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## John Ariale Named Community Champion

Relay for Life returns  
Friday, May 13.

BY SALMA CHADHA  
THE CONNECTION

A few months after Beth Bryan, the former swim coach for their children, died of cancer in 2009, John Ariale and Bryan's girlfriends met at his house to discuss what they could do to keep Bryan's memory alive.

At the meeting, Ariale popped a DVD of a Relay for Life event from Newport News, Va., into the DVD player. The American Cancer Society sent him the DVD as an idea.

"Our jaws dropped," said Ariale of the numbers of people in the video. "None of us knew what a Relay for Life was."

They all felt overwhelmed by the idea and decided to have a team participate at the closest Relay to Springfield, which turned out to be in Centreville. Ariale and the women felt that the residents of Springfield and Burke could use a relay in their backyards and so the Relay for Life Springfield/Burke was born.

The women insisted Ariale be the chairman since he had done some research on it and knew more than they did.

"We were all newbies, though, and had no idea what to expect our first year," said Ariale.

"I will never forget the first time John and Relay co-founder Leslie Carlin walked into



John Ariale and Leslie Carlin, founders of Relay for Life Springfield/Burke.

my office with a plan to start a Relay for Life in Springfield," said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). "It was a big idea that was going to require a tremendous amount of work, but you could tell right away that John was going to make it a huge success, no matter what."

"My mother has cancer and I am very proud of the fact that funds from our Relay go to research that is saving her life," said Ariale. The event raised more than \$160,000 in its first year. "We know we won't get the same numbers this year but

I'm hoping to be close."

**HERRITY NOMINATED** Ariale as a Community Champion for his work with the Relay for Life and the Beth Bryan Foundation, which provides scholarships. In his other life, Ariale is a husband and father of one daughter, who goes to Irving Middle School, and of two boys, one in college and one a senior at West Springfield High School. He is from Florida, but considers Northern Virginia his home. He has a law degree and works as a chief of staff for U.S.

"John has been truly amazing to watch and work with."

— Paul Wardinski, principal  
of West Springfield High School

Rep. Ander Crenshaw (R-Fla.) He is also active with his church and reaches out to children through the youth ministries.

This year's Relay for Life takes place on Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m., at West Springfield High School.

"John has been truly amazing to watch and work with throughout the entire process of discussing the idea to bring a Relay to Life event to the Springfield and Burke area through the first event last May and now with our second event," said Paul Wardinski, principal of West Springfield High School. "His passion, compassion and work ethic in reference to this project are second to none. There would be no Springfield Burke Relay for Life event without John's vision, leadership, dedication to the cause, enthusiasm and follow-through. John keeps the focus for all of us, especially when things look bleak or troublesome."

So far, Relay for Life Springfield/Burke has raised more than \$100,00 for this year. To learn more, go to [www.springfieldburkerelay.org](http://www.springfieldburkerelay.org) or [www.bethbryanfoundation.com](http://www.bethbryanfoundation.com).

## Man Indicted for Role in 2008 Ravensworth Murders

In court on May 6, suspect Delante Cook does not contest detention.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

A 34-year-old Prince George's County man was indicted by a federal grand jury on Wednesday, May 4, for his role in an armed robbery that resulted in the stabbing deaths of three men in the Ravensworth neighborhood in November, 2008.

According to the five-page U.S. District Court indictment, on Nov. 19, 2008, Delante Cook and at least two other men, impersonated police officers to gain entry to the Ravensworth home they had targeted for cash and drugs. Cook was indicted on two counts of conspiracy and attempt to commit robbery.

Brothers Ryan C. Strobe, 26, and Terence J. Strobe, 38, who rented the home on Moultrie Road in the Ravensworth neighborhood, were fatally stabbed. Andres A. Yelicie, 26, a friend who was visiting the brothers, was also stabbed.

On Friday, May 6, a detention hearing was held in the U.S. District Court in Alexandria. "Mr. Cook, through his counsel, did not contest detention at this time and was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals without bond pending further court action," said Peter Carr, a spokesman for the U.S. District Attorney's Office. Lana Manitta, who was appointed Wednesday afternoon to represent Cook.

The brutal slayings traumatized the typically peaceful Springfield neighborhood two years ago.

"This was a horrific thing when it happened, and it really shook up the neighborhood," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) Wednesday night, May 4. "Ravensworth is the community next to mine (in Kings Park). We have very peaceful, quiet neighborhoods. There was a lot of angst in the community over this." At the time, several community meetings were held to allay residents' fears, John Cook said.

"As a community, we are relieved and certainly very pleased that they have caught a suspect. I know this has been a top priority for our police, and they've worked very hard to connect the dots and get this indictment. It should be reassuring that police believe this was not some random attack, but a very targeted crime," Cook said.

The indictment alleges that the defendant, Delante Cook, along with other named and unnamed co-conspirators, conducted "physical surveillance" of the home two days before the robbery. On the night of the robbery, the men armed themselves with knives and other weapons, disguised themselves as police officers and threatened the victims with violence before stealing laptops, cell phones, marijuana and cash.

Neither Delante Cook nor any other conspirators have been charged with the mur-

ders, and the investigation is ongoing, according to Fairfax County Police, who investigated the case.

However, it is possible that Raymond E. Morrogh, Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney, will file separate charges against Cook and other in the next few months.

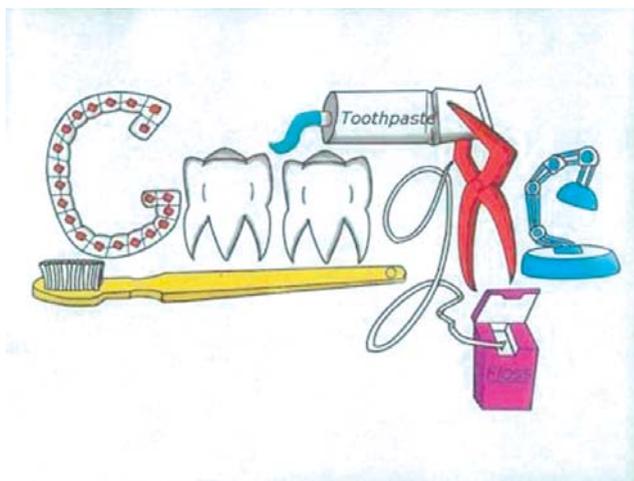
Calling the crime "vicious, brutal and heinous," Fairfax Police Chief David Rohrer said that the brothers' home may have been targeted because of their alleged marijuana dealing. "These three men did not deserve to die," Rohrer said, during a news conference last week at the Alexandria courthouse held with Neil H. MacBride, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Supervisor Cook praised Chief Rohrer and the detectives and officers who worked the

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— Supervisor John Cook  
(R-Braddock)

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ARTWORK BY OMAR AMIN

**Amin's entry, 'Smile for Life,' earned him a trip to New York City as a regional finalist in the Doodle 4 Google competition**

## Student Doodles 4 Google

Kings Glen Elementary School sixth grader Omar Amin found out that doodling can be a good thing. His artistic doodles won him a spot as a regional finalist in the Doodle 4 Google competition, a national art competition sponsored by Google.

He is one of 40 regional finalists whose design of a Google logo or doodle was inspired by the statement, "What I'd like to do someday ..." Until May 13, regional finalists' entries will be displayed online at [www.google.com/doodle4google](http://www.google.com/doodle4google), where people can vote for their favorite entries. The top four vote-getters will be named national finalists. The competition invites K-12 students to use their artistic talents to think big and redesign Google's homepage logo.

Amin's entry, "Smile For Life," includes the narrative: "As the sun shines and spring blooms around me, I enter my clinic. This clinic is built upon my dreams of dentistry and desire to help people smile beautifully. My mission and dream: help each and every patient of mine to have a sparkling smile."

"Our doodle team, volunteer Googlers and incredibly talented guest judges helped us determine the 40 regional finalists. Whoopi Goldberg, Evan Lysacek, Michael Phelps and Jim Davis, just to name a few, lent a hand to help find the cream of the artistic crop," said Marissa Mayer, vice president of product management at Google in a statement released last week.

On Thursday, May 19, Google will announce the national winner at the awards ceremony in New York City. The national winner will receive a \$15,000 college scholarship and \$25,000 toward a new computer lab for his or her school, and the winning design will appear on [google.com](http://google.com) on Friday, May 20.

All of the top 40 Regional Finalists will also have their work publicly displayed at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York and at SFMOMA in San Francisco.

Amin has been invited to attend the Doodle 4 Google awards ceremony in New York City. A total of 107,000 entries were submitted by students in grades K-12 across the country.

## Board OKs \$250 Million School Bond Referendum

In an unanimous 10-0 vote, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a \$250 million school bond referendum on Tuesday, May 10. The referendum will go before voters on Nov. 8.

For the Braddock District, the proposed bonds would fund renovations and improvements to Canterbury Woods Elementary, Keene Mill Elementary, Terra Centre Elemen

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Judy Payne fills bags of kettle corn at the market.

# Fresh Choice for Shoppers



**Susie Yamamoto offers samples of her cookies on Friday, May 6, for the season's first Kingstowne Farmers Market.**



**Maria Torres of Mount Olympus Orchards glows above the baskets of freshly picked strawberries.**

## Kingstowne Farmers Market opens for 2011.

**W**hether its produce, baked goods, flowers or kettle corn, the Kingstowne Farmers Market has plenty of fresh goods to offer shoppers. The market opened for the 2011 season on Friday, May 6. It will remain open on Fridays, through Oct. 28, from 4-7 p.m., at the Kingstowne Town Center, near the intersection of Kingstowne Boulevard and South Van Dorn St., in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT

**Bunches of Easter Egg radishes peek out among the leafy foliage.**

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tary, North Springfield Elementary, Fairfax Villa Elementary, and West Springfield High School.

“Our children are our greatest resource. We are not talking about luxury here. We are talking about necessary long-term renovations to bring these aging structures up to adequate standards,” said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). “This money will provide some needed relief and remodeling to our schools, and really, probably the most-used facilities in our county.”

If voters pass the referendum this fall, the bonds would provide:

- ❖ \$14.9 million for Canterbury Woods Elementary and \$16.6 million for Terra Centre Elementary for infrastructure improvements and renovations that could include new floors, new ceilings, and sound systems. At Terra Centre, according to Cook, this also means new walls, since it was originally built with open classrooms.

- ❖ \$5.5 million for West Springfield High School, \$723,000 for North Springfield Elementary and \$908,000 for Keene Mill Elementary for evaluation and planning that will go toward future capital renovations and improvements

- ❖ \$3.129 million for Fairfax Villa Elementary for a

## NEWS BRIEFS

necessary addition as a result of the Southwest boundary changes.

“Some of our schools are in desperate need of repair and renovation. Quite frankly our children deserve better,” said Cook. “My children attend FCPS schools that were recently renovated. I want all Braddock children to have the same opportunity.”

— VICTORIA ROSS

## History in the Making

Several creative Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students won first place awards in the Virginia History Day competition held recently in Williamsburg.

- ❖ Chloe Baker of Lorton Station Elementary School, who took home the first prize for her documentary, “The Alien and Sedition Acts: An Open Violation.”

- ❖ Andy Chen, Alyssa Debra and Danielle Hafer of West Springfield High School won first place in the Senior Group Exhibit for “Rice, Potato, and Pasta into the Melting Pot?”

- ❖ Alex Moree and Patrick Kelly, seniors at West Springfield High School, took first place for their website “Peace? The Congress of Vienna and the Revolutions of the 19th Century.”

## SCHOOL NOTES

**Northern Virginia’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes Power Camp** runs June 27-July, at Key Middle School. Local High School, 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield. Christian coaches and athletes provide instruction to youths, ages 8-12, in the following

sports: boys-baseball, football, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis and wrestling; and girls-basketball, cheerleading, soccer, lacrosse and tennis. Registration \$200 for week. Go to [www.novafca.org](http://www.novafca.org) or call 703-225-0070 for information on all FCA camps.

**Kayla Magaha**, a health and medical science student from Hayfield Secondary School, won a third place award at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership conference. Magaha won in the career health day category.



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## OPINION

# Time To Support Small Businesses

Show support for local businesses  
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Small businesses, especially locally owned retail stores and restaurants, are part of what defines any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active as a volunteer in fundraising and advocating for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing community events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores and restaurants, have weathered some very tough times in the last few years. Many of the costs of doing business have increased, (price of gas, for example) while many businesses defined a successful year in 2010 if revenues did not decline — again — from the previous year.

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And small businesses are critical to economic recovery. In Virginia, small businesses make up more than 97 percent of employers and nearly 50 percent of non-government employment.

And while Northern Virginia's economy has fared far better than almost any other region in the country, small, locally owned, community-oriented businesses have not universally shared in bounty.

The small business owner must be master of the budget and doing more with less. He or she must stay up to date on changing regulations while they market their business, manage benefits and employee schedules and maintain the company's edge in serving its customers.

From May 15-20, show support to your locally owned small businesses. Shop locally. Eat locally. Greet the business owner and tell her that you're there this week to support small, local business.

Then be sure to come back on a regular basis.

Your hometown quality of life depends on it.

## Local Winners

Washington Metropolitan Area District Office of the Small Business Administration will honor several local business people and organizations this week.

This year's Washington Metro Minority Business Champion is Danny Vargas of Herndon, president of VARCom Solutions, a marketing and public relations firm. A U.S. Air Force veteran and former Fortune 500 executive, he served as chairman of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the first Hispanic to chair a mainstream chamber in Virginia, according to the chamber. Vargas grew the Dulles Hispanic Business Council and developed a professional support program for local small business owners. Vargas also serves on the advisory board of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Commission of the National Museum of the American Latino, the Virginia Workforce Council, and the Board of the Northern Virginia Family Service.

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# PEOPLE

## Happy Mother's Day

The Mighty Montavons take a break on a day hike to the waterfalls in Glacier National Park, Glacier, Mont, during the summer of 2010 — Rachel, 13,; James, 15; Genevieve, 11; Peter, 7; Eve (mom), young at heart.



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## FRIDAY/MAY 13

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**"Once Upon a Mattress."** 7 p.m. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. Northern Virginia Players presents the story of the Princess and the Pea in Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

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## SATURDAY/MAY 14

**Franconia in the Civil War.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Robert E. Lee Recreation Center, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Two days of history, music, artifacts and information relating to the Franconia area during the Civil War, with artisans, historians and authors from Franconia and Fairfax County. Period music by elementary school groups. Adults \$5 for both days, age 62 and up and age 14-18 \$2.50, under age 14 free. dhakenson@cox.net or 703-

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**2nd Saturday Art Walk.** 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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**All That Jazz.** 7 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Jazz, pop and disco songs. \$5. [jeanabood@mac.com](mailto:jeanabood@mac.com).

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**Paws to Read.** 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice reading aloud to a trained therapy dog. 15-minute session available. Age 6-12. 703-339-7385.

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**Cook and Bake-Off for a Cause Dinner.** 5 p.m. Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Youth members will bring an entry to compete for best dish. Guests may bring a dish of their choice. All proceeds benefit United Community Ministries and the church's Youth Appalachia Mission Trip. [mvpvcvayouth@yahoo.com](mailto:mvpvcvayouth@yahoo.com).

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**Operating Model Train Displays.** 12-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Northern Virginia Ntrak members and N-gauge model trains. \$3 adults, \$1 children. [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org).

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**Books Are My Friends.** 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Age 13-23 months with adult. Registration is not required; tickets will be distributed beginning 30 minutes before the event. 703-339-4610.

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# Home Life Style

## Your Home Should Make You Happy

Design trends include more personal touches, smaller spaces, lower maintenance materials.

BY CLAIRE MCKENNA  
THE CONNECTION

Many local interior designers participated in this Spring's design house to benefit Children's National Medical Center. Several reflected on recent trends and offered insight on why good design matters.

"Most of us are looking at our home now as more than an investment," said Barbara Franceschi of Alexandria, who designed the family room in the design house. "We plan to stay in place for a longer period of time, and with that comes a desire to enjoy life right where we are."

For that reason, "personal expression is more center stage than ever," Franceschi said. Homeowners want to use original, unique art to animate spaces, and can even turn to digitally printed wallpaper to create something unique for themselves. People are mixing materials like contemporary Lucite pieces with wood and alabaster and metals. "We're embracing originality rather than a stale, decorated look."

**DESIGNER MICHAEL ROBERSON** of Arlington also referred to "a new eclecticism." This style consists of an "interesting mix of things we've never mixed before."

It used to be that eclectic design combined different historic and modern styles that in one way or another related to each other, she said. But now this is not always a requirement.

"Literally everything in the room is unique from everything else," Roberson said. "People seem to be simply putting what they like in a room."

This design technique can "sometimes be wonderful," but Roberson also implies that it also has the potential for disaster.

That's one reason Nancy Colbert of McLean, who designed the library in DC Design House, recommends consulting a designer, as well as checking other resources.

"Whether you're planning on going it alone, or choose to seek help [from a designer], spend time investigating current design magazines or websites to get a sense of what feels good for you."

In gathering ideas from these different sources, Colbert says new decorators may find "a place to build their vision."

One trend Colbert observes: "We're seeing less and less brown wood." Until recently,

most furniture finishes consisted of some variation of brown wood. Now, however, decorators are noticing more painted and combination finishes on furniture pieces.

**LAUREN LIESS OF HERNDON** was the designer of a "hideaway" bedroom in the design house that was designed as a relaxing place to enjoy the window seat, take a nap, write at the Parson's desk or share a cup of tea.

Her wing chair in the hideaway bedroom included its back upholstered in a Michael Smith floral while the seat and front of the chair are dark velvet.

For home decorators looking for a casual design, Liess suggests "using a casual mix of patterns and textures is a more relaxed way to design a room."

Grass-cloth wallpaper, in bedrooms or living areas, is one way to add texture.

**MANY DESIGNERS** have welcomed more business lately as clients look to redecorating as an alternative to relocating. "People seem to be re-doing what they already have rather than moving" says Juliana Cunningham, head of Juliana's Home Interiors in Clifton.

Cunningham commented on the recent trend for clients to simplify the redecorating process themselves. She said that renovating window treatments like panes, blinds and shutters "used to be a more labor-intensive process," but people now seem to be turning to simple shades to compliment their windows.

The designer also echoed many of her fellow designers in commenting on the lack of bold colors seen in homes recently.

"We're seeing much more middle-of-the-color-wheel combinations in all rooms," Cunningham said.



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**Beyond two conversation chairs at the library entrance from the foyer two milled bookcases were added to the entrance to the garden room to contribute to the library's symmetry. Designed by Nancy Colbert of McLean.**



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**'Nature inspired and quirky' describe well the hideaway designed by Lauren Liess. Grasscloth wall and ceiling coverings, diamond patterned sisal rug, an oversized window seat and a pair of distressed silver sconces are just a few of the cozy elements of Lauren Liess' hideaway at the Design House.**

Allie Mann of Case Design agreed, saying "Grey is the new beige."

The designer assures anyone looking for a color change in their home that grey is a safe and smart option. "It can work in many rooms," using the successful blend of "Charleston Grey" in the master bedroom in the design house with the "Corn Forth White" she used in the master bathroom which she designed to support her argument.

Like Cunningham, Mann has noticed many of her clients seeking a less laborious approach to redecorating their homes. Rather than the big additions Mann saw in the early 90s, the designer has noticed "a resurgence of people making better use of smaller spaces."

Mann added that many clients were "asking for more low-maintenance projects." Rather than purchasing materials for their new countertops or floors that require constant upkeep, homeowners are looking for lower maintenance options.

For example, Mann, who specializes in kitchen and bathroom remodeling, said that while before her clients have sought out natural stone tiles for their kitchen and bathroom floors, many have now caught on that porcelain tiles look about the same without requiring nearly as much work to maintain.

Mann offered several tips for getting the most from a modest change: "I'm a big fan of stripes- they can often play up the size of a room." Adding crown-molding can quickly make a room look more formal.

When looking to change the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

**The family room, above, by Alexandria designer Barbara Franceschi, ASID, left.**



look of a room, often the easiest thing to do is switch out accessories, including pillows, shades, furniture covers and chairs.

**"SIMPLY PUT,** I believe your home should make you happy," said Franceschi.

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**Master bath project designer Allie Mann.**

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## COMMUNITY

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## Springfield women donate quilts to Mondloch House II in Alexandria.

**O**n Friday, April 15, young women from the Springfield Ward in the Annandale Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints donated 12 handmade quilts to a homeless shelter in Alexandria. The shelter called Mondloch House II is a 45-bed family facility serving 17 families.

Mondloch House II is one of seven emergency shelter programs operated by New Hope Housing (NHH). NHH was founded as Route One Corridor Housing in 1977 by a group of concerned citizens who witnessed homeless families and individuals living in unacceptable conditions along the Route One corridor of Fairfax County.

The idea to make the quilts and provide them to those less fortunate came from one of the Springfield Ward young women, Erica Greer, a student at Francis Scott Key Middle School in Springfield.

During the Annandale Stake girls' camp, which took place last summer, participants tied quilts as the final step in making a quilt. Erica, an attendee at the camp, thought it would be great to learn how to make quilts from start to finish, and then, as an act of charity, donate them to an organization that cares for the needy.

Erica's inspired idea came to fruition. At the beginning of this year a total of nine Springfield Ward young women, plus adult leaders, started the quilt making effort. Upon completion in April it was estimated that about 60 hours had been spent on the project.

When asked about how it felt working on the project Erica, speaking for the group, said they got a warm feeling inside being able to help



**Erica Greer, left, of Springfield came up with a project to make quilts for less fortunate individuals. She is shown here with Chris Bramante, the community outreach and volunteer coordinator for New Hope Housing; Mary Rose Eargle; and Ashley Greer.**

others. She also said that it was fun working closely with the other young women and leaders.

Chris Bramante the community outreach and volunteer coordinator for NHH accepted the quilts on behalf of the shelter.

## ENTERTAINMENT

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### TUESDAY/MAY 17

**Little White Duck.** 2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-451-8055.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055.

**Lullaby Stories.** 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Evening stories and activities. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-339-4610.

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 18

**Practice Your English.** 10:15 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

**Paint a Rainbow.** 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories and activities about color. Age 2-4 with adult. 703-339-7385.

### THURSDAY/MAY 19

**39th Annual Clifton Charity Homes Tour and Marketplace.** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tour Six Clifton Decorator homes, one an original log cabin dating back to the early 1800's on land that was part of the original land grants of Northern Virginia. Currently the cabin is used for offices and as a tasting room for the Paradise Spring Winery. Tour tickets \$20-\$25, single home admission \$10. [www.cliftoncwc.org](http://www.cliftoncwc.org) or 703-322-1811.

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**Springfield Writers' Group.** 7 p.m.

Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback. 703-451-8055.

**Practice Your English.** 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

**Book Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call for title. Adults. 703-971-0010.

**Lorton Library Book Club.** 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. World's End by T. Coraghessan Boyle. Adults. 703-339-7385.

### FRIDAY/MAY 20

**Musical Revue.** 7 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Songs from musical theater. \$5. [jeanabood@mac.com](mailto:jeanabood@mac.com).

**Lunch Bunch.** 12 p.m. John Marshall

Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Bring lunch and join us for stories. Age birth-5 with adult 703-971-0010.

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# Arrest in 2008 Triple Homicide Case

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case. "I have been updated on this investigation during my entire term in office. Our police department never gave up. They tracked down every lead." They left no stone unturned," Supervisor Cook said in a statement last week.

According to Fairfax County Police reports, the victims were found on Nov. 19,

2008, at 9:42 p.m., after Yelcie, bleeding, was discovered outside the home by a neighbor who placed the 911 call. Yelcie alerted the officers to the two brothers still inside the home.

When officers arrived, Yelcie had what was described as "multiple stab wounds to the upper body." Officers determined that additional wounded victims were inside the home. All three men were taken to Inova

Fairfax Hospital on Gallows Road, and all three died shortly afterwards.

Less than a week after the murders, more than 150 members of the Ravensworth Farm community attended a community meeting at Ravensworth Elementary School, where Fairfax County Police attempted to allay fears.

During that meeting, police said that "all evidence suggests the crime was not ran-

dom in nature," and there is "nothing to indicate in our investigation that you are in any jeopardy." In 2008, the triple slayings were the 20th murders in Fairfax County, which has a population of more than 1 million.

Delante Cook faces a maximum of 40 years in prison if convicted of the charges. Assistant United States Attorneys Jonathan Fahey and Sean Tonolli are prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States. Cook's arraignment hearing is scheduled for Friday, May 13 at 9 a.m. before U.S. District Judge Claude M. Hilton.

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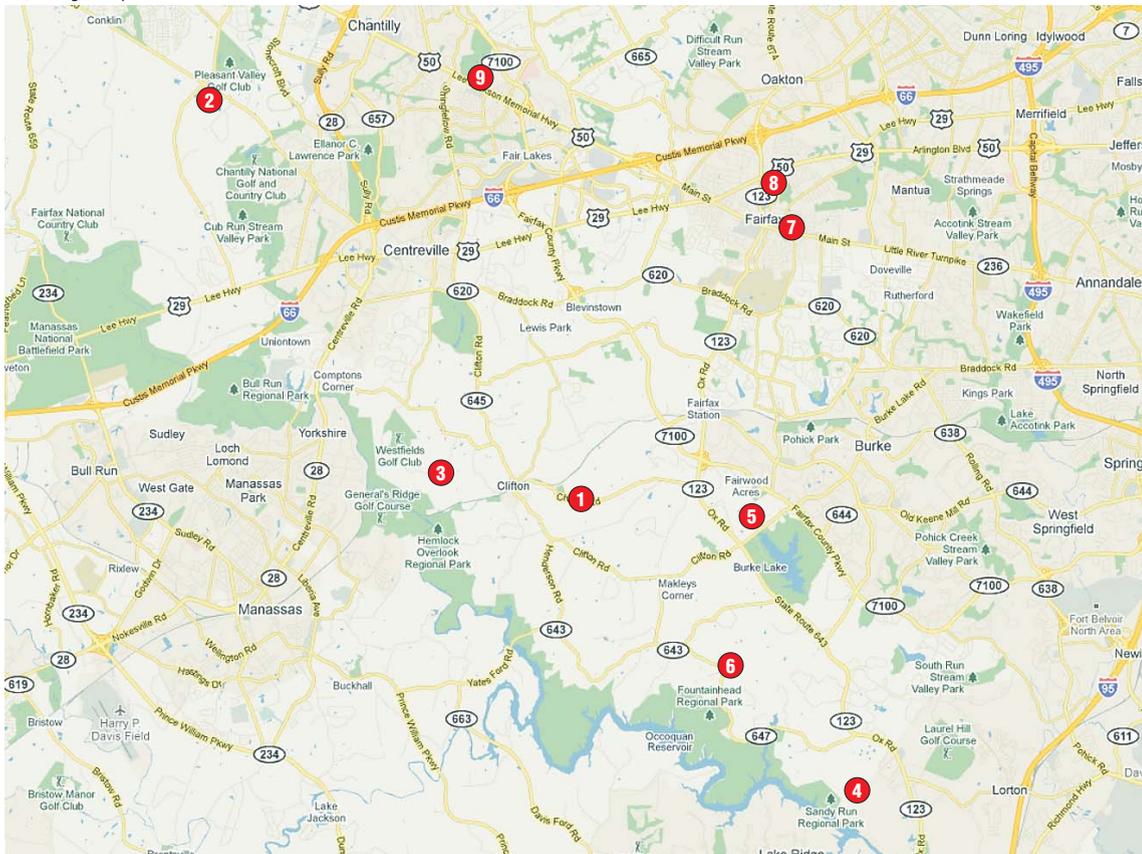
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# Hayfield's Amber Fowler Blanks Yorktown



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Hayfield junior Amber Fowler threw a three-hit shutout against Yorktown on May 6.

## Hawks' two-year record against district opponents improves to 29-1.

By JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Hayfield softball coach Ron Giovannucci said pitcher Amber Fowler had been off her game prior to the Hawks' May 6 home matchup with Yorktown. The team was still winning, but Fowler had been less than dominant.

Turns out all she needed was a challenge.

Facing Yorktown, Hayfield's stiffest competition since joining the National District in 2010, Fowler tossed a three-hit shutout as the Hawks won 2-0 on senior night. Hayfield won both regular season meetings with Yorktown and improved to 4-1 against the Patriots in the last two seasons, including a 3-2 victory in last year's district championship game.

Fowler "had been struggling the last couple of games," Giovannucci said. "She was getting hit a little bit, but she came out like her old self tonight. I think competition probably motivated her a little bit."

Competitive district games have been few and far between for Hayfield. Friday's victory improved Hayfield's record against National District teams to 29-1 in two seasons, during which the Hawks have

outscored their district opponents 455-35. This season, Hayfield improved to 13-0 in the district, outscoring the opposition 203-21.

On Friday against Yorktown, Fowler struck out 10 and did not walk a batter. The right-hander did not allow a Patriot to reach third base and only one advanced to second.

"I love being under pressure out on the pitcher's mound," she said. "It's just something that gives me a thrill."

Fowler's pitching repertoire consists of seven pitches — curveball, curve-rise, screwball, screw-rise, change up, drop ball and rise — but against Yorktown, she said she usually stays with the screwball and curve while mixing in an occasional change. On Friday, No. 52 said her screwball was working well.

"That's the best pitching I've seen [from] her in a while," senior catcher Samantha Perry-Shifflett said. "I'm just really proud of her. I've never seen her pitch that well. It didn't surprise me because I knew she had it in her."

The Hawks played error-free defense behind Fowler, turning the majority of Yorktown's balls in play into outs.

Yorktown assistant coach Deb Litman said Fowler pitched better than she did during the teams' previous meeting on April 15, but Litman felt some of Fowler's success was due to fortunate fielding.

"We hit Amber well the first time we played them

**"I love being under pressure out on the pitcher's mound. It's just something that gives me a thrill."**

— Hayfield junior Amber Fowler

SEE AMBER FOWLER, PAGE 16

# South County Goes Homer Happy on Senior Night

## Stallion shortstop Frazier hits three home runs in Senior Night baseball win over Lee.

By RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

One thing was for certain following South County's 16-6 Senior Night baseball win over visiting Lee on Tuesday night, May 10, the Stallions, with their festive fans all geared up for a victorious closing to the team's home schedule, put on quite a show for their faithful.

South County connected on six home runs on the night, including a game-ending, bottom of the fifth inning grand slam by sophomore Keaton Tettelbach, which put South County 10 runs ahead to kick in the 10-run mercy rule.

Team members mobbed Tettelbach, a

**"I was just having fun tonight. It was Senior Night and there was no pressure."**

— Tyler Frazier

backup catcher, after he touched home plate following his trip around the bases. For the home team, it was the perfect ending to a pretty much perfect evening in which eight South County 12th graders were honored for their high school playing careers during pre-game ceremonies.

South County, the area high school coach's No. 1 ranked team in the Northern Region, has plenty more baseball left this season. The Stallions, a remarkable 19-0, were scheduled to

wrap up the regular season schedule on Thursday, May 12, with a 6:30 p.m. game at Patriot District opponent Annandale High. After that, the fun will really begin as the Stallions will see just how far they can gallop this postseason, beginning with the district tournament set to begin next week. South County, 13-0 in district play follow-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Tyler Frazier (17) is congratulated after hitting one of his three home runs on Tuesday.

ing the win over the Lancers, will be the top seed.

"We want to win the district, region and state [tournaments]," said South County senior shortstop Tyler Frazier, who had a

career game with three home runs in the win over Lee. "If we keep playing our game, there's no doubt in my mind we can do it."

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## SPORTS

# Tyler Frazier Hits Three Home Runs

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Frazier, whose older brother, Brent, was a standout shortstop at South County and is currently a collegiate ball player at Old Dominion University, hit home runs in each of his three trips to the plate from his No. 5 position in the batting order. The right handed batter, who is hitting .416 on the season, hit his homers over the center field, left field, and right field fences in a remarkable night. He was scheduled to bat for a fourth time, but teammate Tettelbach never allowed that to occur with his game-winning round tripper over the left center field fence.

In all, Frazier, who is set to be a college pitcher next school year at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, knocked in six runs on the night. He said he was uncertain his third and final homer, which came in the fourth inning, would clear the right field fence.

"I didn't think the third one was going out," said Frazier, whose previous two home runs came in the first and third innings. "I was just having fun tonight. It was Senior Night and there was no pressure."

Frazier, who said he had never before in high school had a multi-home run game, now has six home runs on the season.

"I don't usually go up looking for home runs," said Frazier. "I hadn't hit one in six games or so [before Tuesday]. Tonight, I let it fly a little."

Frazier is a solid all-around player. When he is not playing his shortstop position on defense, he is on the mound as one of the Stallions' top two starting pitchers — the

other mound standout being senior Evan Beal.

"He picks up the ball well at shortstop and doesn't make a lot of mistakes," said South County coach Mark Luther, who also coached Brent Frazier when he was playing for the Stallions. "On the mound he throws the ball where he wants to."

**IN ALL, SOUTH COUNTY** smacked six homers on Tuesday, three by Frazier, the grand slam by Tettelbach and one apiece from junior first baseman Kyle Fairbanks, who followed Frazier's third home run in the fourth inning with a solo shot over the left field fence, and senior DH Mike Egbert, who sent the first pitch of the bottom of the second inning over the left field fence.

Luther and his coaching staff stress hitting the ball solidly, not necessarily shooting for the fences.

"That's our approach every night, trying to get the ball on the fat part of the bat," he said. "Tyler generates a lot of bat speed."

Other big games at the plate for South County came from leadoff hitter Andrew Rector (3 hits, including a double, 3 runs scored); Jake Josephs (RBI double); and standout senior catcher Mike Perez (2 doubles).

Lee played a good game through the first several innings. The Lancers scored a run in the first, four in the second, and one in the third and led 6-5 before South County scored two in its half of the third inning and five more in the fourth to take control of the game.

Tyler Smith, a senior second baseman for the Lancers, roped an RBI single into cen-

ter field in the first inning. In the Lancers' big four-run second inning, clean-up hitter Tyler Nelson sent an RBI double down the left field line. Earlier that inning, No. 8 hitter David Kopp had singled into left field and later scored from third base on a wild pitch, barely beating the tag at the plate.

Lee's biggest hit of the night came from junior Bradley Hann, who led off the third inning with a home run over the left center field fence. Other good hitting games for the Lancers came from junior catcher Rob Sutton (single, 2 runs) and shortstop Jack Milewski (single, 1 run).

**SOUTH COUNTY** starting pitcher Luke Bondurant, a senior, got his first career pitching start and went three innings. Josephs, a left hander, earned the win in relief.

Lee coach Brett McColley liked the way his underdog team hit the ball in the loss.

"We were aggressive at the plate and swinging the bats early [in the game]," he said.

Of Hann's home run, the coach said, "He was short to the baseball [on a compact swing] with the bat. He just looked relaxed up there."

Lee starting pitcher Greg Zajic, a right-handed throwing sophomore and one of the Lancers' top starters this season, took the loss in 3-1/3 innings of work.

"He's a location guy and one of our top pitchers this year," said McColley. "We're kind of young on the mound."

Lee was scheduled to have its Senior Night on Thursday of this week, May 12 against visiting Woodson.

### SPORTS NOTES

**Adult softball teams** are wanted. Contact Fairfax Adult Softball (FAS) before May 27 to sign up. FAS is currently accepting applications for adult softball teams. Men's, Women's, Coed, Corporate Coed, Master's (age 35-plus), and Senior's (age 50-plus) leagues are available. Applications are accessible via the FAS home page at [www.playsoftballnow.com](http://www.playsoftballnow.com).

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**The following** is the Northern Region Coaches' Baseball Poll for the week of May 2: South County (No. 1); Lake Braddock (2); WT Woodson (3); Stone Bridge (4); Westfield (5); Oakton (6); Madison (7); West Springfield (8); Hayfield (9); Chantilly (10). Other teams receiving votes: McLean, Yorktown, Herndon, Washington-Lee.

"That's the best pitching I've seen [from] her in a while."

— Samantha Perry-Shifflett

on first and second with one out.

After a pop out and an infield single loaded the bases with two outs, McElehenny delivered.

"She was straddling the base as if she was going to tag me," Perry-Shifflett said of John. "She never touched the base and never touched me. I told my coach to appeal it because I knew I was safe."

The two runs were more than enough for Fowler, who often pitches long enough to earn a win before giving way to sophomore Taylor Neuhart in relief. If Fowler continues to pitch the way she did on Friday, Giovannucci will have a hard time taking her out.

"Normally I bring Taylor in to close," the Hayfield coach said, "but with a close game like this and [Fowler] seemed to be on fire, so I just kept her in there."

The National District Tournament begins May 17. Hayfield is the No. 1 seed.

# Amber Fowler Blanks Yorktown

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and I think we hit her well tonight," Litman said. "There just seemed to be an outfielder everywhere we hit it."

According to Giovannucci, there was a reason for the Hawks' timely defense.

"Tonight, I thought [the Patriots] were pretty predictable from what they did last game," he said. "I thought we placed our fielders correctly and called the pitches correctly for them. If you look at both games, I think they pretty much hit the ball basically the same place they hit before."

Hayfield sophomore Taryn McElehenny produced the game's only runs in the first inning with a two-out, two-run single. McElehenny's clutch hit came after the Hawks benefited from an overturned call at second base.

With one out and a runner on first, Fowler hit a pop up that dropped in shallow center field. Yorktown center fielder Julia Cushing picked up the ball and threw to second base, where shortstop Kelly John appeared to have trouble locating the bag. Perry-Shifflett slid into second base, dislodging the bag, and was ruled out. But after the umpires discussed the call, the base umpire's ruling was overturned, giving the Hawks runners

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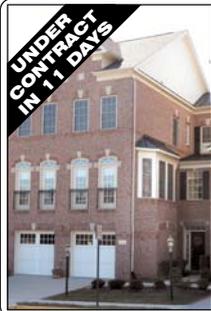
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