," to 85944 to make a \$10 donation from their phones.

"I'd like to thank the community for their past support and for what they're doing this holiday season to support the Salvation Army's efforts," said Fitzgerald. "We just hope our donations will pick up so we can better meet the needs of those less fortunate in Fairfax County."



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show and at T&K Treasures and La Bella Luce in Clifton. This year, the school had a display of his pottery, in his memory.

Sadly, though, Adam Seymour was born with a heart murmur. "He had a small hole in his heart and we took him to the cardiologist, every year," said his mother. "But the hole was so tiny that doctors said it would never be a problem, and they don't think it had anything to do with his death."

Adam Seymour had no physical restrictions, and doctors said exercise would make his heart stronger. So, besides playing soccer, he also ran cross-country, indoor track for Robinson. At college, he planned to focus on environmental studies, but was only there 36 hours when tragedy struck.

"We dropped him off on a Tuesday, and Wednesday midnight was the first soccer practice," said Beverly Seymour. "The team's tradition was to kick off the season with a 1.5-mile run in under 9 minutes. Adam was a fast runner and was running fifth out of 50 kids, doing well, with no problems."

Toward the end of the race, though, he told a coach he was having trouble breathing, but he kept running. He then told a second coach, who told him to walk, instead.

"They said he walked maybe 30 yards and collapsed," said Beverly Seymour "His heart stopped, he had CPR in the ambulance and was on life support for three days in the hospital."

But there was no brain activity so, on the fourth day, after family and friends said their goodbyes, Adam Seymour was removed from life support and died, Aug. 22.

"We're all devastated and sad, but I have a 14-year-old son to take care of," said Beverly Seymour. "But we remember the good things about Adam and keep his memory alive, and the 5K run and scholarship foundation will help us do this."

The Adam P. Seymour Foundation will provide scholarships to deserving athletes who demonstrate academic, civic and/or artistic achievement. It will also go toward CHD research and to help support youth programs.

"What a tragedy losing Adam has been, especially for his parents and brother," said his uncle, Scot Ferris of Oak Hill. "Everyone who met him knew what a kind soul he was. Adam had this enigmatic smile, like he knew something nobody else did, and it delighted him. And he was always the first one to help, when needed."

Ferris said Adam Seymour's unexpected death has been difficult for everyone. "It leaves a hole in our lives that will never be filled," said Ferris.

Now, as the 5K race approaches, said Ferris, "I know that hundreds of people from all over the state are looking forward to it. Hopefully, this year's run will be the start of a tradition that not only will help raise funds for a good cause, but will give Adam's friends and family a chance to get together and remember him."

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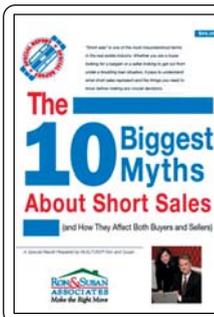
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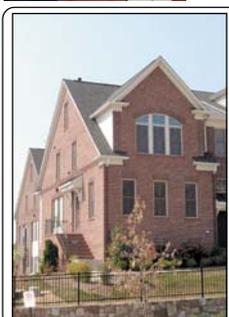


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