

Young Troopers

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Girl Scout Troop 1629 on the stairs at Bonnie Brae Elementary School in Fairfax, from left, Lauren Mitros, Cecilia Szkutak, Esther Anderson, Emely Paz, Valerie Giordano, Megan Sullivan, Jessica Pham, Kelly Rutherford and Audrey Swart. Not pictured are Ella Gilles and Caeli Vegso.

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Labor of Love

Burke Girl Scouts spend a year in service to others.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The gold standard for a group of Burke Girl Scouts is actually bronze. Girl Scout Troop 1629, a group of 11 fourth-graders from White Oaks Elementary and Bonnie Brae Elementary, volunteered to spend a year

completing a variety of community service projects. For their dedication to community service, they will receive the Bronze Badge from the Girl Scouts of America, a goal that typically takes two years.

"This Bronze project really has been girl-driven," said the troop's co-leader Elizabeth Rossini. "What was interesting is that they all said they didn't want to just be about crafts, they wanted to be about

"It feels good to know that people will be happy with the things we do."

— Esther Anderson, 10

service."

In the past year, the girls have done everything from making

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Girl Scouts from Troop 1629 helped residents at the Gardens Retirement home to create Valentine cards in February. They also made cards for residents who could not make it to the craft event.

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Adam's Angels Hosts 5K Fund-Raiser at Robinson

For scholarship \$\$\$, heart research and defibrillators.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

If he'd lived, Adam Seymour would have just finished his sophomore year at Lynchburg College and would be looking forward to summer with family and friends.

But on Aug. 19, 2010, he had a heart attack during a preseason training run with the college's soccer team and died, three days later. Out of this tragedy, though, his parents later began a foundation and a group called Adam's Angels in his honor to raise money for memorial scholarships and help fund research into congenital heart defects (CHD).

So on Saturday, June 18, Adam's Angels will host its First Annual 5K Run at Robinson Secondary School to benefit the nonprofit Adam P. Seymour Foundation. The 5K race starts at 8 a.m., with a fun run/walk following at 8:06 a.m. Online registration is at <http://pracing.racebx.com>; cost is \$30, and there's also race-day registration.

"We're hoping for a good turnout," said Adam's dad, Jim Seymour, also the race director. Adam's mom, Beverly Seymour, is a second-grade teacher at Bull Run Elementary.

"The more participants we get, the more money we'll raise and be able to do good things with to help people," said Jim Seymour.

The 5K will be two laps around the Robinson perimeter on the neighborhood streets. Both the run and the 1-mile walk begin and end at the school's main entrance in the parking lot. The walk is on school grounds.

"It's family-oriented, and strollers and dogs are welcome," said Jim Seymour. "People of all ages are planning to attend — some from as far away as San Francisco, Chicago, Georgia and Florida."

Gift-certificate prizes will go to the top two, overall male and female finishers. Male and female age-group winners will each receive a custom-made, Adam's Angels beach towel, plus another prize. And there'll be door prizes for merchandise and restaurant gift certificates.

A silent auction is also part of the fun. Items for bid will include: Two, \$100 Sunoco gas cards; two Vera Bradley purses, premier D.C. United tickets; Baltimore Orioles tickets plus free parking; a gift certificate to Kinkead's restaurant in Washington, D.C.; and three original watercolor paintings donated by Lorton artist Gladys Swartz.

"We want people to enjoy themselves and be glad they came," said Jim Seymour.

Race-packet pick-up is Thursday-Friday, June 16-17, from 3-7 p.m., at the Potomac River Running Store, 5715 Burke Centre Parkway in Burke, or race day, June 18, from 6:30-7:15 a.m., at the school.

Major sponsors are American Property Construction Co., Devine Family Foundation, Cardiac Science, Whole Foods in Fair Lakes and the Potomac River

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From left are brothers Nick and Adam Seymour last spring.

Celebrate Fairfax! Offers Food, Fireworks and Music

Celebrate Fairfax!, the largest music and entertainment festival in Virginia, kicks off its 30th annual event with headliners Third Eye Blind, The Bangles and The Legwarmers.

Running Friday, June 11, through Sunday, June 13, the festival features exhibits, singing, dancing, food and fireworks.

New programming this year includes History Hill, Greenology: The Science of Green Living, the Craft Beer Garden and Silent Disco, Comedy Ventriloquist Tom Crowl in the Board Auditorium and the all new Extreme Zone with go-cart racing.

A recipient of one of the International Festivals and Events Association's top honors, Celebrate Fairfax! was named a Bronze Pinnacle Award winner in 2005 for its long-time quality and success.

2011 Headline Entertainment Schedule for the Bud Light Main Stage:

- ❖ Friday, June 10, at 8 p.m. – Third Eye Blind
- ❖ Saturday, June 11, at 8 p.m. The Bangles
- ❖ Sunday, June 12, at 4:30 p.m., The Legwarmers

General admission seating is available for all performances; shows are free with daily tickets to the event. Advance tickets go on sale May 9 at the Wegmans in Fairfax and are currently on sale now at www.celebratefairfax.com.

For more information on any of the festival's programs, tickets and parking, go to www.celebratefairfax.com.

Keep Pets Cool in the Heat

Fairfax County Animal Control Officers have recently responded to dozens of reports of animals locked in hot cars in parking lots and urge pet owners to keep pets at home on hot days. Animals left in vehicles or other unsuitable environments, even for a short time, may face life-threatening conditions. So officers urge pet owners to remember these tips:

- ❖ Never leave pets in a parked car. On a warm day, temperatures can rapidly rise to dangerous levels. Anyone who sees an animal in distress in a parked car should contact police.

- ❖ Shade and water are vital to pets. Pet owners must provide adequate shelter protecting animals from injury, rain, sleet, snow, hail, direct sunlight and adverse effects of heat or cold. A doghouse in the backyard with no access to shade doesn't protect animals from sun.

- ❖ Limit animals' exercise on hot days – adjust the intensity and duration of exercise. Watch for shortness of breath and remember that asphalt gets very hot and can burn paws; walk dogs on grass, if possible.

- ❖ Recognize heatstroke symptoms. If a pet shows signs such as heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid heartbeat, vomiting, fever, dizziness, restlessness, excessive thirst and profuse salivation, contact a veterinarian immediately. Take steps to reduce the animal's body temperature – apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck and chest; provide water and ice cubes for hydration; and move the animal into the shade or air conditioning.

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TUESDAY/JUNE 14

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke Dementia Care Givers Support Group. 12 p.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Learn and share with others experiencing similar challenges. 703-451-8626 or eileen.thompson1@gmail.com.

Time To Hit the Ramp

Wakefield Skate Park hosts fund-raiser for Children's National Medical Center.

BY BENJAMIN PACZAK
THE CONNECTION

On June 17 and 18, the fifth annual Skatefest is coming to the Wakefield Skate Park, giving skaters of all ages the chance to show off their skills while helping raise money for Children's National Medical Center of Washington, D.C.

"I'm really excited because it's an event that legitimizes skateboarding," said Jimmy Callahan, event manager. "Often times skateboarders get viewed negatively as people who destroy public property or are a nuisance to the community, but this allows them to come out, show what they can do, show the skills they have, and a lot of the people that come out are really good at skateboarding."

"And it gives back to the community as it raises money for Children's National and people just have a lot of fun in a good event," he said.

"So far we've raised \$16,000 [during the four years], so this year we would like to make up to \$30,000 total," Jackie Kidwell said, public relations director.

"It's a high goal but we're reaching for it," Kidwell said. "We are designating the monetary funds to three different sections of the hospital."

This year, Vitaminwater is the headlining sponsor, allowing the festival to have extra events and incen-



Dominic Vincente, 20, warms up before last year's competition.

tives as they hope for 400 participants to show up, almost twice as many as previous years.

Events include a halfpipe, the Vitaminwater Street Course and the best trick event, with the preliminary rounds taking place on Friday and continuing on Saturday. The two top competitors will be receiving

two slots in the Maloof Money Cup in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 3 and 4.

"Attached to that, the judges are scoping out to see not only the best competitors in the competition, but kids that are representing the cause well and being good role models, who they invite to participate in the opportunity for a spot in the Fairfax Surf Shop's skate team," Kidwell said.

The event is expected to be bigger than its predecessors, bringing in carnival games, music DJs, a professional graffiti artist, skate vendors, and hopefully professional skaters that attend every year from Maryland.

"When we started out, we weren't really sure what to expect, who would come out, who would be interested in participating, and every year we have gotten a bigger and bigger response, different people wanted to participate and tons of kids coming out to have a good time," Callahan said. "So we're just glad it's been able to continue and grow every year."

Skaters of all ages are anticipated to show, as age categories include 11-and-under, 19-and-older, and, during the Sk8 for a Cause all age ranges, anywhere from 5 to 50 are expected to be skating at 2 p.m.

"We're hoping this will be our biggest year yet, hoping we get a lot of great skaters coming out, and raise a lot of money for Children's National," Callahan said.

More information can be found on the Skatefest's website: SkatefestFairfax.com.



C.J. Titus, 10, rides the half pipe during last year's Skatefest.

FILE PHOTOS

Raising Money To Buy Defibrillators

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Running Store, which will time the runners via a chip attached to their shoelaces.

The Seymours, including son Nick, 14, a Robinson Middle eighth-grader, live in Clifton. Adam captained Robinson Middle's JV team and played defender for Robinson Secondary's varsity, all four years.

So the Adam P. Seymour Foundation will present its first scholarship to a graduating Robinson senior during the school's June 15 awards ceremony. The Foundation provides scholarships to deserving athletes who demonstrate academic, civic and/or artistic achievement.

But that's not all it does; it also provides assistance and support for congenital heart defect (CHD) and sudden cardiac arrest research, and provides AED (automated external defibrillator) education, awareness and placement. For more information, see www.adampseymourfoundation.org/.

Currently, Robinson has mobile AEDs in its hallways, but no permanent one at its stadium. So during the 5K event, the Seymours will present an AED to Robinson to keep there because, said Jim Seymour, "That's where the greatest concentration of student athletes and people are."

"Right now, a trainer drives a mobile AED around from field to field on a golf cart



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Beverly Seymour and son Adam on Robinson's Senior Night in spring 2010.

while several sports activities are occurring at the same time," he said. "So we thought it would make sense to have one there permanently. It costs \$2,000 and is one of three donated to Adam's Foundation by Cardiac Science."

Actually, it's not the first time the Seymours have helped others in their son's name. Their neighbors, Terri and Travis Grabb, lost their toddler son, Corbin Marc Grabb, to CHD in 2006 and started the non-profit CMG Heart Foundation in his name.

So in December 2010, when the Bull Run Runners conducted a race to honor Adam, \$9,600 of the proceeds were shared between the CMG Heart Foundation and Adam's Foundation.

"That was great. We were very pleased," said Jim Seymour. "We're proud that we were able to rise from the ashes and get something going that quickly."

This spring, Adam's Foundation also donated \$1,500 to the Alpha Phi Sorority at the University of Alabama where Adam's

girlfriend, Becca Holtzman, is a student. The sorority's philanthropic project was heart health for women, so the donation went to its Heart to Heart fund.

"Beverly and I will be sad forever," said Jim Seymour. "Every passing month, we're a little better, but I don't think we'll ever recover completely from Adam's death. But we're focusing on Nick."

And together, the family is excited about the upcoming 5K fund-raiser. "We're so grateful to the community – they've been so generous and have really pulled together for us," said Beverly Seymour. "Friends and family have volunteered and put in countless hours trying to get this all done."

She said businesses in Centreville, Chantilly, Fair Oaks, Burke and Clifton have also come through for them. "Most of the establishments we went to for donations didn't turn us down," said Beverly Seymour. "They wanted to know Adam's story and were kind and compassionate; it was a good experience."

"Adam was a great son, and I want to do everything I can to keep his memory alive and to fund heart research to find out why this happens," she said. "Our goal is to put defibrillators into every school – elementary, middle, high school and college. We also want to raise awareness so people know what to do in case of a cardiac emergency. They should call 911, start CPR and then get an AED because it'll save people's lives."



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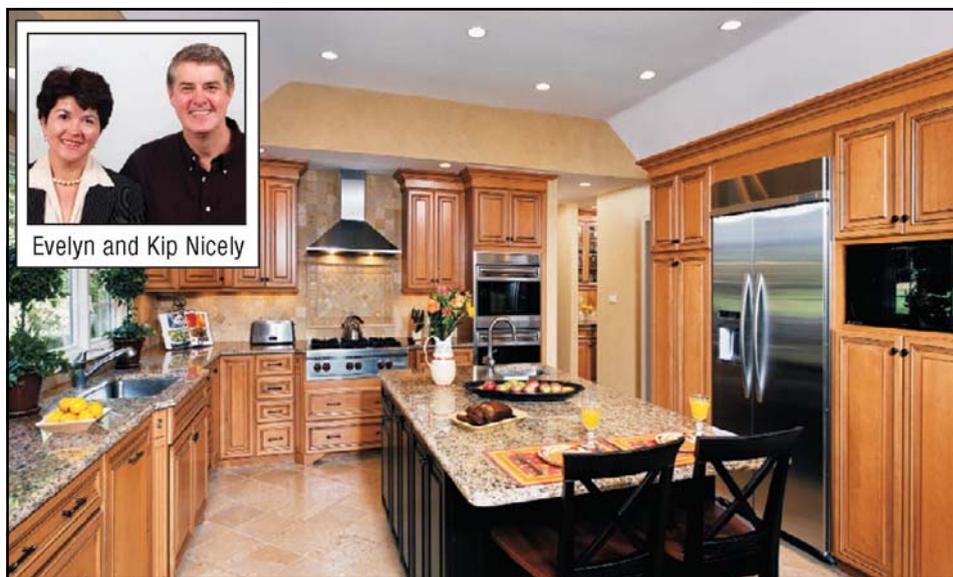
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A Step Forward in Ending Homelessness

Faith Engagement event explores ways to develop affordable housing.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

After a year of “sweat equity,” Luella Brown and her son, Orlando, finally moved into the Habitat for Humanity home they helped build last summer in Fairfax. Brown said the reality of owning her own home made her feel something she had not experienced much in her 43 years. A sense of accomplishment and success.

Raised in Alexandria by a grandmother who pounded into her the message that she was nothing, and she would have nothing, Brown’s sense of self was shredded by the time she was a teen.

Beginning when she was 7, she was repeatedly raped by a cousin, until she physically fought back at 11. At 17, she ran away from “home.” At 20, she became pregnant and had a son. By the time she was 23, she was moving from place to place, crashing on friend’s couches with her young son.

Without a high school degree, she eventually ended up homeless and living in the Embury Rucker Shelter. Brown often doubted her ability to heal.

“My grandma messed me up. She was abusive to me and my sisters, called us out with names, saying we were stupid, dumb. ... It was hard for me to learn and focus in school because I was all the time hiding in the back, scared and ashamed. My grandma’s been dead for 20 years, and I still don’t understand the hatred she had,” Brown said.

After she had her son, Brown said she found a core of resilience and vowed not to let her son experience the same nightmare inflicted on her. “It made me stronger. I wasn’t going to let that hatred get into my heart. I had to fight it. I was scared, but I had to do it,” she said.

The first night Brown and her son spent in their new home, she lay on her bed and looked up. “I told her that first night. I said ‘I’m here, grandma. I’m here. I made it. He’s happy and I’m happy. ... You were wrong.’”

Brown’s personal testimony at last week’s Faith Engagement Initiative, hosted by Fairfax County’s Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH), Enterprise Community Partners, Faith Communities in Action, Communities of Faith United for Housing and others, underscored the message that a permanent home is a critical piece of ending homelessness.

“The availability of housing options, shelter, transitional housing, and the Partnership for Permanent Housing in Fairfax County, coupled with Luella’s determina-



PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

Panelists discuss affordable housing issues at the Faith Engagement Initiative at the Fairfax County Government Center on Wednesday, June 1.

tion, provided a path for her to succeed,” said Joan Wise, a case manager for PPH and Reston Interfaith. “Luella truly ‘blossomed’ as she participated in programs teaching her how to eliminate debt, develop a spending plan, save, and plan for the future.”

Brown took the opportunity to attend PPH classes, which is how she learned about qualifying for a Habitat home. Now, she and Orlando, 23, both have steady, full-time jobs as certified cooks at Sunrise Living Center in Reston.

“My son graduated from Herndon High School in 2008. That’s already something I never did,” Brown said. “He works dinner, and I work breakfast. That’s the best. Me and my son are close, our bond is close. We have a home, and it’s a safe home for both of us.”

The event, which took place June 1 at the Fairfax County Government Center, offered three panel discussions moderated by local homeless and housing advocates. High-profile community, government, faith, business and elected leaders moderated the panels, including Conrad Egan, senior advisor of the Affordable Housing Institute and David Bowers, vice president of the national Enterprise Community Partners.

Imam Mohammed Hag Madig, chairman of Faith Communities in Action, led the call to action to faith communities in the audience. Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors (D-At-large) and Supervisor

Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) also spoke at the event.

According to Dean Klein, the director of OPEH, a fundamental shift has taken place from the predominant philosophy of “managing” the homeless in the community to

“The county has not only provided a 10-year-plan, but put the resources behind it, both financial and intellectual resources.”

— David Bowers, vice president of Enterprise Community Partners

ending homelessness.

“Instead of longer homeless shelter stays, we want to rapidly house the homeless into affordable housing and help others to remain in their homes to prevent homelessness,” Klein said. In fact, the goal of the day-long Faith Engagement Initiative, which drew nearly 250 participants, was to encourage faith communities, primarily churches, mosques and synagogues, to consider leveraging their resources including: land to develop affordable housing in Fairfax County and or their financial resources to prevent other singles and families from entering into homelessness.

“Housing is the critical piece we need to move forward with the core element of Fairfax County’s 10-year-plan to prevent and end homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church community by 2018. Our strategy now is rapid re-housing, developing ways to quickly move people who are homeless, or in threat of becoming homeless, to permanent, safe and affordable housing,” Klein said.

“In the past, we’ve been able to provide shelter, but the without ability to move people into affordable and appropriate housing, it’s difficult to really start lowering the number of homeless,” Klein said.

During the past year, Klein said OPEH has piloted some new initiatives to more quickly get people housing, including the establishment of the Housing Locator network that works with landlords and provides training and coordination to housing locators. The network also gives social workers the tools to become housing locators. In 2010, housing locators worked with an average of 20 households per month.

“Housing locators provide services such as application assistance, landlord negotiation and training to prepare people either rent or own a home,” Klein said.

According to Michael O’Reilly, chairman of the governing board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End

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In Virginia, all 100 seats in the House of Delegates and 40 seats in the State Senate are up for election on Nov. 8, 2011, along with the Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney in each jurisdiction, and many local offices as well.

This all comes before any presidential contest. That election is in November 2012. But the news has been about President Obama seeking to raise \$1 billion (seriously?) for his reelection campaign and a colorfully expanding and contracting Republican field (seriously).

Long before then, voters in Virginia will make some very serious state and local choices that likely will have more impact on the quality of schools, property values, traffic and transit choices, public safety and all around quality of life than will the presidential race that looms in 2012.

Candidate Concerns

To the Editor:

In your article "Wade Announces Candidacy for Supervisor" [Connection, April 14-20, 2011], about nominal Republican Christopher Wade running as a Democrat in a primary against Democrat lawyer Marc Greidinger for the privilege of facing incumbent John Cook (R) in November, Wade made a couple of ridiculous statements. First, he said he is the only commuter in the race. If you Google Greidinger you see he is, or at least has at one time, practiced law in Ellicott City, Md. If Wade doesn't believe Greidinger commutes, how does he think the lawyer gets to work? For that matter, how does Wade think Cook gets to work?

The signature issue for John Cook in this election is transportation and the ridiculous fact that Fairfax County does not control its own roads, something most county residents were not even aware of. It seems Wade isn't either.

Second, Wade declares he's all for transparency for the county

This is the first election since redistricting, and many Northern Virginia voters will find that they are in a new House of Delegates or state Senate district, and that it takes time to get to know a new set of candidates.

In Fairfax County, where the public schools consume more than half the budget of the entire county, a majority of current school board members have chosen not to seek reelection. Intense issues, including disciplinary policy, school start times, broad and qualitative approaches to course offerings, administrative costs and much more are at stake.

Candidates for school board, a non-partisan office, have until Aug. 23 to file their candidacy. This is one reason that it seemed unfortunate for Fairfax County Democrats to scramble to endorse school board candidates last month, throwing some established procedures out the window literally in the 11th hour in the process.

EDITORIAL

In other races, the primary is really the general election. For example, state senate districts 30 and 31 that represent parts of Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax, have long-time incumbents Patsy Ticer (30) and Mary Margaret Whipple (31) retiring. A multi-candidate battle for the Democratic primary in each could predict the November results in these heavily Democratic districts.

Even though redistricting has made District 31 nearly 10 percent more Republican according to the Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org, the new district still voted just 44 percent for Gov. McDonnell in the last elec-

tion. If that is the case, he has the wrong mentor in [Fairfax County Chairman] Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and is running with the wrong party.

Cook has proposed many times to open more meetings to the public and to make the county finances more accessible. These are policies Bulova apparently does not agree with particularly when it comes to her more outrageous ideas such as building "luxury-subsidized housing," which seems an oxymoron at best.

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Third he believes the county should diversify its income sources. Obviously, he does not understand that Fairfax County does not have much more control of their financing than they do of their roads. I would suggest Wade read up on the Dillon Rule and its impact and implications for Virginia and specifically for Fairfax County.

Perhaps in another two years he will know enough to run. In the meantime he is making a good case for re-electing one of the county's best supervisors, John Cook.

Linda Bartlett
Annandale

Follow TJ Activities Model

To the Editor:

The Teacher Appreciation Week ad [Connection May 4-10, 2011] mentions: "Many teachers in Fairfax have had to take second jobs to pay their bills and provide for their children, which takes time away from their ability to do extra-curricular work (like sponsoring clubs or mentoring) for FCPS." A possible solution may be for Fairfax residents to explore the plan Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJ) has used for many years. TJ provides students academic assistance, clubs, activities, "sports" and "curricular" during the TJ school day before the buses leave. TJ teachers are paid for their extra-curricular work through extended day contracts. As a parent who has had the pleasure of knowing TJ students and families for many years, I would say TJ's extra-curricular plan is worth exploring on the TJHSST website or the TJ Colonial Athletics link: http://www.colonialathletics.org/library/files/ColonialAthletics_org/files/Clubs-Activities%20List.pdf

Briefly, most of TJ's 165 clubs

Details

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The previously compact district centered in Arlington now stretches all the way to Sterling. Huge swaths of McLean and Great Falls, long in District 32, will now find themselves in District 31.

Similarly, District 30 is nearly 5 percent more Republican, but voted just 41 percent for Gov. McDonnell. The district now stretches down into Mount Vernon, encompassing areas previously in District 36.

These are just a few examples of why it's time to tune in to the local elections.

We invite your suggestions, questions and contributions. The Connection will print letters to the editor, some columns from candidates, announcements of debates, stories and profiles and more in the coming months.

— MARY KIMM,

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and activities are offered during eighth Period. "This embedded time allows students the opportunity for academic assistance, explore a new interest through a club or socialize with friends in a supervised activity." A 2010-11 sample includes such activities as athletic injury clinic, weight lifting, basketball, swim/dive, crew, ballroom dancing, chorus, band drum line, student council, hip hop roots, math team, Model United Nations, school newspaper, Latin club, Spanish club, Russian Honor Society, Namaste Victory celebration for World Cricket cup and more. Within school hours, TJ clubs and activities create a sense of community, build school spirit, and with an opportunity to attend approximately two to four clubs a week, it is seamless to beef up a college application.

The philosophy is for all TJ students to have access to clubs and activities during the school day before the buses leave. This helps students without "rides" to participate and likely keeps many cars off our roads. The eighth period coordinator position (U.S.-20 salary scale with contract length of 11 Months/(219 days) makes cer

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tain the system works. We certainly could consider such opportunities for more FCPS high school students and teachers instead of just one school. Many students who must care for younger siblings, are employed after school, play sports or various other conflicts cannot attend clubs, but have a solution with TJ plan. We applaud TJ's eighth period program and believe access to such academic assistance, instruction and clubs should be equitable.

Could such eighth period academic assistance increase TJ students' grade point averages through improved comprehension as students engage with teachers on a more individual and frequent basis?

Many of our schools compete with TJ for recognition in clubs and activities. Does TJ's eighth period provide an advantage over

other schools in our district and state?

Are other high school students in FCPS at a disadvantage in college applications when only TJ students are provided clubs and activities during the school day?

Would the smaller student class size at TJ make a positive difference for other students and show appreciation for our teachers at other high schools?

I imagine our TJ Colonials will speak up and provide well-organized insight, yet, it is worth the time for parents of "base" schools throughout Fairfax to explore our governor's school TJHSST websites and the TJ Partnership Fund to learn more, ask questions and appreciate a teacher who volunteered to stay after school to help a student or sponsor a club.

Janet Jameson
Fairfax County

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Homelessness Summit

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Homeless, who served as the event's master of ceremonies, 482 people have moved into permanent housing from emergency shelters and transitional housing programs in FY 2010.

"Working together with a broad coalition of non-profits, faith-based communities, businesses and government has allowed us to make real strides in our efforts to end homelessness," O'Reilly said.

David Bowers, vice president of Enterprise Community Partners (ECP), applauded Fairfax County's business-like approach.

ECP is a nationally-recognized organization with a mission to give people living in poverty an opportunity to move up and out. According to the website, ECP has raised and invested more than \$11 billion in equity, grants and loans to help build or preserve more than 280,000 affordable rental and for-sale homes to create vital communities.

"There are a couple of elements in Fairfax County that are very encouraging. Number one is that the county has not only provided a 10-year-plan, but put the resources behind it, both financial and intellectual resources," Bowers said. "When you look at who is on the governing board, it's a very impressive array of folks with diverse backgrounds, and that speaks volumes. Fairfax County goes a step further by being very transparent with measurable results."

Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison said the community has benefited from federal government stimulus dollars, but that is coming to an end.

"Government can't do it alone," Harrison said.

"Ending homelessness has to be a community effort, and that's why we're building these strong partnerships with the faith community and the business community."



Luella Brown gives a personal testimony before the affordable housing panel at the Faith Engagement Initiative at the Fairfax Government Center on Wednesday, June 1.



David Bowers, vice president of Enterprise Community Partners, moderated the panel during the Faith Engagement Initiative at the Fairfax County Government Center on Wednesday, June 1.

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Area Orchestra Performs

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FCPS Offers Full Day Kindergarten to All

Thirty-six schools will have the program for the first time next year.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

On Memorial Day alone, three or four parents told Michele Nellenbach how excited they were that full day kindergarten would finally be coming to Stratford Landing Elementary School next year.

"We are really, really thrilled that it is finally here," said Nellenbach, the Parent Teacher Association present at the school located in Mount Vernon.

For the first time in the history of the school system, Fairfax County Public Schools will offer full day kindergarten at all of its elementary schools next year.

Currently, 36 of Fairfax's 139 public elementary schools only offer half-day kindergarten.

"I don't think a half day of school is enough time. You have to teach all the material in three hours instead of six hours," said Nellenbach of half-day kindergarten at Stratford Landing.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM started phasing in full day kindergarten several years ago but stopped adding the program to any new schools in 2007. School Board members have repeatedly said they wanted full day kindergarten in every school but budget constraints had gotten in the way of expanding the program.

"The parents didn't have to convince us to do full-day K. We wanted to do full-day K," said School Board Member Tina Hone (At-large).

In general, schools with needier populations — a higher percentage of students that qualified for free or reduced-price lunch and needed English-As-a-Second-Language services — had received full day kindergarten. When the roll out of the program stopped, more affluent schools were left waiting.

"I knew this was an issue of equity and fairness and the public felt the same way. We were discriminating against people because they chose to live in certain neighborhoods," said School Board Member Liz Bradsher (Springfield).

In the Mount Vernon area, every single school surrounding Stratford Landing had a full-day kindergarten program. The school's parents were particularly angry that families living in their own neighborhood with the same financial means as them had access to full-day kindergarten when they did not.

"I could have bought a house a block over from mine and my children would have gone to full day kindergarten," said Nellenbach.

EXPANDING full-day kindergarten to all elementary schools would cost approximately \$7.3 million, according School Board Member Tessie Wilson (Braddock),

who was the body's budget chair this year.

Some of the full-day kindergarten costs were covered by related savings. For example, the school system's transportation department no longer had to spend as much money on buses to bring two sets of students to and from kindergarten class every day, said Wilson.

According to Wilson, the school system has also seen a jump in retirements, which has resulted in significant savings. As a general rule, younger teachers earn less.

"A younger workforce translates into some savings," said Wilson.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors also provided the School Board \$500,000 specifically for the implementation of full-day kindergarten. The funding was money the supervisors expected to save on the School Age Child Care program (SACC), which the county runs in local elementary schools.

The School Board also used increases in education funding from Virginia and the federal government to help cover the cost of the expansion.

School Board Member Jim Raney (At-large) said he was concerned about using the federal funds to pay for a permanent programmatic change, since the money is not expected to be available after next year.

"Next year, we expect a substantial loss in federal funding for our schools. Richmond could give us new unfunded mandates. ... This budget will not be sustainable in fiscal year 2013 and beyond unless the Board of Supervisors provides a substantial increase in the transfer," said Raney.

"I believe full day K is a nice to have but

not a must have. Another way to achieve equity is to have half-day K for everybody," said Raney.

TRANSITIONING to full-day kindergarten requires some facility changes, which will cost approximately \$1.5 million in capital expenses, said Dean Tistadt, the school system's chief operating officer.

Nine schools will receive classroom trailers and 16 schools require interior modifications before full day kindergarten arrives next year. Eleven schools don't need changes at all, said Tistadt.

"I think we are prepared," he said.

In general, the local School Board had a much easier time with budget deliberations this year. Board members passed the 2011-12 school year funding package unanimously March 26.

"This was a heck of a lot better than last year's budget," said School Board Member Sandy Evans (Mason).

The School Board was able to eliminate fees for taking Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests. They also capped the sports program fees — which are \$100 per season — to \$200, thereby bringing down the cost for students who play three sports per year.

The school system's employees will also get a pay bump for the first time in three years. They will receive a one percent cost-of-living increase and those eligible will also see their "step increase" in pay this coming school year.

Extra money was also set aside to implement changes to Fairfax County's disciplinary process.

Elizabeth Bradsher Considers Running At-large

Current Springfield School Board member may run as Independent candidate.

School Board Member Liz Bradsher (Springfield) said she won't run to represent the Springfield District again in 2011, though she may decide to run for one of the board's three at-large seats.

"I am still weighing my options. There are things going on in my private life that I have to take care of," said Bradsher in an interview.

If Bradsher made a bid for an at-large seat, she would run as an independent, without the endorsement of the Democratic or Republican Party.

"I don't think I need an endorsement frankly," said Bradsher.

Though all School Board elections are technically nonpartisan, the Republican Party backed Bradsher in the 2007 race she won. No person has ever won a School Board election in

Fairfax County without the backing of a mainstream political party, according several members of the board.

Prior to taking public office, Bradsher was a well-known citizen activist, considered instrumental in getting South County Secondary School and South County Middle School built ahead of schedule.

But over the course of the last year, Bradsher's relationship with several prominent Republicans has deteriorated.

Last July, Bradsher voted to close one of her magisterial district's schools, Clifton Elementary. The decision was extremely unpopular with the Clifton and Fairfax Station residents served by the school, many of whom are active in the local Republican Party.

At a public meeting in the Town of Clifton community center last fall, a few resident said they would be willing to spend thou-

sands of dollars of personal money to get her voted off the School Board. The community has already raised and spent a significant amount of money on legal fees, trying to get the school closing either delayed or overturned through the court system.

Bradsher's relationship with Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) and Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) has become public hostile, with accusations of lying flying back and forth in newspaper articles and elected officials' newsletters. Following the School Board's decision to close Clifton, Hugo sent out a press release saying that Bradsher had "thrown the Clifton community under the bus."

Elizabeth Schultz, a Clifton resident who led efforts to keep the school open, has filed to run for School Board in the Springfield District. She is seeking the Republican endorsement Bradsher had won back in 2007.

Clifton, in particular, is a hotbed of activism and fundraising for the local Republican Party.

It is unlikely that Bradsher would win the

party's endorsement for School Board this year, especially if she is facing Schultz, the former head of the Republican Women of Clifton.

But Bradsher's efforts to join the local Democratic Party have also been stymied.

Members of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee have blocked her attempts to become a party member. Some of those people are school activists who disagreed with Clifton's closing and also see Bradsher as part of larger, problematic coalition on the School Board.

Since Bradsher was unable to join the local Democratic committee, she could not run for the Democrats' endorsement, either as the Springfield District candidate or for an at-large office.

Bradsher may have no choice but to run independently if she seeks an at-large School Board seat.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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THURSDAY/JUNE 9

- Ted Vigil: A Tribute to John Denver.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.
- Artists' Reception.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. With painters Lisa Church and Pam PavoRoad www.FairfaxArtLeague.net.
- The Levon Helm Band with moe.** 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music. \$25-\$45. www.wolftrap.org.
- English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, Meeting Room 117W. Practice and improve your English with instructor Gloria Monick. Adults. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.
- Booktalking To Providence Elementary.** 12 p.m. Oakton Library. Booktalking to Mosby Woods Elementary and SRP information. 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton.

FRIDAY/JUNE 10

- Alte Kameraden.** 7 p.m. Plaza Performances, Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Gemütlichkeit festmusik. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org.
- Marcy Playground and Shayka Boyz** at 7 p.m., followed by Those Darlins and Natural Child at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- The Go-Go's Ladies Gone Wild Tour with The Dollyrots.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Pop-rock. \$25-\$42. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

- Tree Dedication.** 11:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Celebrating the history of the Burke community. Mary Ann Jung as Clara Barton, balloon sculptures, historical interpreter Jon Vrana as Silas Burke and more. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/News/news1124.htm.
- Natalie York and Rob & Maggie Ulmer** at 7 p.m., followed by Fight The Lion, Cerca Trova and Playground Etiquette at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- Bright Eyes with M. Ward and Dawes.** 7 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Indie music. \$28-\$32. www.wolftrap.org.
- Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. Kings Park Library Lobby. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke.
- Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.** 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library Lobby. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips and advice to home gardeners. Master Gardeners will be in the entry area. Adults. 10360 North St., Fairfax.
- Burke Centre Friends Mini Book Sale.** 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, Burke Centre Hall. Browse our mini book sale dedicated to children. All ages. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.
- Tracing Burke's History: A Dedication.** 11:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library. Join Clara Barton, Silas Burke, Nutbrown Hare, and others as Burke Centre Library dedicates its historic Oak tree ring

- display. All ages. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.
- Clara Barton-Red Cross Angel.** 12:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library. Actress Mary Ann Jung presents her award-winning show about Clara Barton and the Civil War. All Ages. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.
- Meet Local Author Jyoti Sondhi.** 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, Room A/B. Hear about Jyoti's spiritual awakening in her new book, "Lighting the Lamp Within." Adults. Registration required. 10360 North St., Fairfax.
- Wonderful Creatures of Nature.** 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, Burke Centre Book Burrow (Outdoor Space). Hidden Pond Nature Center program explores creatures native to Burke and Fairfax County. Ages 6-12. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.
- Balloon Sculptures.** 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, Burke Centre Book Burrow (Outdoor Space). Watch Mike Becvar twist balloons into animals and insects. Ages 2-12. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.
- Silas Burke: Director of The Orange and Alexandria Railroad.** 3 p.m. Burke Centre Library. Silas Burke discusses establishment of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. Jon Vrana, describes Antebellum Fairfax County. Adults. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

- Adopt-A-Lab Event.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Petco, 9230 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Lab Rescue has lots of labs of all colors and ages waiting for a home. www.lab-rescue.org.
- Jonny (featuring Norman Blake of Teenage Fanclub and Euro's Child of Gorky's Zygotic Mynci) and Apex Manor.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- Civil War Living History Program.** 2 p.m. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Re-enactors will portray Virginia Gov. William "Extra Billy" Smith and Lt. Col. Richard Ewell and explain their roles in the June 1, 1861 "Skirmish at Fairfax Court House." Free. 703-385-8414.
- Indigo Girls with The Shadowboxers.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music. \$25-\$42. www.wolftrap.org.
- Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 1-4 p.m. Pohick Regional Library Lobby. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.

MONDAY/JUNE 13

- The Duke Robillard Band.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- Book Buddies.** 4 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, Meeting Room A/B. Beginning readers practice reading with an adult volunteer. Ages 5-9 with adult. Registration required. 10360 North St., Fairfax.
- Bedtime Stories: Sleepy Time.** 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, Meeting Room 1/2. Stories, songs and activities about sleepy babies. Ages 3-6 with adult. 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.

TUESDAY/JUNE 14

- Matt Duke, Rosi Golan and Hope Waits.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. Pohick Regional Library Lobby. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.
- Daytime Book Discussion Group.** 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library Conference Room. "City of Thieves"

- by David Benioff. Adults. 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.
- Paws to Read.** 4-4:45 p.m. Kings Park Library Meeting Room. Practice reading with a trained therapy dog. Call or sign up online for a 15-minute session. Age 6-10 with adult. 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke.
- English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, Meeting Room B. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. 10360 North St., Fairfax.
- Let's Hear It For The Girls. Kings Park Library Meeting Room.** All girls book discussion group. "The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle" by Avi. Ages 9-12 with adult female. 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke.
- Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group.** 7:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, Conference Room 103. Bring your own book to share. Adults. 10360 North St., Fairfax.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

- "Remembering Fairfax"** Oral History Program. 7:30 p.m. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A video presentation of oral history interviews with Fairfax residents Gladys Potterton, Etta Bowles-Strozier, Ellen Wigren, Lee Hubbard and Pat Rodio. Free. 703-385-8414.
- Red Wanting Blue, Riley Etheridge, Jr. and Tiger Darrow.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- Paws For Reading.** 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, Meeting Room 116K. Practice your reading skills with Courtney Shaffer and a therapy dog. Sign up starts 4 p.m. Ages 6-12. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.
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THURSDAY/JUNE 16

- Company of Thieves, Empires and Sleeper Agent.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- Afternoon Reading Group.** 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, Conference Room 103. "Half the Sky" by Nicholas Kristof. Adults. 10360 North St., Fairfax.
- English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, Meeting Room 116k. Practice English with Gloria Monick. Adults. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

- The Kennedys.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.
- Skatefest 2011.** 2 p.m. Wakefield Skate Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. Presented by Fairfax Surf Shop and Wakefield Skate Park. Proceeds benefit the Children's National Medical Center. www.skatefestfairfax.com.
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Girl Scouts Help Out

FROM PAGE 3

Valentines with seniors to leading a lesson on table manners for 15 local Daisy Scouts.

"That was interesting. The girls prepared a three-part lesson plan, and then taught the Daisies, who are in kindergarten, about table manners, including having them draw place settings. I think they learned it's hard to be a teacher," Rossini said. That project earned the girls a Leadership Award.

AT THE BEGINNING of the year, Rossini, who has been the troop leader since the girls were in first grade, and co-leader Elaine Sullivan asked the girls what they wanted their focus to be.

"Right away, they said they wanted to do something to help the community," said Sullivan.

"At the start of this year, we had half of the troop returning and half of the troop was brand new. Plus they are from two different schools. So, we wanted to make sure the girls came together as one group with one goal that they shared. They decided to focus on being a service-oriented troop," Rossini said. Both Rossini and Sullivan are former teachers.

They kicked off their year of service by raising nearly \$200 to help pay for shoulder surgery for Micah, a dachshund-mix dog rescued from an abusive home. The rescue organization, Homeward Trails in Arlington, is a non-profit that provides pet adoptions in Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland. The girls baked cookies and other goodies to sell at

a pet adoption event at Profeed in Vienna.

In December, the girls sang holiday carols to tourists visiting the National Christmas Tree on the Mall.

"That was kind of hard," said Emely Paz, 9. "It was fun, but a little scary performing in front of other people."

They also created birthday cards for the staff at Northern Virginia Family Services to give to volunteers. "When any volunteers had birthdays, the staff at NVFS would pull one of our beautifully-decorated cards, personalize it with a note and send it to the volunteer," Rossini said.

Another project was making care packages for soldiers stationed on a ship. The girls made cards and puzzles, wrote notes, and sent magazines.

"Our goal was to give them an opportunity to explore different project with a community service focus," said Britt Anderson, a parent who has served as the service project coordinator.

"It feels good to know that people will be happy with the things we do," said Esther Anderson, 10.

"I like helping my community," said Megan Sullivan, 10, "and I really like all the creative things we do."

"They learned a lot this year. Based on some of my conversations with them, they learned that no matter how small the gesture, giving to others is the right thing to do, and you can make a difference at any age," Rossini said. "Imagine what they can do when they are older if they accomplished so much as four graders."

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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 or 703-323-9500.

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

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

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

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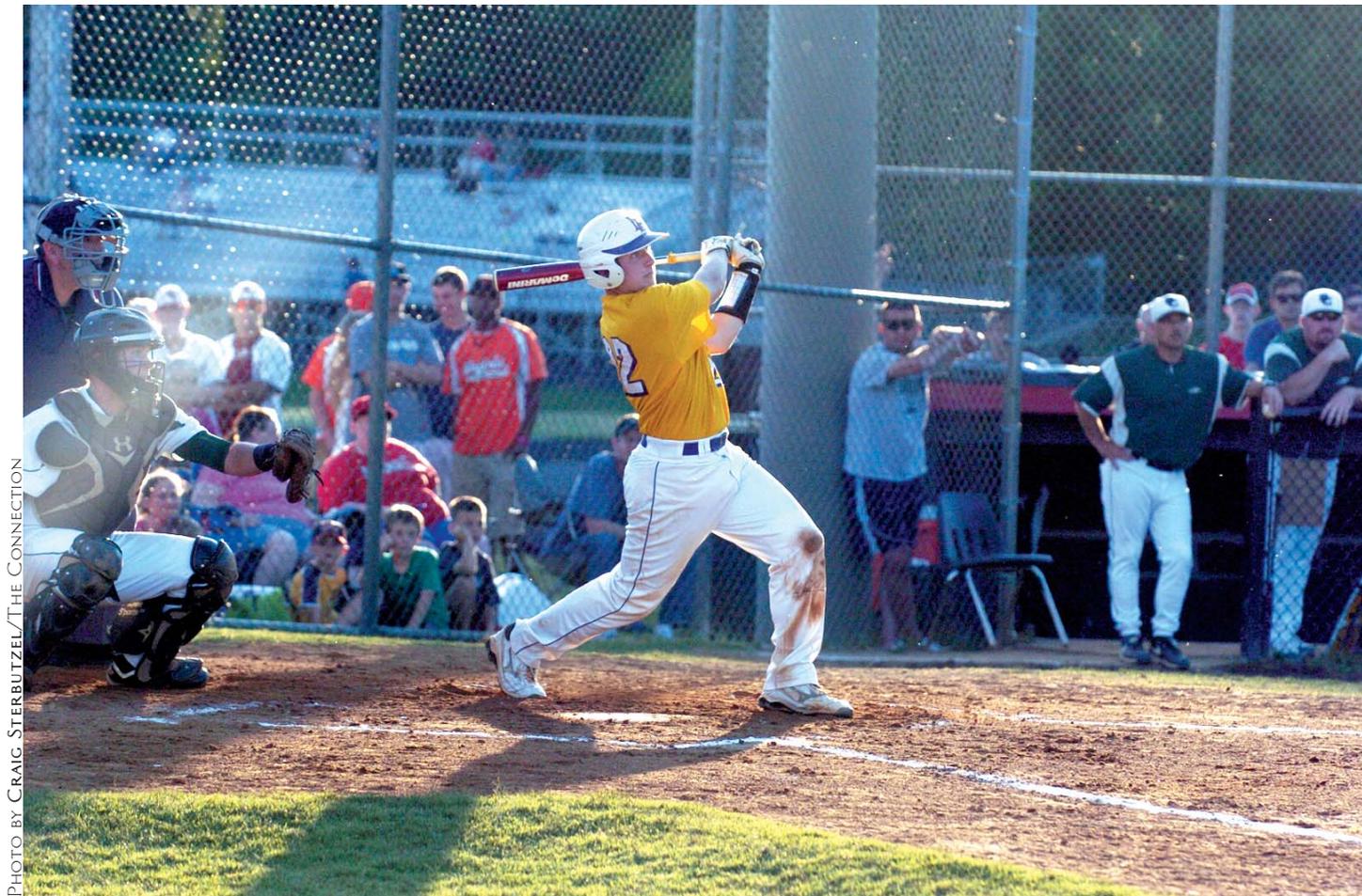


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Lake Braddock sophomore Garrett Driscoll hit a two-run home run against South County in the Northern Region final on June 3 at Madison High School.

Bruins fall to South County in region baseball final.

Despite failing to beat South County in three meetings during the regular season and Patriot District Tournament, the Lake Braddock baseball team came out strong against the Stallions in the Northern Region final on June 3.

A two-run opposite-field home run by sophomore Garrett Driscoll gave Lake Braddock a 2-0 lead in the second inning and a two-run double by senior Ryan Owens extended the advantage to 4-1 in the third. Lake Braddock, winner of 21 games, showed the ability necessary to knock off undefeated South County. However, a six-run fourth inning for the Stallions eliminated much of the Bruins' belief they were capable.

Sparked by a Luke Bondurant grand slam, South County turned a 4-2 deficit into an 8-4 lead in the fourth and defeated Lake Braddock 9-5 to capture the region title at Madison High School. Down by five runs in the seventh, the Bruins scored a run and put two more runners on base, but it was

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W.T. Woodson, McLean Reach Region Girls' Finals

Soccer teams will meet in title game Friday night at Madison High School.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Both W.T. Woodson and McLean High Schools were winners at the Northern Region girls soccer tournament semifinals games on Wednesday, June 1, played on the turf field at James Madison High School in Vienna.

The two teams, who both clinched state playoff berths by reaching the championship game, are scheduled to meet this Friday, at 5:30 p.m., in the region title game at Madison.

Woodson defeated Chantilly High, 3-0, in Wednesday's first semifinals game, which was played through on and off rain over the first 23 minutes of the game before skies cleared and the sun broke out. The Cavaliers, the No. 2-seed from the Patriot District, scored all of their goals in the second half following a scoreless first half. The scores came from senior midfielder Erin Havard, junior forward/midfielder Elizabeth Gaski, and freshman forward Teresa Fruchterman. Gaski's goal — a header from close range — came off a corner kick from Havard and made the score 2-0 less than seven minutes into the half.

Havard, a few minutes earlier, had scored the game's first goal less than four minutes into the second half when she sent a high, well-struck shot into the left side of the net from 28 yards off the right side.

Fruchterman netted the game's final goal with 5 minutes, 30 seconds left off a breakaway in which Chantilly charging goal tender Lauren Mashinski nearly stopped the shot on a slide tackle attempt. But the ball trickled by the goalie and Fruchterman found herself with no one between herself and the goal. She caught up to the slow rolling ball and scooted it in from just in front of the goal line.

WOODSON GOALIE Marlee Stynchula earned the win in the net for the Cavaliers. The win puts Woodson into the finals for the first time since 2004 when the Cavaliers won both the region and state AAA

crowns under then head coach Sean Burke.

Current Woodson coach Warren Williams was thrilled with his team's latter half play versus Chantilly, the region champion two years ago.

"We got after Chantilly in the second half," said Williams. "We talked at halftime about how we had to get the ball wide and deep."

Woodson (13-2-3) reached the 16-team tournament finals with wins over Madison, Oakton, and now Chantilly, outscoring its

opponents 7-0 over those three games.

Chantilly, with the semifinals loss, saw its season end at 10-5-2. The Chargers had beaten both Yorktown and Stone Bridge

to reach the final four.

"We played amazing those first two wins," said Chantilly senior defender Madyson Brown, of the Chargers' 4-1 first round win over Yorktown and their 3-1 quarterfinals round win over Stone Bridge. "The loss to Woodson is disappointing. It's my senior year and I wanted us to go further."

Brown was named to the First Team All-Region Team as a defender. Woodson players named to the First Team were Gaski (for-

ward), senior Danille King (midfield), and junior Jessica Ferarri (goalie). King was named Region Player of the Year. The All-Region First Team was announced following Wednesday's first semifinals game.

IN THE SEMIFINALS NIGHTCAP GAME, McLean scored the game's first four goals and went on to defeat the Centreville Wildcats, 4-2, on Wednesday night.

The Highlanders, this year's Liberty District champions, got first half goals from Melissa Downey, Becca Latimer, Andrea Romness, and Kristina Bettner, whose header goal off a Romness corner made the score 4-0 with 10 minutes, 55 seconds still remaining in the first half.

Centreville broke onto the scoreboard in the final minute of the first half on a close range, straight-on header goal by Clara Logsdon off a corner kick assist from teammate Haley Yow to get the Wildcats within 4-1 at the half.

Centreville pulled within 4-2 with just over 15 minutes remaining in the contest when Logsdon, a versatile sophomore player, scored from 12 yards out off a breakaway left. The Wildcats threatened thereafter to get even closer, but could not find the net again. Earning the win in the net for McLean was Kristen Ahearn.

Centreville, the No. 2 seed from the

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SPORTS

Bruin Boys Upend Saxons in Region Soccer Finals

Following Langley second half score, Bruins answer with two goals.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Talk about stepping up in the postseason. That has been the case for Lake Braddock Secondary boys' soccer player Matt Fraedrich, a senior midfielder who scored two regular season goals but has broken through for seven playoff scores over the past several weeks.

"He's found his range," said Bruins' head coach Joe Soos.

Fraedrich, along with Lake Braddock fans, will never forget his most recent score, which proved to be the game-winner for the Bruins last Friday night in their 2-1 Northern Region title game win over Langley at Madison High School.

It marked the first time Lake Braddock has won the region crown since 2003 when the Bruins defeated West Springfield in the title game. Lake Braddock also made it to the region finals in 2006 but loss to Woodson.

Lake Braddock and Langley are both competing at this week's state AAA boys' playoffs.

FRAEDRICH scored perhaps the biggest



Tyler Dunn (18) had the picture-perfect assist on teammate Matt Fraedrich's game-winning goal in the region title game win over Langley last Friday at Madison High School. Langley's lone goal was scored by Dylan Price, center.

goal of the season for Lake Braddock in its region title game win over the Saxons on Friday. The goal came off a short breakaway left, the result of a picture perfect up-field pass from teammate Tyler Dunn. Fraedrich received the pass behind the Langley defense, moved the ball forward on the dribble, then lifted a soft, touch shot over Jay Lupas, the charging Langley goalie. The ball went into the goal from about 18 yards out and put Lake Braddock ahead to stay, 2-1, with 11 minutes, 9 seconds remaining

in the second half.

"Obviously, it was a great strike," said Soos, of the goal. "But the ball played into him [by Dunn] was just as important. Tyler dropped the ball over the defense, where Matt could get to it. The ball was outstanding and Matt caught it in stride."

Upon scoring, Fraedrich, in celebration, dashed up the field's far sideline and took off his shirt, pointing triumphantly to the Bruins' fans in the visitors' side stadium bleachers. His teammates and the Bruin

fandom were ecstatic at the clutch goal. However, Fraedrich was issued a yellow card for taking his jersey off. He also got a stern talking to by Soos, the Bruins' head coach.

"He just got caught up in the moment," said Soos. "He wasn't trying to show up Langley."

Fraedrich agreed afterwards that he should not have taken off his uniform top. Of the goal itself, he credited Dunn, a senior defender, for setting him up.

"Tyler is a great player and capable of playing the long ball at top and he did," said Fraedrich, a Second Team All-Patriot District player this spring who will be playing the sport next school year at the University of Illinois. "He hit the ball over the top of the defense, and under my breath I said to myself, 'Yes.' I knew the keeper was coming out. At first I thought [my shot] was going over the goal and that I hit it too hard."

But it wasn't too hard and went into the net. Seven minutes earlier, Fraedrich had missed a golden opportunity to score when his shot from 15 yards out off the right side on a short breakaway chance went wide right. But he didn't miss a little while later on his chance off the left side, set up by Dunn's pinpoint pass.

It was the seventh goal of the postseason for Fraedrich, who said coach Soos, following the conclusion of the regular season a few weeks back, had motivated him to pick up his game during a coach-player conver

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Local Golfer Heads to Greece

David Curtin to represent U.S. at Special Olympics World Summer Games.

BY LESLIE MORRISSETTE
THE CONNECTION

It all started with a set of plastic golf clubs. The only problem, according to Springfield resident David Curtin's parents, was that it's been difficult for them to find left-handed clubs.

Curtin's house backs up to an easement area, making the ideal "makeshift" driving range. By the time he was big enough for his parents to invest in a regular set of left-handed clubs, he was hitting the ball so hard, that it would reach the playground up the street.

For fear of hitting aluminum siding, glass windows or neighbors, Curtin's parents, Chris and Ruth Anne, decided it was time to start taking him to a real driving range.

Chris Curtin began taking David to Burke Lake Golf Course, where David still practices every week.

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David Curtin

PHOTO BY LESLIE MORRISSETTE/THE CONNECTION

Bruins Baseball

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too little, too late.

"The most disappointing thing for me tonight is as soon as that [six-run inning] happened, everybody just dropped," Lake Braddock head coach Jody Rutherford said. "The faces of everybody dropped. The way they handled themselves on the field dropped and that's unacceptable. ... The guys compete. The game wasn't too big for them. South County is a good team. We have to be able to keep our heads up. We talked about it a little bit in practice that they're a good team. They're going to get their swings in and hopefully that we react a little bit differently, with a little bit more mental toughness, but it just didn't happen."

Thomas Rogers had three hits and an RBI for Lake Braddock. Kenny Towns, Nathan Parker and Alex Gransback each had one hit for the Bruins.

"Definitely, everyone got down on themselves," Towns said. "No one had the confidence after that [six-run inning]. I've seen plenty of times where we scored more than four runs in three innings. We've done it tons of times and no one had confidence in doing that. They almost forgot how good we were right when that happened."

Lake Braddock's season ended on June 7 with a 5-4 loss to Great Bridge in the state quarterfinals.

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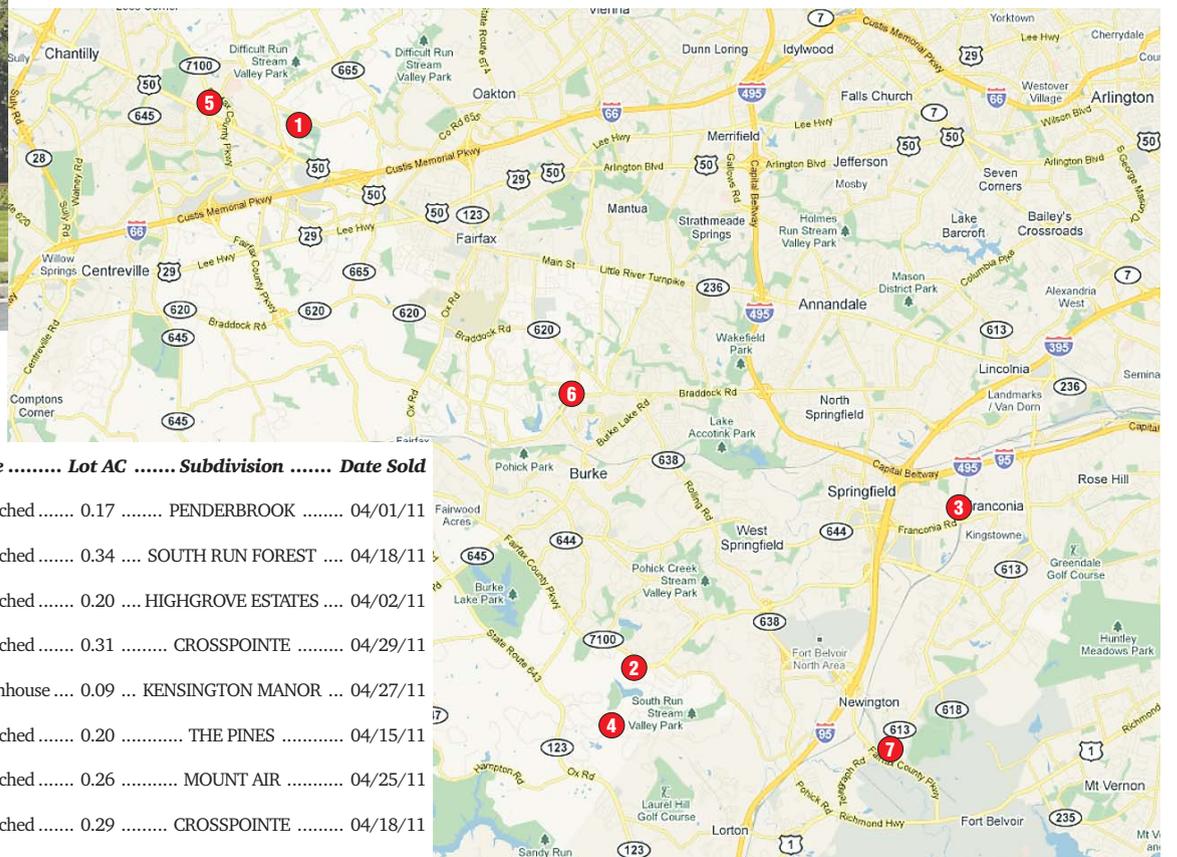
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Lake Braddock Over Langley

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sation.

Following Friday's win, Fraedrich expressed pride in what his team had accomplished.

"I knew this team had the potential to go this far," he said.

Langley, following a scoreless first half, got onto the scoreboard less than seven minutes into the second half when senior midfielder/striker Dylan Price, off a gorgeous, long throw-in pass from the left side of the field by teammate Jeff Cochran, got himself free on the right side of the goal area and headed the ball into the right side of the net for a 1-0 Saxons' lead with 33:25 remaining in the second half.

"I got some space and headed it into the corner," said Price.

Moments earlier, Price had barely missed scoring on a kick off the right side from 10 yards out.

"We were pressuring them, I poked it past the keeper and the ball went off the right post," said Price, of the missed chance, which ultimately did not matter when he punched in his header goal.

Less than a minute after Langley scored, Lake Braddock came right back and answered with the equalizer when Bruin senior midfielder Elhadji Diouf, off his own rebound following a head shot attempt, scored on a scorching, close range shot off the left side to make the score 1-1. The goal was set up by a Lake Braddock throw-in ball.

Just like that, the game's momentum had gone from the Saxons' favor to the Bruins'. Then, seven

minutes later, Fraedrich came up with what proved to be the game-winner.

At game's end when the final whistle blew, the Lake Braddock student body rushed the field and celebrated in unabashed enthusiasm with the Bruins' players at midfield.

"I think our kids have shown a belief in themselves where they don't quit and have grown closer and closer as the year has gone on," said Soos, of his squad.

Price, the Langley striker, said his team will now look forward to making a strong run at states.

"This loss is tough," he said. "But we have a lot of seniors and good leadership. I think we have just as good a chance as anyone at states."

It was a frustrating game for the Bo Amato-coached Saxons, this year's Liberty District champions who were on the doorstep of a region crown before the Bruins broke through for their consecutive second half goals.

"It was a good game and we played well," said Price. "The biggest regret was giving up a sloppy goal [which made the score 1-1]. Their second goal was a great finish and a great goal."

Price said his team will now look forward to making a strong run at states.

"I think we have just as good a chance as anyone at states," he said. "This loss is tough, but we have a lot of seniors and good leadership. We demand a lot out of ourselves. This is the [closest] group I've ever played on. That's real special. I'm real glad to be a part of this team."

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Teeing Off in Athens

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David Curtin has tried other sports, over the years, but none have compared to his love of golf.

When he attended Edison High School, Bill Ogletree,

who was in charge of the golf program for Special Olympics, recognized David Curtin's skills and helped to set him on a path that would eventually lead to him playing for Team USA in Athens, Greece.

At age 24, David Curtin will be competing there, this June, in the Special Olympics World Summer Games.

When asked about his expectations, in true competitive spirit, David Curtin said, "To win."

But, he also said he is looking forward to spending time in the town of Rhodes, prior to the competition.

As Ruth Anne Curtin explained it, each sport is assigned to a town, where the athletes will spend four days acclimating, before the Olympic ceremonies begin.

David Curtin's parents could not say enough good things about the Special Olympics organization, as well as Fairfax County Public Schools. They also give credit to their local church, Sydenstricker United Method-

ist, where David has been very involved in the band and chancellor choir.

"The church has been like a second family to David," said Ruth Anne Curtin.

It seems no surprise, then, Sydenstricker United Methodist conducted a golf tournament fund-raiser for David Curtin on May 27, at the Laurel Hill Golf Course. This was David Curtin's first time stepping out on that course.

David Curtin's favorite golf course is Bristow Manor in Bristol, Va. The most difficult he ever played was The Highlands, in Lincoln, Neb.,

where, he said, "the rough is really rough." That may be so, but he still walked away with the gold medal in his division.

His dream course would be to play at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

When David Curtin is not playing golf or working at a local carwash, he enjoys playing softball, riding his bike, going to the movies with friends and playing Wii.

The highlight of David Curtin's career, so far, was when he recently had the opportunity to play in the Azalea Charities Pro-Am Invitational with LPGA golfer Stephanie Loudon.

"David loves the outdoors, so it is no surprise that he likes golf so much," said Ruth Anne Curtin.

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— Ruth Anne Curtin

Woodson in Semifinals

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Concorde District, finished the season 13-3. The team, which began the season 9-0, won region playoff games over Hayfield and Lake Braddock, both by 3-0 scores, to earn the semifinals date with McLean.

The Highlanders (14-3-2) reached the semis with victories over West Springfield, 2-0, and Washington-Lee, 5-1.

McLean coach Rob Bouchard, whose team lost a regular season game at Centreville, 2-1, on March 24, said his Highlanders were

determined to get off to a fast start in Wednesday's postseason meeting with Centreville.

"We just wanted to come out with intensity," he said. "The first time we played them they stuck it to us at the beginning of the game."

McLean players Downey (forward) and Romness (midfield) both made First Team All-Region. For Centreville, sophomore Alexandra Myers (midfield) made the team. Centreville head coach Gary Malebranche earned District Coach of the Year honors.

Chosen by the Majors

Royals draft South County Pitcher Beal.

The Kansas City Royals selected South County senior pitcher Evan Beal in the eighth round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft on June 7.

Beal was the 246th player chosen and the second Virginia high school player to come off the board. The New York Yankees selected Kecoughtan

outfielder Jake Cave in the sixth round with the 209th overall pick.

The 6-foot-5 Beal is signed with the University of South Carolina. His older brother, pitcher Jesse Beal, was a 14th-round selection of the Baltimore Orioles in 2008.

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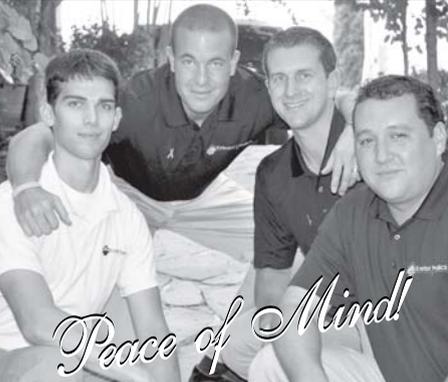
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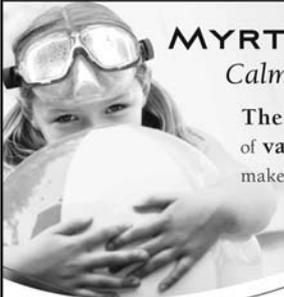
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CASE NO. 2011-DR-10-1326

KADEE LYNN AUSTIN, Plaintiff
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF ZOIE AVA TALBIRD, (minor under 18 yrs old) SUMMONS
TO ZOIE AVA AUSTIN

v.

JOHN DOE
DONOR ID NUMBER 1432
Defendant.

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