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# Students Experience Life in the Trenches

## Robinson seventh-graders simulate a soldier's life in World War I.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Chances are, some 600 seventh-graders at Robinson Secondary won't soon forget what life was like for soldiers during World War I. That's because they recently participated in a simulation of life in the trenches.

"This is an awful, inhumane period of time," middle school Social Studies Department Chairman Susan Reade told her students at the outset. "I need you to use your imaginations and commit to this. I need you to think, 'What if this were real and there were bullets flying and bombs going off? How would I feel?'"

She and four other social studies teachers recreated an hour-long, battle-zone atmosphere over three days, while students huddled together on the floor, under long tables in a darkened room. Images of war were projected on a screen while the teacher read excerpts from Erich Maria Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front."

"We're trying to communicate the horrors

of the living conditions relevant to WWI and the weapons of destruction created then," said Reade. "This piece gives them the opportunity to really feel, hear and believe they're in a battle situation. It should be uncomfortable and

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— Susan Reade

thought-provoking. Anytime you have kids in an interactive situation, where they can put themselves in that state and time, it'll be more meaningful for them and they'll really remember it."

One session involved 31 students in Reade's sixth-period class, and she prepared them beforehand for life in the trenches. She said the border between Germany and France contained 475 miles of trenches, which were fought over for three years.



Students write in journals while huddling under tables serving as WWI trenches.

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"Ten million people died in WWI because we had the bullet and bomb capability to do it," said Reade. "Soldiers dug trenches in the dirt, underground, with tree roots, insects crawling all around and rodents. This is a filthy, dirty place, and this is where you live, eat and try to sleep, 24/7, no matter the weather."

"Your uniforms are wool, so they itch, and lice are a tremendous problem," she said.

"Rain turns the dirt into mud and your feet are always wet, so you get trench foot. It's almost unlivable, and the noise of the bombs overhead is continual. Soldiers will have shell-shock and uncontrollable ticks. Some were hospitalized and traumatized for months and years afterward."

The worst thing, said Reade, was the poi

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# Parents Voice Views about New School Boundaries

## Despite movement of thousands, few show up to testify at hearing.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

A few more than 50 people showed up Feb. 7 to testify at a public hearing on a school redistricting proposal that would shift several thousand students to different elementary schools in central and southwest Fairfax County over the next two years.

Fairfax County Public Schools had originally scheduled two nights for public testimony but cancelled the second public hearing when a relatively small number of people signed up to speak on the matter.

Over the past three years, school boundary changes that affected far fewer families have been known to draw two hundred residents interested in sharing their comments with the Fairfax County School Board. During a high school boundary change in 2008, the School Board conducted at least three days of public hearings, including one all day session on a Saturday, in order to fit in

all the speakers who signed up to testify.

The current redistricting proposal would move the boundaries of 21 schools that span Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Burke and Springfield. Fairfax County would spend \$15.1 million on eight-room building additions to Greenbriar East, Union Mill and Fairfax Villa elementary schools so they could accommodate a larger student population. The school system would also relocate an eight-room classroom modular to Centreville Elementary, according to a description of the changes.

The proposal also addresses the closing of Clifton Elementary, which the School Board voted to shutter last July. Current Clifton students would attend Union Mill, Fairview and Oak View elementary schools next year if the staff recommendation is approved.

RESIDENTS who spoke at the public hearing were, for the most part, displeased with

the school system's staff recommendation.

Many of those who were upset had children who would have to move schools if the current school redistricting proposal passed. Several also came from 11 schools where the local Parent Teacher Association [PTA] or Parent Teacher Organization [PTO] had signed a petition asking the School Board to postpone the vote on the redistricting recommendation.

Under the new plan, parent Scott Boalick complained that about 50 Fairview Elementary students, including his own son, would be taken out of their current school and attend one of two nearby schools, either Oak View or Bonnie Brae. Boalick said his son had already taken three years of Chinese at Fairview and that his new school did not offer that language.

"I grew up in a military family, so I know what it means to move from school to school. I did not want that for my child," said Boalick.

Mike Ryu, a Poplar Tree Elementary School parent, said he had found it hard to keep up with the adjustments the school system had been making to its recommendation over the past few weeks. School system staff released what seem like a near final proposal in the middle of December but then came out with another revised plan, which became the final recommendation, in mid January.

"With how quickly the options are changing, we are lost," said Ryu, who said he and his wife had overextended their budget just so they could buy a house in the Poplar Tree school district.

Under the new proposal, his child would be attending Brookfield Elementary School, a school that receives extra federal funding because it has a large number of poor students.

"Why would you shuffle kids to a school

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**Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools Dr. Jack Dale presents the 2011 scholarships to James Anthony Caracoglia from Oakton High School and Firas Nasr, a senior at James W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School.**

## Two Receive Scholarships From In Hope Foundation

For the sixth year, the In Hope Freedom Rings Foundation presented two \$10,000 scholarships to two local high school seniors to attend college. The presentation took place on Monday, Jan. 10 at the Historic Blenheim & Civil War Interpretive Center in Fairfax. The foundation has awarded \$110,000 in scholarships to college bound students attending Fairfax County high schools.

Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools Dr. Jack Dale presented the 2011 scholarships to James Anthony Caracoglia from Oakton High School and Firas Nasr, a senior at James W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School.

Eight local businesses donated the \$20,000 in scholarship money. The businesses are: Burke Centre Automotive; CouponsToGo.com; Cropp-Metcalf Services; Hadeed Oriental Rug Cleaning; Mow Cow Lawn and Landscape; Papa John's Pizza; Springfield Lorton Dental Group; and Virginia Tire & Auto.

With the highest grade point average in his class, Caracoglia boasts a list of academic and athletic achievements. Among his accomplishments include being named the Northern Region (VA) Scholar-Athlete six times, the Vienna Optimist Club Excellence Award in Academics, Oakton High School Cougar Commendation in Academic Achievement. He is fluent in both speaking and reading Spanish and served as the 2010-11 captain of the varsity track team (distance) and varsity cross-country team.

Firas received the "Discus Award," an academic and extra-curricular-based award presented to select students from around the country who demonstrate well roundedness. He is co-captain of the speech and debate teams, co-president, English honor society and president of the Spanish honor society. With a school letter in orchestra, he plays the violin in a national award-winning philharmonic orchestra and is a Third Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. In addition, he is an entrepreneur and founder of Luna Jewelry where he designs, creates and sells unique jewelry pieces.

## Rotary Club Supports Well Water Project in Africa

The Rotary Club of Burke, in conjunction with the Five for Water Foundation, has helped fund a deep bore well water project in Malawi, Africa. The club raised the money through the recent sale of Rotary licensed Green Mountain Coffee.

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**Kings Park Elementary parents and teachers join students in a dance.**

# Dance, Dine and Learn

**Fun and activities used to reinforce learning skills.**

Students at Kings Park Elementary in Springfield dined and danced Feb. 9 and 10, through their SOLs (Standards of Learning) tests. Third grade students and their families enjoyed a pizza party then went to the gym to use kinesthetic learning to reinforce study skills and facts.



**Third graders Daphne Nie and Anna Tindal spot a friend while munching down on pizza.**



**Karen McLachlen is watching her daughter Maddy, a kindergartener at Kings Park Elementary, grab some pizza.**

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**WEDNESDAY/FEB. 23**  
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9100.  
**Community Meeting.** Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock) is hosting a community meeting on the Re-Zoning of University Mall. College Town Associates, the developer, will present its current plans as modified to reflect comments and concerns raised previously by county staff and by the community. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., at Oak View Elementary School, 5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax.

## COMMUNITY



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A grand opening celebration took place recently at Burke's newest 7-Eleven store, located at 6030 Burke Commons Road. The store brings jobs and convenience to Burke. On hand for the grand opening are, from left, Brendan Murphy, Edwin Go and Chris Calcador.

### New 7-Eleven Opens in Burke

Sophia Rossen, left, and PJ the Clown take part in the grand opening of the new 7-Eleven store in Burke.



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The well will be located at the village of Esigonhweni, Malawi, in the northern region of the African nation. The well will provide water for a school of 850 children plus eight surrounding villages. In total approximately 4,000 people will receive water from this well.

Founded in 1984, The Rotary Club of Burke is part of a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations. Locally, The Rotary Club of Burke supports the Northern Virginia Community College Scholarship Program, a Boy Scout and Venture Crew Program, The Rockfish Tournament in honor of Wounded Veterans and the Support on Suspension (SOS) Plus Program through Fairfax County Schools.

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# OPINION

## Important Step for Autism

Governor should sign bill that would require limited insurance coverage for needed therapy.

Thanks to Dels. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Tom Rust (R-86), along with state Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) and a majority of members of the Virginia General Assembly, for passing a bill that would require some insurance companies to provide limited but critically important coverage for therapy for children with autism.

Now, Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) should sign the bill into law.

"With these treatments, you can prevent some of these children from being impacted for life. You can make sure they do not become wards of the state," said Hugo. ... "If we don't do something, we risk leaving these kids in the darkness."

Behavior therapy at an early age can make the difference between a child who speaks and interacts and a child who is non-verbal. But the therapy, often not covered at all by insurance, can cost \$20,000 a year or more per child.

Consider the heartbreak of one family who was able to afford therapy for one of their children with autism. Unfortunately, the family has two children with autism.

As they become adults, children with autism will cost Virginia more if they don't receive early intervention services.

And this is a growing problem.

### EDITORIALS

For example, in Fairfax County Public Schools, one in 83 students has been diagnosed with some form of autism, an 846 percent increase since 1997. Last year, the county's human services department announced that local government's fiscal health would be greatly impacted by providing services to the rapidly growing percentage of young adults with autism diagnoses.

### Missing the Point

As the U.S. Department of Justice presses Virginia to provide services for people with intellectual disabilities and more options to live in the community, it's important to remember that it's not just a question of moving some current residents out of training centers.

Families across Northern Virginia and the state are stretching budgets, going into debt and hanging on by their fingernails as they care for family members with intellectual disabilities who should have "waivers" providing for services in the community.

Right now, more than 6,400 Virginians with intellectual and related developmental disabilities are on waiting lists for community-based services, according to the Arc of Virginia. Nearly 3,000 of these individuals are in urgent

need because they live with an aging caregiver, are at risk of abuse or neglect, or are aging out of foster care.

See [www.arcofva.org](http://www.arcofva.org).

### Cheap and Effective Traffic Fix: Telework

While National Telework Week officially began Monday, Feb. 14, last month's commuting-home debacle probably did more to push individuals, governments and companies to contemplate real teleworking measures than any other advocacy.

Increasing the number of people who regularly work from home at least one day a week is the only possible cure for the current traffic nightmare in the region. On most days, rush hour in Northern Virginia is a pain. But it only takes one hiccup (a man threatening to jump of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge or an inch of badly timed snow) to bring the region to a standstill and worse.

Telecommuting can also be good for the environment, good for employee morale, good for families, good for productivity. And anything that decreases the chances of a 10-hour commute or being stranded overnight on the George Washington Parkway is a step in the right direction.

The technology exists to make this work.

- MARY KIMM

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## State Senate Approves Transportation Bill

Bill would accelerate bond issuance from \$300 million to \$600 million per year for roads.

BY SEN. DAVE MARSDEN  
D-37TH DISTRICT

Let me warn the reader. The following material is a bit dry but essential in understanding the transportation funding issues critical to our area.

The governor's Transportation Bill (SB1446) passed in the Senate this last week. It is a three-year package for accelerating bond issuance from \$300 million to \$600 million per year for road construction based on bonds approved in House Bill 3202 passed in 2006. This will be paid for through anticipated federal transportation grants to Virginia over the three-year period. These bonds cannot be used for road maintenance.

It also creates an Infrastructure Bank from which localities can receive assistance, to help fund local projects and an Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund to improve intercity rail service.

Finally, the bill increases from \$50 million to \$200 million the total limit on revenue-sharing funds allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to certain counties, cities and towns in any one fiscal year and

increases from \$1 million to \$10 million the per project cap on funds.

The House of Delegates' version of the transportation bill involved the use of general funds normally used for schools, public safety and health care. This was not a good bill, and I would have voted against it if I were still in the House. I voted for the Senate version of the bill because we eliminated the use of general funds, which would negatively impact these core services.

This transportation measure does contain some risk, however, in that we cannot be 100 percent certain of federal revenue that will be awarded to Virginia for transportation. Congress is preparing to make significant budget cuts, and we would have to pay back these bonds with state general fund dollars if the revenue does not materialize at the anticipated level.

It is a great time to issue bonds for road construction as interest rates are at historic lows and construction bids are anticipated to be low. We will get a great "bang for our buck." The downside, however, is that the governor has

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# Redrawing School Boundaries

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that needs more attention?" said Ryu.

**MANY OF THE** speakers also used the public hearing to continue to air their angry feelings about the closing of Clifton Elementary.

William Holloway, mayor of the Town of Clifton, said many of the justifications the School Board had given in July 2010 for closing Clifton have been discredited. The school system has discovered a way to address the school's water quality issues and the school population has not declined this year as the Fairfax County officials had predicted it would, he said.

"You should consider the options that provide extra space at no additional cost," said Holloway, calling for Clifton to remain open, at least until 2012.

Many Clifton parents have made no secret of the fact that they are hoping to delay the closing of their school until the end of next year. In addition to two lawsuits, Clifton residents recently got their local school building designated as historic, partially with the hope that it could be used as leverage against the school's closing, or at least slow down the overall process, said Elizabeth Schultz at a community

meeting in December.

Several members of the current School Board who voted to close Clifton Elementary face challengers in the November election or have announced they would be retiring in December. With significant turnover on the School Board in 2012, some Clifton parents hope to convince the new members to revisit the decision to close their school next winter.

If they cannot successfully keep Clifton open, a small group of parents has been pursuing a charter school application, which would need approval from the School Board. The proposed Lewis and Clark School would open at the site of the current Clifton Elementary. The new school could offer an elementary international baccalaureate program with a Chinese language focus.

Clifton parent Charlie Rau, who has been working on the charter application, said the school system should postpone voting on boundary changes — particularly in Clifton — until next year. If the new charter school opened in 2012, it would likely absorb some of the excess capacity the school redistricting proposal seeks to address and school boundaries would not have to move nearly as much, he said.

No charter school application has ever been approved in Fairfax County.

### SCHOOL NOTES

**Leanne Poussard** of Lake Braddock Secondary School is one of the 28 Fairfax County Public Schools students performing Sunday, Feb. 20, at Carnegie Hall in New York City, as part

of the wind ensemble Flutopia. The students will perform in A Breath of Fresh Air presented by the Distinguished Concerts International New York series as part of a larger concert. The pieces they

will perform are "Eyes Wide Open" (Eric Jackson), "October" (Eric Whitacre), "Heaven's Light and Fate of the Gods," (Steven Reineke) and the overture to the "Marriage of Figaro" (Mozart).

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# Robinson Student Acts in 'Les Miserables'

**'The ideas and conflicts are timeless.'**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** drama and turmoil of the French Revolution will burst upon the stage when Centreville Presbyterian Church's community theater group presents the musical, "Les Miserables." It features a cast and crew of more than 60, with a live orchestra and students from 26 different schools — including Robinson Secondary senior Lauren Rowson.

"The talent is so high," said Director Zoe Dillard. "The kids are just wonderful, and they've been a pleasure to work with."

Show times are Thursday-Friday, Feb. 24-25, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 26, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m., at the church, 15450 Lee Highway in Centreville. Tickets are \$10 at the church office or via [www.centrevillepres.com](http://www.centrevillepres.com). For more information, call 703-830-0098.

Rowson portrays Fantine. "Although she's only in her 20s or 30s, I see her as a broken-down woman," said Rowson. "She loved a man who then left her. She had his child, Cosette, and had to give her up to keep her a secret. She works in a factory where the other workers hate her and the foreman harasses her."

"Fantine struggles to live a clean life before she's forced into prostitution to keep a roof over her child's head," said Rowson. "And the people caring for her daughter lie to her so she'll give them more money."

This is the first show Rowson saw as a child, so she's thrilled with her role. "Fantine has a strength and pride that she keeps through all her hardships," said Rowson. "Everything she does, she does for her



PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY JOHNSON

**From left, Molly Nuss of Madison High; Alex Johnson, Chantilly; Nick McDonough, Langley; and Lauren Rowson, Robinson, take a break from rehearsing.**

daughter. I usually play comic parts, but this role has such depth, and this character really develops the theme of self-sacrifice. She leaves such a good impression on everyone and is a very moving character."

Rowson especially likes the number, "On My Own," sung by Eponine, the daughter

of the family keeping Cosette. "It captures Eponine's character so beautifully. It's about how all the bad things in her life are worth it, as long as she has the hope of someday being with Marius, the young man she loves."

Rowson said the story would strike a

chord with the audience because "it explores people's ability to change and redeem themselves. One of the lines, 'to love another person is to see the face of God,' sums up the themes of mercy, redemption and self-sacrifice running through the show. And all the music is incredible."

## CALENDAR

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

### THURSDAY/FEB. 17

**Dan Bern.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Teddy Bear Tea.** 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-293-6227.

**Afternoon Reading Group.** 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez. Adults. 703-293-6227.

**Book Club Kids: Mouse Paint.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Activities and fun centered around the book

"Mouse Paint" by Ellen Stoll Walsh. Children should be familiar with this story before coming. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-644-7333.

**Paws for Reading.** 4-5:15 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice reading with a trained therapy dog. Age 6-12. Reserve at 703-249-1520.

**Friday Morning Music Club on Thursday Morning.** 11 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Mozart's Exsultate, jubilate, K. 165, Debussy's Prelude #1 and Clair de lune from Suite Bergamasque and La plus que lente, Schumann's Intermezzo. [www.fmmc.org](http://www.fmmc.org).

**Paul Thorn.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### FRIDAY/FEB. 18

**Wagner's "The Valkyrie."** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The second opera in "The

Ring Cycle," performed by The Virginia Opera and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$44-\$86, available at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu.vaopera.org](http://cfa.gmu.edu.vaopera.org).

**Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle IV Finals.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**"Oklahoma!"** 7:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10. [www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org).

**Jonathan Edwards.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$24. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### SATURDAY/FEB. 19

**Kena Shrine Temple Mardi Gras Ball.** 7:30-11 p.m. Grand Ballroom, Kena Temple, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Music, dancing, Cajun cuisine, door prizes, costumes and more. Admission \$35 per person. 703-573-4202 or [www.kena.org/Shop/tickets.htm](http://www.kena.org/Shop/tickets.htm).

**The Downtown Fiction.** 5:30 p.m.

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Hot Tuna Blues.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Blues, jazz, bluegrass and folk by Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$22-\$44, youth through grade 12 half price. 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**"Oklahoma!"** 7:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10. [www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org).

**Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association.** Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Advanced beginners waltz moves at 7:30 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two step, waltz, line, swing, cha cha and more. Couples and singles welcome. Admission \$5-\$12. [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or 703-860-4941.

**Young Dubliners.** 7:30 p.m. Wolf

Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### SUNDAY/FEB. 20

**Wagner's "The Valkyrie."** 2 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The second opera in "The Ring Cycle," performed by The Virginia Opera and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$48-\$98, available at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu.vaopera.org](http://cfa.gmu.edu.vaopera.org).

**"Oklahoma!"** 2 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10. [www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org).

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra 48th Annual Dorothy Farnham Feuer String Competition Finals.** 2 p.m. Providence Presbyterian Church,

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## TUESDAY/FEB. 22

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.  
**Twilight Tales.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Listen to stories before bedtime. Age 3-6 with adult. 703-978-5600.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 24

**Brendan James and Matt White.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

**Our Daily Bread Empty Bowls Fundraiser.** 6:30 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A meal of soup and bread, with live music by the Fairfax Saxophone Quartet, a silent auction and raffles. Purchase a hand-crafted bowl for a donation of \$25 and up. Families welcome, \$10 per child or \$20 for two or more children (bowl not included). Proceeds benefit Our Daily Bread, a non-profit that provides aid to working families in Fairfax County. www.our-daily-bread.org or 703-273-8829.

**Little House Studio Recital with the Morrison Brothers.** 7:30 p.m. Bangkok Blues, 926 West Broad St., Falls Church. Music from Beatles and bluegrass to Natalie MacMaster and Green Day, performed by Little House Studio students under the guidance of director Larry Rice. Pop/country/rock recording artists Truman and Willie Morrison of The Morrison Brothers Band will be joined by Larry Rice on fiddle. Free admission. 703-534-0095 or www.LarryRiceMusic.com/lessons.html.

**How to Hire a Home Contractor.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Wil Slaughter, Consumer Affairs, offers tips on hiring a contractor, what should be included in a contract and information on laws related to home improvement. 703-978-5600.

**Friends of Burke Centre Blizzard of Books Sale.** 3 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Chase away cabin fever and stock up on great books. 703-249-1520.

**Chinese Scrolls from the Dr. Chi Wang Collection.** Mason Hall Alumni Atrium Gallery at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive in Fairfax. Panel discussion at 5 p.m., and Opening Reception 6-8 p.m. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

## FRIDAY/FEB. 25

**Cypress String Quartet.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A multimedia collaboration with author Jacob Needleman and film producer Michael Schwarz. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

**Marshall Crenshaw** at 7:30 p.m. and Griffin House and Charlie Mars at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

**"Oklahoma!"** 7:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10. www.fxplayers.org.

**Lake Braddock Chorus Sock Hop & Silent Auction.** 7 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School Cafeteria, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Family fun with live music by

the Rivers Rockabilly Trio and the combined Lake Braddock choruses, dance contests, silent auction and more. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. teachingkat@gmail.com.

**"Gianni Schicchi."** 8 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The GMU School of Music presents the Mason Opera & Chamber Orchestra performing Giacomo Puccini's satirical one-act opera. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors, and a limited number of tickets are free for students with a valid Mason ID. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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**The "Five Star" Robinson Gives Back Concert.** 7 p.m. St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. All proceeds benefit the Lamb Center. 703-691-3178.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 27

**Disney Live! presents Mickey's Magic Show.** 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at George Mason University

## Chinese Scrolls On Display at GMU



Chinese Scrolls from the Dr. Chi Wang Collection will be displayed in the Mason Hall Alumni Atrium Gallery at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive in Fairfax, with a Panel Discussion on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. and a Reception from 6-8 p.m. This exhibition represents the best of Chinese scroll painting from the 14th to the 20th century. Subject matter includes landscapes, figures, nature studies and visual entries into unusual places along with works of pure calligraphy. The exhibit is open through March 18, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 26

**Movie Mania.** 8 p.m. at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. The City of Fairfax Band presents a concert of music from Hollywood classics including Chicken Run, Titanic, Catch Me If You Can, The Red Pony, Avatar, Hunchback of Notre Dame and E.T. \$15 adults, \$9 seniors, free ages 18 and younger. www.fairfaxband.org or 703-757-0220.

**TobyMac Winter Wonder Slam Tour.** 7 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. With Brandon Heath and House of Heroes. Tickets \$15-\$50, available through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT.

**Civil War Authors Book Mart.** 2 p.m. The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Authors of Civil War fiction and non-fiction will discuss and sign their latest books and guides. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of Blenheim. Free. 703-591-0560.

**"Oklahoma!"** 7:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10. www.fxplayers.org.

**Opening Reception for the "Live Fast- Harley Inspired Art Show."** 5-8 p.m. Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. Artist Letterfly will demonstrate traditional "old school" pinstriping, art inspired by Harley-Davidsons and custom Harley tanks painted for this show. The reception is free, but reservations are required for entrance and cocktails at Livefast@artwhino.com.

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Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Featuring magic from legendary Disney films. Cinderella's rags turn into a beautiful ball gown in a split second, Aladdin's Princess Jasmine levitates into the air and the enchanted dancing brooms in Fantasia help sweep Minnie off of her feet. Mickey Mouse performs illusions along with Cinderella's Fairy Godmother, Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter and professional illusionist Brad Ross. Tickets \$22-\$50, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.disneylive.com.

**Jay Nash CD Release, Natalia Zukerman and Garrison Starr.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

**Drumline Live.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A 39-member cast in a percussion-driven performance. \$23-\$46, youth through grade 12 half-price when accompanied by adult. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

## MONDAY/FEB. 28

**Tales to Tails.** 4 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Sign up to read to the dog. Age 6-12 with adult. 703-293-6227.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 3

**Peter Shaffer's "Equus."** 8 p.m. George Mason University TheaterSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A psychosexual crime drama about a disturbed 17-year-old. This production contains explicit scenes and nudity. \$12 adults, \$8 students, seniors and groups. Charge at 888-945-2468 or go online at cfa.gmu.edu.

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# Home Life Style

## Security, Convenience and Green Innovation

**Northern Virginia companies debut home technology trends in Las Vegas.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE CONNECTION

Getting a lot of attention at this year's Consumer Electronics Show were several Northern Virginia companies who were among the more than 2,700 exhibitors displaying some of the world's most cutting edge home technology trends.

This year was all about the "apps" as more than 150,000 people from around the world descended on the Las Vegas Convention Center last month for the 2011 Consumer Electronics Show.

Homeowners can have more control over their homes using many newly developed smartphone applications, getting real time information from home security systems even when not at home, controlling room temperatures, raising and lowering window shades or even starting dinner or the laundry from anywhere with an internet connection.

### Surveillance Systems, Archerfish: Reston

For homeowners looking for a home surveillance system, Reston's Cernium Corporation has developed the Archerfish Solo, an IP-based wireless camera that sends video clip emails to your smart phone or computer whenever it senses unusual activity.

"There's been a lot of interest in the Solo," said Debbie Shuey of Archerfish, a CES exhibitor for the last three years. "We've had far more people stopping by this year than the last two."

Homeowners can use Archerfish to view live video via computer, smart phone or tablet devices, as Shuey demonstrated by monitoring the cameras at Reston Skate Quest cameras from the show floor in Las Vegas.

"The number of people interested in this for personal use has multiplied tremendously," Shuey said. "Even our competitors have been stopping by."

Debuting at CES this year was the Archerfish Solo Flood Light Adapter, which allows the camera to be installed simply by screwing it into an existing flood light socket.

"We're continuously developing products to help consumers keep an eye on the places that matter to them," said Cernium president Craig Chambers. "The Archerfish Flood Light Adapter makes installing the Solo as easy as screwing in a light bulb."

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**Herndon-based Simplikey president Jason Pizzillo, right, demonstrates the new lockset to Oracle's Joel Storm at the Consumer Electronics Show.**

### Tablet Times Two, Entourage: McLean

McLean-based Entourage Systems used this year's CES to launch the Pocket Edge, a portable version of its bestselling Entourage Edge.

"We just launched last year and are doing very well, especially internationally," said Entourage vice president Doug Atkinson. "As a consumer device, we are just getting started and are excited to be here." The mission is to provide an all-inclusive personal technology device that combines the functions of several products into one solution.

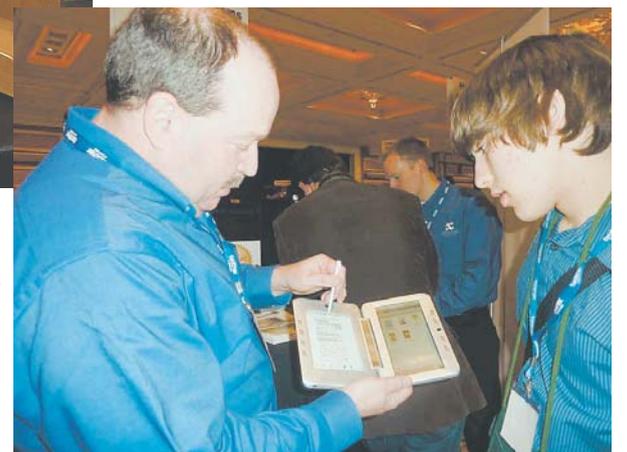
Both the Entourage and Pocket Edge are dual screen e-reader, Android-based tablet computer, notepad and audio/video recorder and player. Connected to the internet, it can manage any connected home security system or smart appliances. Prices start at \$349.

"We can build a tablet by cutting off half, but then we'd be just like everybody else," Atkinson said. "But people still write and along with many other features, we offer that with our product."

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**Jon Kelman demonstrates a light-up security vest by Fairfax Station-based MAXSA Innovations.**



**Entourage vice president Doug Atkinson, left, demonstrates the new Pocket Edge to David Goldhagen of San Antonio.**



**Skip West, founder of Fairfax Station-based MAXSA Innovations, displays his latest home technology solutions at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month. West teaches the course "From Geek to Gazillionaire" at George Mason University.**

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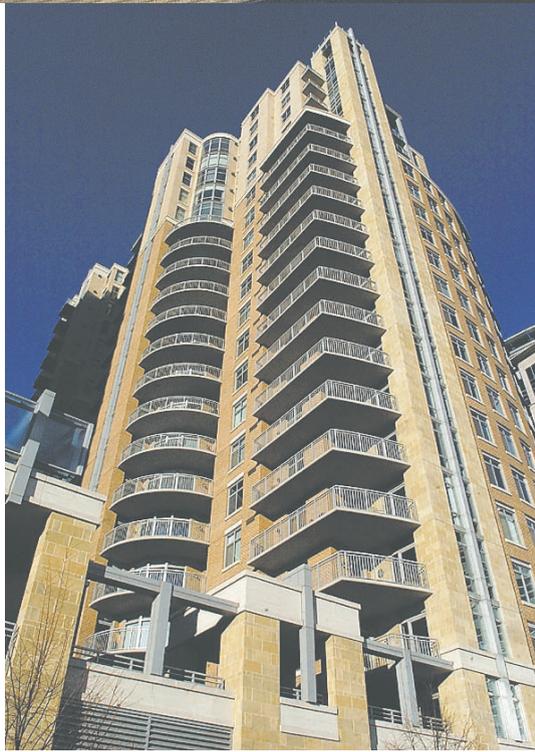


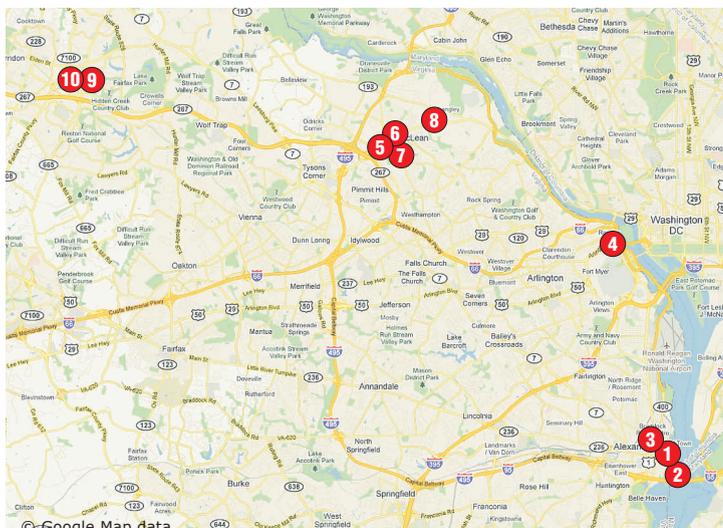
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## Home Life Style

# Security, Convenience

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## Going Green, MAXSA: Fairfax/Fairfax Station

Skip West is no stranger to the crowds of the Consumer Electronics Show.

"This is my eighth year here and it just keeps getting better," said West, founder and president of the Fairfax Station-based MAXSA Innovations. "I love inventing new products and this is the place to introduce them to consumers."

West debuted a dozen new items at this year's show, most focusing on "green" technology.

"We now have solar powered motion activated flood lights, along with our solar walkway lights for decks, stairs and driveways," West said. "We've been taking lots of orders and getting a great response."

MAXSA also offers laser garage parking systems and personal devices such as a reflective safety vest with 16 LED lights, devices to avoid automobile/deer collisions and special flashlights.

"I sold my last company but didn't like being retired," said West, who teaches the course "From Geek to Gazillionaire" at George Mason University. "I love helping students develop their ideas into successful companies."

West, one of the first to produce the now popular battery powered votive candles, donates his salary from GMU to a student business competition.

"I love what I do and have been fortunate in my success," West said. "It's very rewarding to help my students see their dreams become reality."

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## First Impressions, Simplikey: Herndon

If the employees of Herndon-based start-up Simplikey all look young, it's because they are.

"We hired 11 people, all between the ages of 21 and 35," said Carl Guerreri, president of parent company Electronic Warfare Associates, a government defense contractor. "I told them to wander the world for a year to come up with an idea that best utilized our technology."

The result is the Simplikey lock, a remote control electronic deadbolt.

"We wanted to make something worthy of a front door," said D'Veil Garrison, vice president of sales and marketing. "The lock is all metal with a carbon

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Debbie Shuey monitors security at the Reston Skate Park as part of the Archerfish demonstration at the Consumer Electronics show in Las Vegas last month.

core center deadbolt, concealed light-up keypad and remote key fob that works from up to 50 feet away."

The slim design lock is programmable with up to 16 different codes and runs on 4 AA batteries.

"This is our first time at CES," Garrison said. "It's great seeing all the first adapters' eyes light up when they see the lock."

The Simplikey uses standard deadbolt installation and is available in three finishes.

"I started early this morning and haven't stopped talking since," said Simplikey president Jason Pizzillo. "But people love the product and it's been a great show."

WWW.SIMPLICIKEY.COM

## There's an App for That

Arguing over the remote may soon be a thing of the past as smartphones and tablet computers take control of your home theater system. In a world where all you need is an Ethernet cable and ISP, every major TV manufacturer is now producing internet-connected HDTV and 3D displays, all easily controlled and monitored by mobile apps.

On screens that can reach up to 90 inches (on a soon-to-be-released Mitsubishi plasma display), smart TVs and the newest apps allow web surfing from your sofa. You can also connect with friends via Facebook, Google Talk and Twitter as you watch your favorite programming. Also expected to gain ground in the home theatre arena is gesture controlled TV, which uses technology similar to the Xbox Kinect.

## Capital Home & Garden Show, Feb. 25-27

The Capital Home & Garden Show will feature hundreds of displays and exhibits this year, with a special emphasis on "Going Green." Exhibitors include all aspects of home design and improvement, gardening, kitchen and bath remodeling, flooring, roofing, doors, windows, fencing, pools, interior and exterior lighting, home entertainment, interior designs and much more. Get ideas, investigate new products, gather information and meet the professionals who can help. **Dulles Expo Center, Feb. 25 - 27, [www.capitalhomeshow.com](http://www.capitalhomeshow.com).**

### 10 WAYS TO GOGREENER

**SOURCE:** Capital Home & Garden Show

- 1. Energy Efficient Appliances:** The refrigerator is one of the home's highest consumers of energy. Use the water and energy-saving settings on your refrigerator and dishwasher.
- 2. Lighting:** Use **compact fluorescents (CFLs)**. Designing a home with good **natural lighting** cuts down on the need to use electricity.

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## COMMUNITY

# Gala Supports Fairfax Symphony

Valentine Pops event raises more than \$115,000.

**M**ore than 350 people, including business and political leaders from across Northern Virginia, turned out for the Fairfax Symphony Valentine Pops Gala on Friday, Feb. 11 at the McLean Hilton.

Music director Christopher Zimmerman led a 60-piece orchestra in an after-dinner performance. Gala committee chairs Jennifer Gitner from USI and Karen Wallis from BB&T helped the even raise more than \$115,000 for the symphony. Individuals and businesses donated more than 240 items including restaurant gift cards, airline tickets, vacation packages, sports packages, jewelry, wine and much more to the silent auction.

The next concert is March 19, at 8 p.m., featuring Sibelius Symphony No. 5 and a pre-concert discussion at 7 p.m. led by Dr. Glenda Goss one of the foremost experts on Sibelius. The concert opens with a brief piece titled "Six Pieces for Orchestra" by Webern. Matti Raekallio, an eminent Finnish pianist, will play Beethoven's Fifth (and final) Piano Concerto - a.

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)



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# Rams Dominate Wrestling Tournament

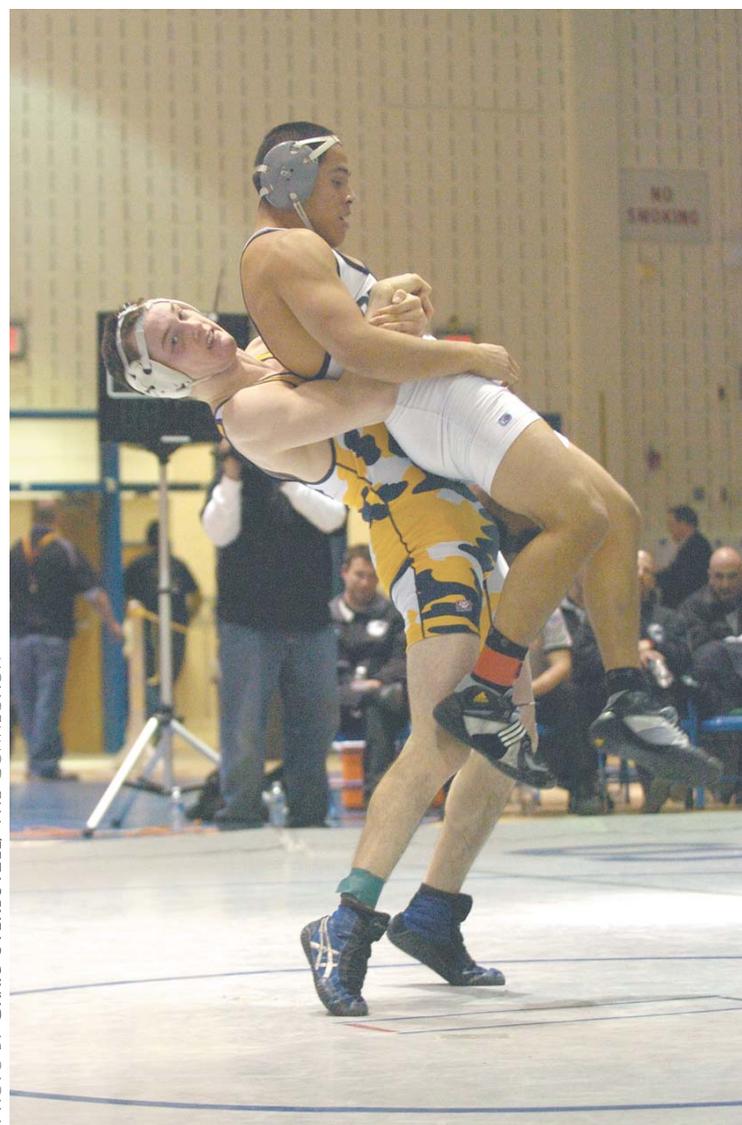


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**Wes Jones, left, of Robinson was a 5-2 decision winner over finals opponent Christian Merino.**

**Strong showing by Rams has them rolling heading into states.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**R**obinson Secondary's wrestling team has almost always been one of the top programs in the Northern Region. But capturing region titles has never been a given for the Rams. Going into last weekend's region championships, the program had not taken a region title since 1991.

"We've been in the mix every year," said Bryan Hazard, the Rams' 15th year head coach who was a Robinson team member way back on that region title team in 1991.

It's been a long time coming, but Robinson garnered another region championship last Saturday night. The Rams, in dominant fashion at the two-day region tournament event held Feb. 11-12 at Fairfax High School, saw seven of their wrestlers win individual titles on way to garnering, with relative ease, the team crown. Hazard's squad tallied 260.50 points to finish well ahead of runner-up and defending region champion Westfield (208), a team that, a week earlier, had captured the Concorde District title ahead of second place Robinson.

South County was the third place team at regionals, well behind the Rams and Bulldogs with 118 points but ahead of fourth place Annandale (92), fifth place Hayfield (78), and sixth place Lee (69). Rounding out the top 10 teams at the 30-school event were

seventh place Mount Vernon (65), eighth place Edison (62), ninth place Langley (58) and 10th place Lake Braddock (54).

Other local teams at the postseason meet, included 13th place Fairfax (50.50 points), 21st place Thomas Jefferson High (24), 26th place Woodson (21.50), and West Springfield.

Robinson will next move on to this Friday and Saturday's Virginia State AAA championships, which take place at the Rams' home gymnasium at Robinson.

Robinson won the state title in 1985. The current squad is hungry to gain another this weekend.

"I think we have a team that can perform [exceptionally] at the next level," said Hazard, of states.

"But we have to do it. We need some heroes."

**"We need some heroes."**

— Bryan Hazard, Robinson head wrestling coach

**ROBINSON** had plenty of heroes last week in winning its fourth region crown in 30 years — the other region title teams coming in 1981, 1985 and 1991. The Rams got individual championships from the following

wrestlers: Jake Pinkston (heavyweight); Wes Jones (160); Brooks Martino (135); Jack Bass (125); Jake Smith (119); Dallas Smith (112); and Lucas Sodergren (103).

So in 14 weight brackets, the Rams took home seven titles.

Pinkston, at heavyweight, was a 3-2 finals winner over Westfield's Tyler DeLeon (35-11 record), the defending region champion. A freshman, Pinkston showed the demeanor and coolness of a seasoned athlete.

"I'm very proud," said Pinkston (30-11). "This is

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# Lake Braddock Girls' Season Comes to a Close

**Bruins lose to T.C. Williams, 69-39.**

**F**irst-year Lake Braddock girls basketball coach Leigh Kampman laughed when reminded her Bruins held T.C. Williams without a field goal during the first quarter of Tuesday's Patriot District Tournament contest.

"Wish that would have happened all four quarters," she said.

Lake Braddock entered the tournament having dropped seven of its last nine games and lost twice to T.C. Williams during the regular season by an average of 18 points. But the Bruins outplayed the Titans in the opening period, building a 7-2 lead while forcing eight T.C. turnovers.

But that's when T.C. turned up its defensive pressure and transformed Tuesday's matchup from a competitive game into a learning experience for the overmatched Bruins.

The No. 3 Titans opened the second quarter on a 17-0 run and outscored No. 6 Lake Braddock 30-5 in the period en route to a 69-39 victory at T.C. Williams High School. The loss ended the Bruins' season but pro-

vided the team's underclassmen experience facing playoff-caliber defense. The Titans switched to a full-court press in the second quarter, forcing 11 turnovers in the period. Lake Braddock turned the ball over 23 times during the game and struggled against in-your-face pressure.

"They turned up the aggression," Kampman said. "They came after us, they were going hard after the ball and we kind of went back in our shells a little bit. We didn't come out as strong and [they] forced a lot of turnovers. [T.C. head coach Kesha Walton has] a really good group of kids and they're very intense. When they play with that intense pressure, it flusters kids. We got flustered."

After trailing 7-2, T.C. bounced back with a flurry of 3-pointers and transition baskets. Jasmine Norman's 3-pointer midway through the second quarter gave the Titans a 19-7 lead. Lake Braddock sophomore Morgan Stearns scored to stop the run and freshman point guard Allie Snow knocked down a 3-pointer a minute later, but T.C.

closed the quarter with 11 straight points and led 32-12 at halftime.

Kampman, a former basketball standout at Madison High School, said Snow should benefit from facing the Titans' defense.

"This is definitely a really good learning experience for her," the coach said. "It helps her learn. She understands what true pressure is all about."

Lake Braddock will graduate four athletes: guards Maggie Collins and Caroline Young and posts Logan Russell and Shelby Sheridan. Collins led the Bruins with 11 points on Tuesday. Russell scored five points and grabbed eight rebounds and Sheridan scored two points and finished with three rebounds.

Russell "fights hard every game," Kampman said. "She's got really good touch around the rim. She really stood out for us this season. I just liked her heart. Shelby Sheridan, the kid's just like a bulldog. She fights so hard. From start to finish, when that buzzer goes off, she's giving you the same energy she did at the beginning."

— JON ROETMAN



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**Lake Braddock freshman point guard Allie Snow shoots against T.C. Williams on Tuesday.**

## SPORTS

# Robinson Rolls To Top of Region Meet

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my first [region] tournament championship and I worked hard for this. All the sprints and [hard work] in practice has paid off. At the beginning of the season I knew I would do some things but never would have imagined winning the region.”

Pinkston, in reaching the finals, won matches over Edison’s David Lazo (second period pin), Marshall’s Matt Crawford, 7-4, and, in the semifinals, Woodson’s Carson Brown (third period pin).

Jones (44-6), a senior with 150-plus career wins, bested senior Christian Merino of South County, 5-2, in a hard-fought title match. Jones, this year’s Concorde District champion, built a 5-1 third period lead and held off the talented Merino (30-5). Jones reached the championship match with wins over Falls Church’s Mohammed Umaid (first period pin), T.C. Williams’ Marvin Gomez (second period pin), and, in the semis, Hayfield’s Chris Stone (8-0 major decision).

At 135 weight class, Robinson’s Martino (39-6) captured his second consecutive region crown with an efficient 6-0 title match win over T.C. Williams senior Omar Maknassi (33-4). Ahead 2-0 in the second period, Martino, a junior, used a reversal on his opponent to increase his lead to 4-0 with 1 minute, 15 seconds remaining in the period. Late in the third and final period, he earned takedown points to account for the final score.

Martino made it to the finals by defeating South County’s Ryan Bishop (second period pin), Mount Vernon’s Cody Marino (second period pin), and Lake Braddock’s Rory Renzi (20-5 technical fall) in the semifinals.

In the 125 weight class, Robinson’s Bass, who a week earlier had won the Concorde District title despite being the No. 5-seed, experienced another winning weekend, taking the region crown by major decision, 12-2 over Annandale’s Dane Harlowe, a two-time region champion. Bass (38-6), a freshman, went on to earn Most Outstanding Wrestler honors during brief post meet ceremonies.

During the regular season, Bass missed four district dual meet matches as the result of an injury. Thus, he was not one of the top seeded wrestlers at districts. But he has proven to be at or close to full strength over the postseason and has two titles to show for it.

“I’m peaking at the right time,” said Bass. “I’m wrestling my matches and staying focused.”

He was naturally pleased with his finals win over Harlowe (29-5), a junior and

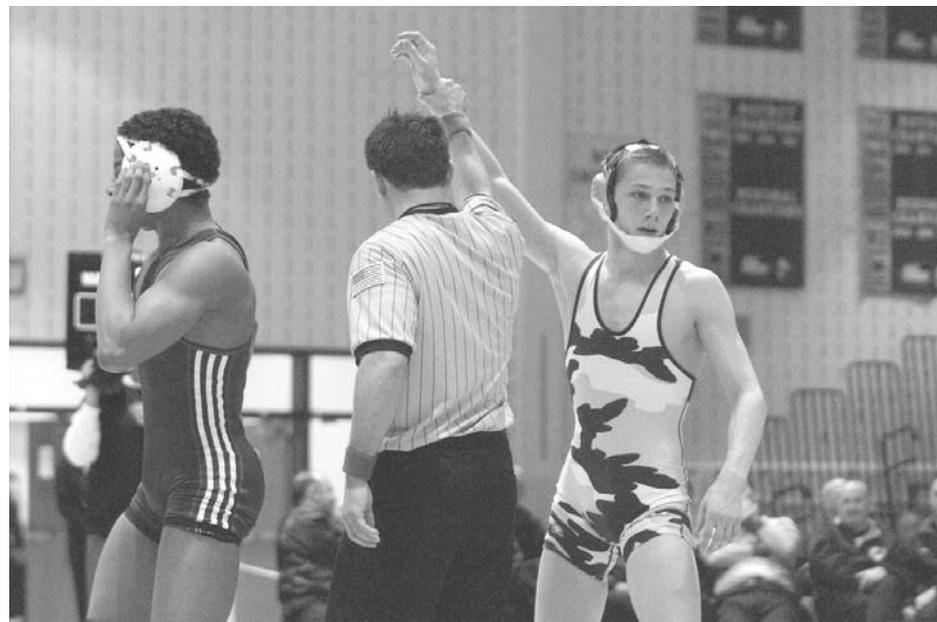


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**Robinson’s Brooks Martino was the 135-weight class champion at last Saturday evening’s Northern Region wrestling finals at Fairfax High School.**

three-time Patriot District champion, but felt he could have done even better.

“I didn’t capitalize on a lot of stuff,” he said. “I like to always push the pace.”

Bass is looking forward to states.

“I have a lot of confidence in myself and feel I’ll do pretty well [at states] and be even stronger [physically],” said Bass, who made it to the finals with wins over Fairfax High’s Kevin Richards (first period pin), Woodson’s David Taves (second period pin), and McLean’s Austin Miller (21-7, major decision). “As a team we out-train everybody and push each other.”

**IN THE 119 FINALS**, Robinson’s Jake Smith (39-6) built a 2-0 lead before the match was stopped with 1:19 remaining in the second period. Smith’s opponent, Edison’s Brock Jacobson (44-9), was injured and the match could not be resumed. As a result, Smith was the champion by injury default. It marked the second region title for Smith, a former state runner-up. Jacobson, a freshman, earned accolades as the National District champion at his weight class two weeks ago.

Smith said Jacobson hurt his shoulder during a fall when Smith moved ahead 2-0 in that second period. He felt particularly bad for his opponent because the two have been acquaintances since their youth and have practiced and competed against one another over the years.

“It’s hard to go against someone you know,” said Smith.

Smith made it to the finals by winning matches over McLean’s Nick Echeverria

(first period pin), Annandale’s Rawand Shamdin (first period pin), and Madison’s Robert Dooley, 3-1.

Robinson’s Dallas Smith, in the 112 finals, defeated Westfield’s Brett Campbell, 5-2. The match was scoreless after one period before Campbell, with 40 seconds remaining in the second period, earned two points at the edge of the mat with a reversal to go ahead 2-0. But early in the third period, Smith turned his opponent over and earned five points to take control of the match and ultimately earn the win.

It was the second straight region crown for Smith (30-5), who a year ago reached the state finals.

Two weeks ago in the Concorde District finals, Smith lost to Campbell, 4-1.

“I lost to him one time [in five meetings this year] at the district finals,” said Smith, of rival Campbell. “I had to get my head together [for the region finals meeting]. I thought about [the district finals loss] every minute this week and didn’t want to talk about it.”

Of the region title match win, Smith said, “The match didn’t go the way I thought it would. I didn’t think I’d get a five-point throw [sequence]. I knew I was going to win after that.”

Smith, who made it to the finals with wins over Marshall’s James Cusack (first period pin), Annandale’s Jon Le (second period pin), and Oakton’s Eddie Gerow (first period pin), is looking forward to states.

“I have to work even harder this week and hope to be at the first place podium [at states],” he said.

Robinson’s Sodergren (34-11), a freshman, won his 103 finals match in close fashion, 4-3, over South County freshman Hunter Manley (44-6). Sodergren earned a two-point takedown early in the first period to go ahead 2-0. Manley got escape points early in the second and early in the third period as well to tie the match at 2-2. But within the final minute of the match, Sodergren, from the ground, earned a two-point takedown to go up 4-2. Manley closed within 4-3 and nearly scored in the final seconds but Sodergren held on to gain the championship win.

“It was a close match,” said Sodergren, who won the Concorde District championship two weeks ago. “I just tried to keep going and eventually came out on top. He’s a little lankier than me and strong, and he kept pushing.”

Sodergren, in his road to the finals, defeated South Lakes’ Kevin Argueta (15-0, technical fall), Mount Vernon’s Eriq Dahlum, 6-2, and West Potomac’s Ian Thompson (first period pin).

Two other Robinson wrestlers made it to the region finals before finishing second. Zak Depasquale (33-10), at the 145 finals, lost to unbeaten Ryan Forrest of South Lakes, 10-1 (major decision). Forrest, the Liberty District champion, improved to 45-0. Depasquale had reached the finals with wins over West Springfield’s David Branson (first period pin), Washington-Lee’s Jared Deiner (13-1, major decision), and Stone Bridge’s Pat Taylor, 6-0.

Also making it to the finals for Robinson was Santiago Valdez at 130 weight class. The junior (37-8) made it to the championship match with wins over Lake Braddock’s Sean Haskett (second period pin), McLean’s Andy Chung (second period pin), and Hayfield’s Nathan Coburn, 5-4. In the finals, Valdez lost to unbeaten junior Henry Majano (40-0 record) of Wakefield High by a close 3-2 decision. Majano led 2-0 after one period and 2-1 going into the third. Early in the final period, Majano went ahead 3-1 with an escape point. Late in the match, Valdez got within 3-2 with an escape point in the closing seconds.

Robinson wrestlers Tim Fitzpatrick (171) and Shon Tron (140) both earned fifth place medals.

Jake Smith, Robinson’s 119 champion, said he and his teammates were thrilled to win the region title over Westfield. But the upcoming states are what Robinson has really been looking forward to.

“Our team has always been strong and we have a good rival with Westfield,” said Smith. “But winning the region really means nothing. We have our eyes on states.”

**Jen Harazin** and **Drew Witter** of Robinson Secondary School, **Will Crowley** of Woodson High School and **Kerrigan Strong** of West Springfield High School are among the 28

### SCHOOL NOTES

Fairfax County Public Schools students performing Sunday, Feb. 20, at Carnegie Hall in New York City, as part of the wind ensemble Flutopia. The students will perform in A Breath of Fresh Air pre-

sented by the Distinguished Concerts International New York series as part of a larger concert. Among the pieces they will perform are “Eyes Wide Open” (Eric Jackson), “October” (Eric Whitacre), “Heaven’s Light and Fate of the Gods,” (Steven Reineke) and the overture to

the “Marriage of Figaro” (Mozart).

**Melanie Akwule** of Burke, made the dean’s list for fall semester 2010 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Undergraduate students earning a 3.00 or higher academic average for the se-

mester gain the distinction of being named to the Georgia Tech dean’s list

**Laura Valin** of Burke, was named to the fall 2010 dean’s list at Quinnipiac University.

## COMMUNITY

# Experiencing Firsthand the Horrors of War

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son gas created for that war. "If you get it in your eyes, it causes blindness," she said. "If it gets in your throat, the acid burns your lungs and you take days to die."

For the simulation, students wore surgical masks, but social studies teacher John Perriello had one girl briefly don a real gas mask for illustration. Then, while students crouched under tables in their "trenches," Reade had them write down everything they saw, heard and smelled during their experience.

With battle scenes projected onscreen, Reade would intermittently yell, "Incoming!" as she and Perriello smacked the tops of the tables hard with mop handles and big blocks of wood, while a soundtrack of shooting and explosions played loudly.

"Write for me what you're afraid of," Reade told the students. "What are the dangers? How are you preparing yourself to face them? What are you thinking about? You've been shelled for three days in a row; how does your head feel? You've been on the ground awhile now; how do your legs and back feel?"

The teachers also blew shrill whistles, from time to time, and rang cowbells to simulate the bells warning that a gas attack

was coming. "It's poisonous, chlorine gas," shouted Reade. "Is your mask on tight enough? The mask itches and scratches and covers your whole face. It gives you claustrophobia. How do you feel?"

Detailing more about what the soldiers went through, she said, "Besides protecting your head, your helmet was your bathtub and what you ate meals out of. One piece of bread and one tin of meat is your ration for 24 hours. How will you make it last? The rats have nibbled on your bread. Will you still eat it? The meat is spoiled, but you eat it anyway and feel sick."

They also had mail call, with some "soldiers" receiving mail, and others, nothing. Again, students wrote how they felt. Afterward, they shared their thoughts about the whole experience.

"It was like it was real," said Brendan Benning. "You could hear the bombs exploding and the machine guns. It was like you were right there. My back was sore and the cramped position hurt. It feels like the 'bang, bang, bang' would never go out of your head." He said he would have tried trading his spoiled meat for smaller pieces that were better, but "It would be disgusting living there. I'd have to have a stick to beat up the rats."

Charlotte Hyland said it enabled the stu-

dents to put themselves in the soldiers' places. "You had a good sense of what they felt," she said. "The positions we were sitting in, the noise and the screaming were almost scary, and it was much worse in the actual war. I don't think I could have coped with it. Those soldiers must have been really strong to have gone through that."

In her "letter," she received a Starburst candy with a note saying, "A treat from mom and dad."

"It made me happy that they didn't forget about me," said Charlotte. "It also made me remember I wasn't dead, but was still alive and who I was."

During the simulation, she said, "I was scared. Everything was loud, it was hot and it hurt lying down. I just wanted to get out of there. It's hard to imagine what it was like doing that for years."

John Anderson said it was fun, but that he could see how bad it was for those actually there. "It gives us a real picture of what it would be like," he said. "A lot of people go off to war not realizing how bad it is." He added that the simulation would leave more of an imprint on the students than just reading from a textbook.

John, too, was happy to get mail. "My mom and dad told me what was going on at home," he said. "It made the problems

of war lift up for a couple seconds so I could remember the good parts of life."

Lucas Puranen also liked the simulation. "It was very loud," he said. "It must be annoying always having bombs and planes overhead. It was also disgusting, but real soldiers have to live with it. They'd be stronger mentally because of all the things they'd gone through, if they were still sane. Having to sleep in the mud with the constant sound of rats was gross." Lucas also wondered how well the gas masks really worked. "I have to respect the current U.S. troops for all they do," he said. "I don't know how they do it."

For homework, the students had to write as if it were 1916 and argue that the U.S. should or shouldn't enter WWI. They had to give three reasons supporting their statement and list a factual event backing up one of their reasons. Reade also shared with them a letter her grandfather wrote home from that war, July 24, 1918.

A medical officer, he treated patients in a French field hospital. Describing a German air attack, he expressed contempt for anyone who'd do such a thing, but was confident the war would be over soon. "The spirit, courage and morale of our boys is the most wonderful thing," he wrote. "We know that victory is ours, sooner or later."

## FAITH NOTES

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**Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church**, 10125 Lakehaven Court in Burke, Friday Night Film Series Presents "9500 Liberty," Friday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. The film will be followed by a discussion on immigration with director Eric Byler. Bring dinner. Free and open to the public, doors open at 7 p.m. [www.accotinkuuc.org](http://www.accotinkuuc.org) or 703-503-4579

**The Messiah United Methodist Church Festival Chorus** will offer "Requiem" and "Revelations" by Bradley Ellingboe, on Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m. at Messiah UMC, 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield. 703-569-9862, ext. 205.

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive in Clifton, offers three levels of ESL Classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Cost for semester is \$35, including student book. To register, come to the next class. [www.lordoflifelutheran.com](http://www.lordoflifelutheran.com) or 703-323-9500.

**Jubilee Christian Center**, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, will have a new Bible Study on Tuesdays through March 8 at 9:45 a.m. entitled "Discovering Who We Are in Christ." \$15. Child care available. Register at 703-383-1170 or [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

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The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is currently hosting a special adoption, through Feb. 28, called "Be Mine, Feline," highlighting cats and kittens available for adoption. The shelter is including a special assessment of each cat's personality to help prospective adopters find the right feline for their family.

In November 2010, the shelter received 161 cats from a hoarding case at a single home. Many of those cats are now healthy and ready to go to safe, loving, permanent homes. Many other cats and kittens staying at the shelter this winter are also available.

"Throughout February, the shelter will be in the business of matchmaking, helping adopters match the right cat for their lifestyle and their home," said Dr. Karen Diviney, the shelter director.

To view cats (and other animals) available for adoption, visit the shelter Tuesdays through Fridays, 12-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Or, to adopt other types of animals, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police) to see the shelter's Adopt-A-Pet feature and learn more about an animal in search of a loving home. For more information, call the shelter at 703-830-1100.

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## Feral Cats Need Barn Homes

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is seeking barn homes for 22 feral cats seized from a hoarding case in November 2010. So far, 12 of them have been placed in barn homes as part of a new, pilot Barn Buddy adoption program.

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**Alexandria** **\$449,950**  
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**Fairfax Station** **\$659,750**  
Reduced! Quality-built 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA Colonial on quiet cul-de-sac. Excellent condition w/ many extras/upgrades: Gourmet kitchen w/ new granite countertops, new Refrig w/ Dispensers, GAS cooktop, double ovens, new oak hardwood floors, 2 bay windows, fully finished basement, 2 story foyer next to library. Family rm w/ vaulted ceiling & fireplace! Huge custom deck! Fully fenced yard, huge Master Suite includes sitting area and luxury bath w/ jetted tub.  
**Steve Childress 703-981-3277**



**Lakeridge Community** **\$449,900**  
Stunning center-hall colonial sited on over .5 acre landscaped & wooded lot on quiet street. Features spacious Kitchen w/ table space that flows into the Family Rm w/ fireplace & w/out through French doors to a wonderful Sunroom addition. LL offers Rec Rm, full BA & plenty of storage. Beautifully maintained & offering warm hardwood flrs, neutral paint & carpet make this house is truly ready to call home!  
**Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949**



**Manassas** **\$299,000**  
Rare offering! 4BR, 2BA upgraded Cape Cod w/3 fin lvls on 1/2 acre w/fenced yard & w/o bsmt. Ideal for rental, home office, vehicle storage or business. Property is zoned heavy industrial w/access to public sewer & water.  
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**Fairfax Middleridge** **\$565,000**  
WOW! Exquisite colonial on a magnificent lot! Payne (colonial) model with 4 large bedrooms, 3.5 updated baths, beautiful and updated kitchen, hardwood floors, finished lower level, one car garage ... all overlooking a flat and beautiful backyard!  
**Catie, Steve & Associates 703-278-9313**



**Clifton** **\$3,400,000**  
Spectacular custom 5 acre estate. Offering stunning architectural elements with unparalleled ambiance. Featuring Gourmet kitchen, multiple gathering areas, fully finished lower level, game room, fitness room, full au pair suite. Impeccable landscaping, 5 car garage, shimmering pool, full size sport court, stone patios, outdoor kitchen & fireplace. Every imaginable amenity & finest finishing touches!  
**Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949**



**Lake Anna To Be Built** **\$249,000**  
Water Access 3 BR 2 BA with a full unfinished basement. granite counters and stainless appliances, main living area will have hardwood floors, carpet in bedrooms, ceramic tile in bathrooms. Poured concrete foundation w/ an attached 2 car garage.  
**Dana Isaac 540-661-2019**



**Fairfax Station/Crosspointe** **\$699,990**  
Updated kitchen w/ granite & SS appliances! 5BR, 3.5BA. Large library extension! New hwd floors! Finished w/o bsmt to wooded lot! Visit 8321ArgentCircle.com for a virtual tour of this fine home.  
**David Billups 703-967-8700**



**Fairfax City Office Condo** **\$249,000**  
Recently renovated corner condo with 5 offices, reception area, restroom, kitchenette and storage. Bright & sunny with lots of windows. Elevator, covered parking & on bus route. Great location near shopping and commuter routes.  
**Nancy Basham 703-772-2066**



**Warrenton** **\$319,900**  
Gorgeous All-brick garage TH on quiet cul-de-sac. Spacious, Main level MBR w/full BA. Sun Filled 2-story Great Rm w/FP. Gleaming Hardwoods on entire main level. Huge Deck overlooking landscaped/fenced Backyard. Fabulous Kitchen w/42" upgraded Cabinets, Corian Countertops & Ige Pantry. Separate Dining Rm. Main Level Study w/ Built ins. Walk out Lower level with Fin Rec Rm, Full BA, Workshop & Storage. 3172 Sq Ft of finished space!  
**John Boyce 703-425-5646**



**Lake Anna Waterfront** **\$349,999**  
Fifty feet of water frontage on beautiful Lake Anna at an amazing price. Great open floor plan with gas fireplace and CABLE. Three full baths and a rough-in for the fourth in the walkout basement. Move in ready.  
**Buddy Poland 540-894-7821**



**Gainesville Heritage Hunt 55+** **\$549,000**  
Stunning SFH! 4BR, 3BA, Gmt Kit w/isl & gran, B/1st rm, Din rm, Grt rm w/gas fpl, Study, M/lvl MBR suite w/ WIC, Hdwds, 9'+ ceilings, blt/ins, cust win/treats, rec rm, extd patio & ldsced lot w/Golf & water view, prch w/colms. Gate comm.  
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**Fairfax** **\$524,288**  
4BR, 3.5BA move-in ready in WOODSON High tier. Kitchen boasts NEW cabinets, granite, and hardwoods & opens to large family room. LR has custom bookcases DR overlooks 1/3 acre treed lot. Baths upgraded. Hardwoods refinished. LL walkout rec room with Brick Fireplace has full bath. Minutes to VRE, METRO, GMU, XBUS, and more.  
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**TO REGISTER:**  
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**Arlington/Penrose** **\$605,000**  
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**Fairfax Station** **\$1,295,000**  
Gorgeous (Inside & Out!) brick colonial sited on 5 Wooded acres on private cul-de-sac! Must See Features: stunning open stairway in 2-story grand foyer, gourmet kit, library, sunroom, HUGE "bumped-out" family rm, living rm & formal dining rm. Includes 3 fireplaces, spacious wraparound deck, fully finished walk-out Bsmt with 5th BR & full BA, & 4 car garage! Easy access to all amenities.  
**Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949**



**West Springfield Fabulous House** **\$719,900**  
3 finished levels, 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 frpls, total finished w/o basement. Media room, hdwds all main level, 2 car garage, updated kitchen. Close to VRE, Shopping, walk to schools. Must see inside to appreciate the details. Fresh paint and more.  
**Buzz Jordan 703-503-1866**



**Lake Anna Private Setting** **\$176,000**  
Close to Lake Anna State Park. Three Bedroom two bath home nestled on over 11 acres. Gas fireplace in Family Rm. Recent price reduction. If you enjoy privacy this is a MUST SEE.  
**Buddy Poland 540-894-7821**



**Fairfax** **\$335,000**  
End-unit, 3-level townhouse style condo w/3BR, 2.5BA in unbeatable Fairfax location. Features oversized one car garage, open floor plan, updated appliances & large deck that is perfect for entertaining. Association recently installed brand new windows and plans are in place for brand new composite decks. Enjoy the plethora of community amenities including gym, playground, tennis courts, pool & more.  
**Ngoc Do & Associates 703-798-2899**



**Burke Centre** **\$254,900**  
Pack Up and Move In! This adorable Townhouse/Condo is has been completely updated just for you. 3 large bedrooms, 2.5 baths, beautiful kitchen and a fantastic location. Overlooking the grand courtyard in Woodwalk and just steps away from shopping, schools, lake and pool! Call Diane to learn more!  
**Catie, Steve & Associates 703-278-9313**



**Burke** **\$334,900**  
Beautiful 4 BR / 2 FB / 1 HB townhouse conveniently located, yet tucked away! LARGE eat-in kitchen w/ wooded view. SPACIOUS family rm w/ fireplace leads to PRIVATE, fenced yard. Backs to parkland! LOTS of storage and ample parking! White Oaks / Lake Braddock. Priced to sell NOW!  
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**Fairfax Station This Home Has it All!** **\$795,000**  
6+ acres, 5 car garage, pool - fabulous solid brick beauty!!! Featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, huge family room addition w/wall to wall windows, center island kitchen w/granite counters, finished lower level. Location, Location, Location.  
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**Springfield All Brick!** **\$279,750**  
Renovated 3 level end unit TH close to Springfield VRE co muter rail station! 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Fireplace in Rec Rm, Patio overlooking private common grounds. Many NEW Upgrades: Deluxe double-pane windows, insulated front door, vinyl clad aluminum trim, w/w carpet, paint, Fios, and MORE!  
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**Fairfax Just Right...** **\$479,500**  
Top of the line updates, great floor plan, sought-after schools! This three-level walk out split has cathedral ceilings, hardwoods, renovated baths & kitchen. Plus, all the essential updates... brick & hardiplank, architectural roof, vinyl windows, Hvac & more. No expense spared!! Steps to Metrobus & schools, minutes to VRE.  
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Fairfax \$699,900  
Fabulous Colonial nestled on a large wooded one + acre Lot - This beauty features a huge eat-in Kitchen Breakfast Area - Hardwood Floors -

4 Nice Size Bedrooms - 2 1/2 Baths - 1st Floor Family Room w/PP - Glass Slider steps you out to a two tier deck, perfect for entertaining - An Open and Flowing Sunny Floor Plan - Lower Level is partially finished, Workshop Area, Storage Area, plus a walk-up. Enjoy country living, close in!  
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Fairfax \$509,900  
Lovely Kings Park beauty featuring 4 BR's, 2 1/2 Baths, Kitchen has been redesigned with new Maple kitchen cabinets, & granite counters, Updated half bath, 1st floor family room, Finished lower level, New carpeting on main & lower level. This home has the perfect back yard, come & see!! Super Location.



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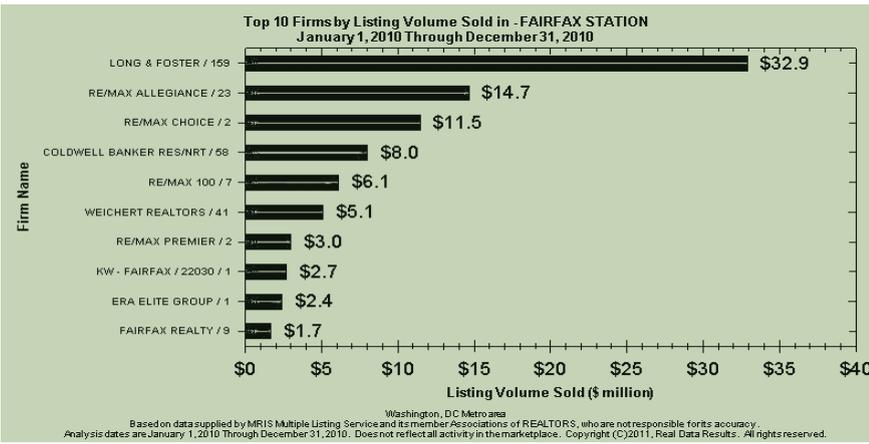


Burke Centre \$342,000  
Terrific 3 level townhome with lots of updates! Remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, windows, the list goes on! Large recreation room with stone fireplace, deck & patio plus fenced rear yard!  
Convenient to pool, VRE, schools & shopping.



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Fairfax \$329,900  
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