

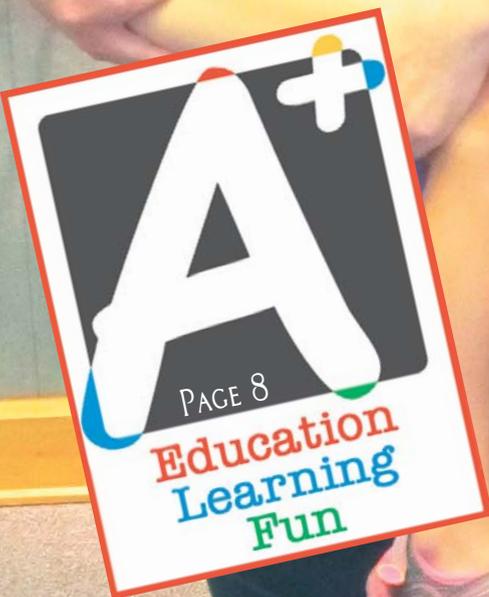
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Marie and Henry Cullerton, right, took home top honors at the Best of Braddock awards ceremony on Wednesday, July 13. The longtime Kings Park residents were nominated by King Park Civic Association president Kayleen Fitzgerald and named Citizens of the Year for their years of community volunteering. Fitzgerald is shown here holding daughter Nora Rice, 7.



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## Making Good Neighbors

**Best of Braddock awards honor extraordinary neighbors.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**H**enry and Marie Cullerton have lived in Kings Park for more than 40 years. The couple raised two children who attended Lake Braddock Secondary School, have two grandchildren, and could have moved anywhere they wanted when after retirement several years ago.

Instead, they decided to stay in the Kings Park neighborhood and volunteer their time and talents to make their neighborhood, and their community, a better place.

"They are two peas in a pod," said Kayleen Fitzgerald, President of the Kings Park Civic Association. "They are the heart and soul of our neighborhood."

For their efforts, the Cullertons were named Citizens of the Year, the top honor at the annual Best of Braddock Awards ceremony on Wednesday, July 13. They received a standing ovation from the nearly 100 people packed in the Braddock Hall to recognize the volunteer achievements of the Cullertons as well as 12 other Best of Braddock neighbors.

"This is really the night for neighbors who volun-

teer, the people who make Fairfax County a better place to live," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who hosted the ceremony along with Bill Barfield, president of the Braddock District Council of Community Associations. "We celebrate their commitment to their neighborhoods and inspiring stories. And these are just the winners."

"The secret is that it's just way more fun to volunteer than to just sit around," said Marie Cullerton.

The Cullertons do anything but sit around. Together, they have cleared brush, pulled weeds and cleaned storm drains as members of the Kings Park Beautification Committee. Henry Cullerton, who sits on the Board of Directors for the Kings Park Civic Association, also makes weekly visits to local nursing homes as an advocate for improving the lives of Fairfax County senior citizens receiving long-term care. Marie Cullerton was instrumental in writing the award-winning grant proposal that allowed the community to replace its aging entrance signs. They also chaired the Kings Park 50th anniversary celebration, which drew more than 600 neighbors to the annual potluck dinner in March. After the event, Marie Cullerton sent out hand-made "thank you" cards to all the sponsors and volunteers.

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- Kayleen Fitzgerald

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**Jessica Aviles, a Robinson Secondary School senior, accepts the Braddock District Young Person of the Year award for her work in creating the non-profit Smiles of Joy. She is standing with Ian and Karen Emmons, parents of Alex Emmons, another Young Person of the Year award winner.**

## 37th District Primary Race Heats Up

**Flanary, Hunt vie to score points with voters by emphasizing differences in Senate race.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n their bid for a chance to unseat incumbent Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) in the Nov. 8 general election, Republicans Jason Flanary and Steve Hunt declared independence from each other, delineating their differences before a standing-room only-crowd at Monday night's Braddock District candidates forum.

Both defined themselves as fiscal and social conservatives, defending Second Amendment rights, deriding "tax-and-spend" Democrats, and championing right-to-life values. They both agreed that traffic congestion is one of the key job killers in Fairfax County and that putting more money into mass transit is "throwing money down the drain," Flanary said.

They also agreed that legislation aimed at deregulating business would make the state more competitive; big government is bad government and Virginia's public col-

leges and universities should have incentives to keep Virginia students in the state.

But Flanary, a former vice president of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, cast himself as a no-nonsense business leader, while Hunt emphasized his experience as an engineer and social conservative.

A former U.S. Marine, Flanary talked tough and fast, touting his business and military experience, his willingness to "pound sand" when confronting tax issues, and his readiness to "hit the ground running" when it's time to get things done in Richmond.

"Steve is a great guy and one of the nicest guys I know. But at the end of the day, you win or you lose, and I'm ready to win," Flanary said, noting that Hunt, a former Fairfax County School Board member, has lost more elections than he's won.

"Dave [Marsden] has proven he is going to work to keep his seat. We need someone in Richmond who is going to represent your values. It's time for a Republican senator

again," Flanary said.

Flanary frequently mentioned the 5,347 doors he has knocked on since announcing his candidacy, and the number became a comic line throughout the evening, drawing laughs almost every time he repeated it, about 15 times during the 7:30-9 p.m. event.

Hunt, a retired U.S. Navy flight officer and engineer, turned his campaign losses into a positive, pointing out that he is the only one who has the name recognition and experience to beat Marsden.

"I've got a deep track record and name recognition across the district. This is the first time Jason has done something that's not in the political background," Hunt said. "He is a smooth guy. He's lobbied on Capitol Hill and Richmond. I'm not interested in ribbon-cuttings and press releases," Hunt said after the event.

Flanary, who has run campaigns for Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), said his business experience is exactly what's needed to reform government. "We need someone who can fix the

inefficiencies of government, who can apply a business model to our financial issues. We need someone who will analyze how every single dollar is being spent in every area. That's the problem I have with government in general. They waste time and

money, and we can't afford that anymore. In knocking on ... yes, 5,347 doors, I've learned that people are tired of wasteful spending."

Flanary took a page from Herrity's talking points when he asked the audience if they noticed how many times Route 123 has

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— Jason Flanary

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# Connolly Vows To Protect Medicare

Greenspring seniors attend town hall on Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**U**.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) wants seniors to know that he will fight for to protect their Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security benefits for them.

He brought his message to nearly 100 seniors who participated in a town hall panel discussion at Greenspring retirement center in Springfield, on Monday, July 18.

"Don't be fooled by false choices," Connolly told the residents in his opening remarks. "Medicare is not an all or nothing choice. The United States can afford Medicare, but we can't afford to finance tax cuts on the backs of our senior citizens."

He said that the senior safety-net program, created in 1965 to guarantee health care to all Americans over the age of 65, could be put on more solid financial footing. He noted that before Medicare, more than 60 percent of the nation's seniors did not have health insurance, but now nearly 100 percent of seniors, or 47 million people, have access to healthcare with Medicare.

"There's no question that we can make the system more efficient," Connolly said, and one of the ways to do that is to curb



**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) conducted a town hall meeting at Greenspring Retirement Center in Springfield on Monday, July 18 to talk about Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Panelists included, from left, Howard Houghton, program coordinator of VICAP; Bill Kallio, state director of AARP; Joanne Grossi, regional director with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Lester Austin, senior public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration.**

fraud and abuse. "Every year, Medicare loses \$60-\$80 billion because of waste, fraud and abuse, and that's what we need to tackle," he said.

Connolly also said that Social Security did not create debts and deficits, and should be off the table in during deficit-reduction

talks.

"At a time when older Americans are less secure in their retirement and less able to afford quality health services, now is not the time to cut their benefits ... although over 90 percent of seniors for retirement, less than half have been able to save more

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than \$50,000 ... many of America's seniors are simply unable to afford further financial strains," Connolly said in a July 15 letter to President Barack Obama, signed by Connolly and other members of Congress.

Joanne Grossi, one of four panelists and the regional director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said that fraud seminars have helped to recover \$4.2 billion in the past six months.

She also told residents that they might not realize how many benefits they have.

"Since January 1 of this year, all Medicare recipients get free preventative services. Pap smears, mammograms and wellness visits are free since we enacted health care reform," Grossi said.

According to panelist Lester Austin, a senior public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration, many seniors don't access their benefits because of the myths and misconceptions about Medicare and Social Security. "I know there's a lot of confusion out there, but my message to you is 'when in doubt, fill it out.' Fill out that form,

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# Drop in Homeless Population Reported

Focus on business partnerships, rapid re-housing helps prevent homelessness.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** newly released report on Fairfax County's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) reveals that during the past four years the county's homeless population has decreased by 15.6 percent, from 1,835 individuals in 2008 to 1,549 in 2011.

"The good news is that the 10 year-plan to prevent and end homelessness is working and that our housing program is working," said Michael O'Reilly, chairman of the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End homelessness. "To have such a significant decrease in this economic environment is phenomenal."

In 2007, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a 10-Year Plan to end homelessness. In 2008, the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) was

established to manage, coordinate and monitor implementation of the community's plan to end homelessness by 2018.

The new study, which examines homeless trends from 2008-11, brings into sharper focus the overall picture of homelessness by using new data collection methods.

For the first time, Fairfax County homeless advocates can track trends in the County's homeless population, rather than rely on traditional, but sometimes unreliable, "point-in-time" surveys.

"The point-in-time surveys used to be our only measuring tool, which was a one-day count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families in the county," said O'Reilly, "It was a tally of who is homeless on any given night, and while it provided some valuable information, it did not allow us to monitor trends or see significant shifts from year to year," said O'Reilly.

By collecting data in a new way, according Dean Klein, director of OPEH, the

county can see measurable progress in preventing and ending what many consider an intractable problem.

Fairfax County's success in decreasing the homeless population runs counter to national trends. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, released last month, overall homelessness increased was up by 1 percent nationally from 2009 to 2010.

"Part of our success in preventing and ending homelessness is predicated on our strong partnerships with a broad coalition of nonprofits, faith-based communities, businesses, government agencies and individuals," Klein said. Partners include Reston Interfaith, Shelter House, United Community Ministries and the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development.

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While there has been a decrease in the number of homeless, the new study also indicated a slight drop in the average monthly

income among adults in families who are employed, as well as a 2 percent drop in the number of employed adults.

"I think (the report) says that although we've been successful in new and innovative strategies to house the homeless, the ongoing economic factors that face every individual

are daunting and we need to continue our commitment to find creative ways to support independence," said Klein.

The report also showed that a new housing initiative, Housing Opportunities Support Teams (HOST), prevented nearly 900 persons from becoming homeless in 2010. HOST, financed through \$2.14 million in federal stimulus dollars, focuses on getting

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# Braddock District Honors Good Neighbors

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"This is a celebration of the extraordinary contributions from volunteers and citizens," said Barfield. He said that the nominating committee of the BDC sifted through nearly 50 applications to choose a winner in each category. Barfield served as the event's Master of Ceremonies, reading a statement about each winner's contributions gathered from the nomination forms before announcing the winners.

Clayton Redfern, a U.S. Postal Service employee, received the Most Can-Do Federal Public Employee award.

"Clayton has served the Kings Park West community for more than 27 years, and he is much more than a postal carrier," said Barfield. Whether it was Snowmagedon, or a blazing hot July afternoon, Redfern prioritized getting medical supplies to citizens whose health depended on their postal service deliveries.

"He has taken the initiative and time to learn almost all of Kings Park West residents by name, which is quite remarkable considering that his route includes over 600 residences," said Barfield.

Another "Can-Do" winner was Ned Barnes, the director of the Pinn Community Center, who was recognized as the local public employee of the year. Barnes helps provide Braddock seniors and youth

with diverse programs, including after-school programs in yoga, karate and companionship for more than 30 local elementary students.

"He has energized the expansion of the Senior Center Without Walls for our 350-plus members, and he definitely demonstrates the can-do spirit," said Corazon Foley, who launched the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center without Walls, and is president of its advisory council.

Anthony Vellucci, who served as the Kings Park West Civic Association president for five years, received the Neighborhood Enhancement award for his work with the civic association.

"After his term ended, he took it upon himself to solve the pressing issue of the closed Kings Park West Swim Club," Barfield said. Vellucci coordinated and negotiated with two Fairfax County agencies to eventually turn the abandoned swim club into an environmentally friendly neighborhood park.

"This community teamwork and Tony's initiative to succeed is a wonderful example of what volunteers can do when everyone is focused, has a common goal and driven leadership," Barfield said.

Another environmental winner was the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association, which received the award for a Club or Organization Making a Difference. The RFCA suc-

cessfully applied for a storm water runoff remediation grant from Interstate 495 "hot lanes" developers Transurban & Flour Engineering. With the grant funds, the group purchased and distributed 50, 55-gallon rain barrels for use in the neighborhood.

Theresa Kurtz, a member of the Burke Cove Condo and Lake Barton Task Force, was awarded the Neighborhood Enhancement Award for an Individual Homeowner.

"Terry shows what a volunteer can do when a pressing need arises," Barfield said. "She actively and enthusiastically succeeded in mitigating the environmental and safety impacts of the Lake Barton Dam Rehabilitation and Dredging project. ... Terry's efforts resulted in far less noise disturbance and tree loss than original proposals."

Richard Wolff, president of George Rucker Realty Corporation, received the Commercial Beautification award for overseeing the design and expansion of the University Mall.

"The highly-visible project included major remodeling of the entire external façade of the mall," Barfield said. "Throughout the long process, Rick has been approachable, friendly and very cooperative with the community and local government agencies." Wolff was unable to attend the ceremony.

Three Robinson Secondary School seniors received awards for their community involvement.

Timothy Cho, 17, received the Special

Achievement Award for volunteering almost every weekend with Goodspoon, a local organization that helps underprivileged Hispanic students learn English. This year, Cho was elected Goodspoon's president.

"I'm very honored by this award," Cho said. "It's great helping others learn English." While logging more than 200 community-service hours, Cho has managed to maintain a 4.2 GPA and is a member of the National Spanish Honor Society and the Key Club.

This year, two Robinson students garnered the Young Person of the Year award: Alex Emmons and Jessica Aviles. Emmons, who has been actively involved with Youth Ministries since the seventh grade, has delivered food to local food pantries and completed home repair projects for needy residents. He was selected co-chair of Mission Ministries at St. George's United Methodist Church, which includes overseeing all of the church's outreach programs. His academic achievements include awards from the Latin Honor Society and a Rensselaer Medal for math and science achievement.

In her junior year of high school, Aviles said she and a few other friends decided they should "be doing more with our lives." So she helped create a student-run nonprofit called Smiles of Joy. "Our goal is to bring smiles to the faces of underprivileged children," she said.

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## From the CEO

### Statement of Peter C. Labovitz, President and Chief Executive Officer, Connection Newspapers, LLC

For more than 20 years I have been honored to be President and Chief Executive Officer of the Connection Newspapers, which serve the people of Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland. Since The Alexandria Gazette was founded in 1784, our organization's journalism has played an essential role in our communities.

But like all American newspapers, in recent years the Connection Newspapers have faced daunting technological and economic challenges. We have weathered repeated crises that killed or crippled many others in the news media. I am proud that we have kept these vital community voices alive.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, when the country came to a virtual standstill, our revenues temporarily plummeted. And when the severe recession began in 2007, our revenues plunged again, often failing to cover our operating costs.

During these two periods of great financial duress, our organization filed all of our required tax returns but did not pay all of its federal payroll taxes in full. We initially fell behind after 9/11. Most of the payroll taxes in this period were paid, but some balances remained due. For several quarters in 2007-2008, we again fell short.

**July 19, 2011**

As President and Chief Executive Officer of Connection Newspapers, I take personal responsibility for this significant failure in oversight and in the organization's management systems. I am deeply sorry this happened.

I am personally making arrangements to pay the most recent shortfalls in full. We have changed our organization's processes to ensure that nothing like this happens again. We have been current on our payroll taxes for more than

three years. No employee of Connection Newspapers has suffered any financial loss whatsoever because of this.

On July 19, 2011, I pled guilty to two misdemeanor charges of failure to make timely payments of payroll taxes in the U.S. District Court in Alexandria. To our employees, our readers, our communities and local and federal governments, I apologize. I understand that newspapers are a public trust and I know our entire organization works hard every day to earn that trust. I will do all I can to sustain that trust as we go forward.

It's my privilege and responsibility to serve as steward of these historic and vital newspapers. I hope to continue in this role. I am committed to doing whatever I can to ensure the Connection Newspapers adapt to these very difficult and challenging times and continue serving our communities for years to come.

## Backing Cook

To the Editor:

Living in Fairfax isn't an easy task considering all of the traffic, and high costs of living, especially in the Braddock District. We are faced with the commuters on Route 123, Interstate 495, and commuter students that attend George Mason University as well as Northern Virginia Community College.

With that being said, we've had one person in our community step up and tackle these issues. John Cook (R), the Braddock District Supervisor has been a driving force in our community, by taking care of our neighborhoods. He has found ways to cut down on traffic especially around the George Mason campus and Route 123 by working with state and George Mason University officials to achieve state funding of a "Western Bypass" at Braddock and Route 123. With the Western Bypass, the Braddock area will see a 10 to 30 percent reduction in congestion at Braddock Road and Route 123.

While considering the well being of the entire county in all his decisions, he also keeps in mind the issues of his constituents on a personal level. He established the Community Engagement Initiative to help people become more connected to and involved in their communities, as well as provided leadership training to over 125 community leaders to facilitate in the community building efforts.

As a 19-year old living in the Braddock District, seeing what John Cook has been able to accomplish, I proudly support him for reelection this November.

Following local politics is actually what motivated me to apply for an internship with the Fairfax County Republican Committee and the experience has taught me so much about the local election process. This opportunity has afforded me the opportunity to meet John personally.

I strongly encourage students that are going away to college to take an opportunity to make a difference in their community by registering to vote absentee in both the Aug. 23 primary elections and again on Nov. 8 in the General Election.

Regardless of party affiliation, students need to be active and engaged in local politics, and voting is the first step towards actively making a difference.

LETTERS

**Tiffany Vu**  
Fairfax

## Support Spike

To the Editor:

As a student in the Sellinger School of Business at Loyola University of Maryland, I hope for a future in the business world. With that being said, I look forward to a stronger labor market to be available to me not only to make it easier to get a job but to expand my opportunities and do something I really enjoy. I believe that the most qualified candidate that supports my values and beliefs is Spike Williams (R).

I proudly support Spike Williams who is running for Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for various reasons, starting with the budget. Spike's vision for

a massive budget reduction is one main reason for my support. In 2001 the budget was at \$2.135 billion, compared to \$3.319 billion this past year. For almost a decade, the budget consisted of outrageous real estate tax and wasted surplus. Our government's spending has made our labor market more rigid by holding back the efficient flow of workers from declining industries to expanding commerce. I believe Spike Williams is here to reform and reorganize Fairfax County's budget. He is a businessman at heart, and I have faith in his visionary leadership to develop our budget in a more sensible way to create a better job market.

The current board has a spending dilemma and a lack of understanding of what it takes to grow a job market. Spike Williams will work until he reaches the apex, which can set an example for this nation. As a student, I feel it is necessary to address issues in my community that may affect me now, or in my near future. Whether you are a Republican, Democrat, or Independent, I encourage you to find something that interests you. Do some research on how you can make your community a better place, and make your voice heard. Make sure you get out there and vote.

**Tyler Fisher**  
Clifton

## Property Rights

To the Editors:

The road to a better economic situation in the United States needs to come with a realization about the nature of property rights. There are reasons Thomas

Jefferson did not establish America's major rights as "life, liberty, and the pursuit of property" in the Declaration of Independence, as the English had suggested in their philosophical documents. Jefferson instead set the major rights as "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." One reason is probably that private property really should be borrowed from what is held in common for the duration of a person's life. In many philosophies, and in the book of Genesis, the world is given to all people in common. It is common property, not permanently private property.

Consequently, when a person or a company takes private property and profit out of what is held "in common," then it should have to pay back into what is held "in common." This has implications for America's current economic situation. The more private property and profit you take out of what is held in common, the more taxes you should have to pay back into what is held in common. This should be in the form of graduated income taxes — the greater the money you make, the greater the percentage rate of tax you pay. And, if companies want the rights individuals have, they should have to pay taxes in this same fashion. No person or company should be allowed any loopholes. That ruins the government's revenue and makes tax revenue difficult to project.

This country needs to remember that to be great, it must have both commonwealth and individual wealth and familial love. The armed forces, the education sys

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# LETTERS

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tem, the fire and police departments, many hospitals, the public transportation system and roads and the Social Security and Medicare systems for the less fortunate, all depend on commonwealth. These programs are all needed if Americans are truly to treat each other as if we are all one family. A familial love among citizens is the key to maintaining a long lasting and peaceful society in America, without unrest. From many, we are one family.

Republicans should really consider their position on property rights. Capitalism is correct. I am not denying that. But, shifting the national debt in the country from the wealthy companies and citizens in the U.S. to the middle class and poor, as has been going on steadily since President Ronald Reagan (R) took office, is morally wrong. If rugged individualism is what really matters, it will soon be every man for himself in the United States, and we will be so divided that the nation will be crippled economically

and socially. Familial love is a better idea than rugged individualism. We should all treat each other as if we are part of one family.

An intermediate step could be to attempt an equal, flat-rate tax across the board on income, with the same flat percentage rate being set for all individuals and businesses. I know some Americans will ask that if we are truly created equal, shouldn't we all pay an equal tax rate? We should be willing to consider this option. But, the economic waters are likely to remain perilous in the United States unless we realize that the world was given to all people in common, and that private property is borrowed temporarily from what was given to all. We can reach a better economic situation in the United States if we base our tax system on this principle, and stop paying for so much through borrowing money from others.

**Richard Miller**  
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**Are You 50 or Better?** 12 p.m. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Lunch N' Life, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke. With author and historian Don Hakenson on "Little Known Civil War Fights in Fairfax County." \$8. 703-323-4788 or

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# College Can Wait

Some local high school graduates delay college to pursue other opportunities.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

While most of her friends worried about whether they would get along with their freshman year college roommates last summer, Emily Hunt thought about living with a Mexican host family and attending high school classes conducted entirely in Spanish.

After graduating from McLean High School in 2010, Hunt deferred her acceptance to James Madison University for a year so she could live abroad through an exchange program sponsored by Rotary International.

"I didn't really feel ready to jump right into college life. I wanted to take some time to see more of the world and decide what I wanted to study," said Hunt, whose exchange was sponsored by the Rotary Club of McLean.

Over 10 months, she lived with three host families while she attended an extra year of high school in Aguascalientes, Mexico. She returned from Mexico in June and plans to

enroll at James Madison as a freshman this fall.

Hunt said there were many tangible benefits to taking time off between high school and college, typically referred to as a gap year.

For example, she speaks fluent Spanish now and spent time with students from many different cultures. Her classmates not only included other Mexicans but also students on Rotary scholarships from Japan and other parts of the world.

"I became so much more mature over the last year. I was away from my parents for an entire year and I had to handle situations all on my own. Now I feel very confident," said Hunt.

Many students who study abroad through Rotary International go during high school but Hunt worried that credits from a foreign high school wouldn't transfer. She wanted to be able to graduate on time from McLean with the rest of her friends, so she decided to go abroad after high school and start college a year late.

"I figured whatever year I started college, I was going to be able to make friends," she



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

**McLean High School graduate Emily Hunt deferred her admission to James Madison University so she could spend a gap year going to school in Mexico.**

said.

Many European students take a gap year to travel or do community service before starting university, though American students who take time off before college remain an exception to the rule. Fewer than one percent of incoming freshman at Virginia Tech, one of the commonwealth's largest universities, take time off between college and high school, according to the school's admissions office.

Gap years do have some high-profile ad-

## Gap Year Resources

Is your child considering taking a year off between high school and college? Here are some helpful websites and books with information on gap years.

♦ <http://www.usagapyearfairs.org> - Look for upcoming local gap year fairs during the 2011-2012 school year at this website.

♦ <http://www.gapyear.com> - General information on gap years and gap year programs

♦ "The Gap Year Advantage: Helping Your Child Benefit From Time Off Before Or During College," by Karl Haigler and Rae Nelson. This book has general tips on the gap year process.

♦ "The Complete Guide To The Gap Year: The Best Things To Do Between High School and College," by Kristin White. This book is another "tell all" on taking a gap year.

vocates, including admissions officers at some of the country's most elite universities.

William Fitzsimmons, dean of admissions and financial aid at Harvard College, encourages taking time off between high school and college. Between 50 and 70 students defer admission to Harvard every year and the results have been "uniformly positive" in helping teenagers avoid burn-out in college, wrote Fitzsimmons in article on the university's admissions website.

"Perhaps the best way to get the full benefit of a 'time off' is to postpone entrance

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**Cool Cats & Hot Dogs.** 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories, songs and finger plays. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

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**Beach Jewelry.** 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Use elements such as natural stone, beach glass, shell and

wood to create island jewelry. Age 12-19. 703-249-1520.

**Lunchtime at the Movies.** 11:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Bring lunch and watch movies based on children's books. Call for titles. Age 1-6 with adult. 703-644-7333.

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## FRIDAY/JULY 22

**Local Children's Author Judy Link Cuddehe.** 10:30 a.m. Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Oak Hill author-illustrator Cuddehe will read from her recent book about fireflies, "Flash Light!" 703-966-2175.

**"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."** 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. A fully staged production of Stephen Sondheim's musical about Sweeney Todd, a barber on a murderous path for revenge in

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# Rare Birds Indeed

Hub Theatre stages world premiere of comedy written by NPR's Marc Acito.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

**T**heater thrives on the unexpected," said Shirley Serotsky, director of the Hub Theatre's next offering, the world premiere comedy "Birds of a Feather." Written by National Public Radio commentator Marc Acito, the play was inspired by real events at New York City's Central Park Zoo and around the city.

The play is about how nature and nurture interweaves as two male penguins form a pair to raise a baby chick together; while several red-tailed hawks make a home for themselves on the ledge of a swanky Fifth Avenue residence captivating the human world.

"Birds of a Feather" is one of those "comedies that stay with you ... coming back to this idea: Love is hard to find, and hard to maintain, but it provides a force like no other on this planet," said Serotsky. With the animals necessarily played by humans, Serotsky cast actors "with the ability to transform, with strong movement skills,

vocal range, creativity and great specificity."

The idea for the play about two male penguins raising a baby chick came to playwright Acito "after thinking about 'And Tango Makes Three,' the children's book ... that continues to top the American Library Association's list of banned and challenged books."

"Many theaters have told me they consider it too controversial to produce," said Acito, who praised Hub Theatre's decision to stage the comedy.

"I think most great stories are love stories" said Helen Pafumi, the Hub Theatre's artistic director. "Extremely funny, absurd

and couched in the tale of a controversial topic, 'Birds of a Feather' is, at its heart, a story about the many faces of love. ... It celebrates the many forms love takes, the search for it, the maintaining of it and sometimes even its demise."

"Playing an animal shares many of the same struggles playing a human character," said actor Matt Dewberry, who plays both a penguin and a hawk in the production. "You still have a character with wants, needs and

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— Marc Acito



PHOTO BY C. STANLEY PHOTOGRAPHY

Eric Messner, left, and Jjana Valentiner star in the Hub Theatre's production of 'Birds of a Feather.'

obstacles, and that is where you have to start. The characters have to be believable."

Dewberry said the overall theme of the play is one of "acceptance, tolerance, compassion, understanding and love. ... It's about finding that person or persons who loves you and accepts you for who you are so that you can feel free to be your true self."

Jjana Valentiner plays a zookeeper watching over the penguins. She expects the audience will "get caught up in the joyful, precious, and at times complicated journey that is a relationship, regardless of whether it's a traditional one or not."

It will be a "rich night of theater," said

## When and Where

"Birds of a Theater" at the John Swayze Theatre, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax, Va., 22031. Performances run through Aug. 7. Friday-Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$25. Call 703-674-3177 or visit [www.thehubtheatre.org](http://www.thehubtheatre.org).

Pafumi. "How can anyone miss a show tune singing penguin or a Fifth Avenue man's man of a hawk? This is going to be a blast."

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**Emmylou Harris and her Red Dirt Boys.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

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**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.

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## SUNDAY/JULY 31

**Burke Historical Society Meeting.** 4 p.m. Silas Burke House, 9617 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Historian and author Patrick O'Neill will speak about the Belvoir manor, the seat of Col. William Fairfax's plantation. Belvoir was effectively abandoned by the family, fell into disrepair, and was further damaged during the War of 1812. Its name lives on in the Army base that now includes its ruins. [slawski\\_brian@yahoo.com](mailto:slawski_brian@yahoo.com).

**"Conquering the Rose"** Film Debut. 8 p.m. Cinema Arts Theatre, Fair City Mall, 9560-14 Main St., Fairfax. A feature film written and produced by GMU alummi Jenna St. John and made with a local crew. A small college town is haunted by a young girl's suicide. [www.conqueringtherose.com](http://www.conqueringtherose.com).

**Rebecca Loebe, Jenae Halstead and Sam Friend.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

## MONDAY/AUG. 1

**Benefit for NOVACO.** 7-10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227

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## COMMUNITY

# Connolly Town Hall

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because chances are you are entitled to more than you think.”

Virginia's State Director of AARP Bill Kallio said that seniors might feel “dazed and confused” because, while they planned well for retirement and paid into Social Security, the recession jeopardized their healthcare benefits. “Seniors want to stay independent, but their health care costs area increasingly outpacing their income,” Kallio said.

Kallio said seven out of 10 people over the age of 65 will need some kind of long-term support in their lifetime, and that Medicare and Social Security are key in helping seniors maintain their independence.

He added that a recent poll of AARP's 1 million plus members in Virginia identified their top three concerns as economic security, health security, and staying independent. “

During the question and answer session, Mervyn Reeves, 72, told the panel that his internist saved his life, and he wanted to remain a patient.

“But, I recently got a letter saying that he is privatizing his practice, and I will have to pay extra to become a member,” Reeves said. He also told the

panel that his doctor did not like the extra costs associated with a push to make electronic medical records mandatory.

Howard Houghton, Fairfax County's coordinator of the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program, said that “concierge service” is becoming increasingly common as doctors try to offset rising costs of operating a medical practice. “Basically, you pay to be a member of the club, and to get same-day medical appointments and other benefits. But it often costs \$1,000 or more, and Medicare won't pay the entrance fee to clubs.”

“My wife and I told our doctor we couldn't afford it. We're public servants,” Connolly said.

Connolly added that electronic record keeping was critical in providing health services to seniors who often take multiple medications. “When doctors see the benefits, they will understand how important it is,” Connolly said.

Former Fairfax County Board Chair Audrey Moore, 82, stood up and pointed out the ID necklace that Greenspring residents wear. “You may have noticed this. We already have electronic medical records, and it's a wonderful service. All of our doctors see how helpful it is,” she said.

# Homelessness Drops in Fairfax

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people who enter homeless shelters back into housing as quickly as possible.

The money was part of \$14.7 billion in housing spending included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, passed in 2009.

Fairfax County aggressive emphasis on rapid rehousing has garnered national attention. Most recently, the OPEH received the Best Government Housing Initiative Award from the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND). Each year, HAND recognizes the finest in housing related projects, pro-

grams and organizations in Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The award was presented to Klein and deputy county executive Pat Harrison at HAND's 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting and awards luncheon on May 26. The event brought together more than 1,000 leading housing professionals from the region.

OPEH was one of eight award recipients to receive recognition at the event.

“Recognition such as this will support even greater momentum as we continue to decrease the number of children, families and single adults who are homeless or at risk of falling into homelessness,” Klein said.

## CALENDAR

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Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Local artists Birds of Mauze, The Improvialiers, Bradley Perrow, West Potomac Improv, Poi, Jamie Fredrickson's Mad Hoop Skills, The Fair Sons of Robin Fax, Alice Boyars, Julian Rosen and more. A portion of the proceeds benefits NOVACO, offering affordable

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### TUESDAY/AUG. 2

**Jolie Holland and Sallie Ford & the Sound Outside.** 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 3

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# Some Area Students See Benefits of a Gap Year

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to college for a year. For nearly 40 years, Harvard has recommended this option, indeed proposing it in the letter for admission," he wrote.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT] allows prospective students to check a box indicating they want to defer their enrollment for one or two years on the school's reply form.

"My hope is that you will at least consider, just for a moment, taking a gap year. ... We will grant a deferral for almost any reason," said Matt McCann, an MIT admissions officer and graduate on the school's website.

Princeton University sponsors its own "bridge year" program for a small group of incoming freshmen. A handful of students put off the start of their freshman year at Princeton in order to do community service in Ghana, India, Peru and Serbia. The university covers the cost of the trip and living expenses for the students who participate.

Yet parents, other students and faculty can be skeptical of the benefits of taking a gap year.

Bruce Pujanauski said he was a little skeptical of his son taking a year off between high school and college. Kevin Pujanauski won a scholarship with the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange to study abroad

at a high school in Germany after he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in 2007.

"We weren't really familiar with these programs. His older siblings had graduated from high school and gone directly to college. It just wasn't something we were familiar with," said Bruce Pujanauski, who lives in Oak Hill.

But Bruce Pujanauski said he couldn't think of a better experience for his son, who came back speaking and writing German fluently. Now a student at the University of Virginia, Kevin returned to Germany between his freshman and sophomore years of college to intern in Berlin.

"The whole experience was just fantastic for him. He got everything out of it," said Bruce Pujanauski.

**SOME OF** Kevin Pujanauski's peers were also a little confused about his plans to go to Germany.

"My friends were like 'What? Huh? You're still going to be in high school?'...It was strange for most students. At TJ, life is all about getting ahead," he said.

Yet Kevin Pujanauski grew a lot as a person during his year in Germany, where he was the only American in his high school. It allowed him to experience the freedom and responsibilities that come with living on your own before he entered college. The

teenager, who had never been outside the United States before, also got to visit 10 or 11 other countries.

The trip was not only good for Kevin Pujanauski's personal growth but his professional and academic development. Kevin Pujanauski still sees the benefits of that growth when he goes on job interviews.

"I think in terms of my maturity, the benefit was two or three fold. I worked out a lot of issues that most people have to deal with when they are freshman in college," he said.

**THE COST** of gap year can also be a deterrent for some families. Some gap year programs, particularly those that are structured and involve international travel, can cost as much as a year of college itself.

Camille Morrow of Alexandria said her parents told her she will have to attend a public university or college after they help pay for her gap year excursions. She plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall of 2012.

Morrow, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in June, is enrolling with National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) program this fall and may be traveling to West Africa in the spring. The costs for NOLS program alone is a little under \$12,000.

"I will need to spend a lot of my free time

working but I need to pay them back for some of this," said Morrow, whose parents were very supportive of her taking time off before going to college.

"I've been in school for so long. I felt like it would be nice to take a break. I will pretty much be sleeping on the ground for three months and I am not allowed to have a cell phone," said Morrow, who will backpack, canoe and camp in the Southwest United States. "I definitely think it will be good for me to get away. I think I will come back more attuned to myself."

Hunt and Pujanauski are both receiving full scholarships to study abroad, which assuaged their parents' concerns about the cost of taking a gap year. Volunteer programs like Americorps — where students can assist flood, hurricane and tornado victims for example — also cover room and board for their participants.

Liam Malakoff is working on getting various Red Cross and wilderness first responder certifications so he is better qualified to get a job in Colorado outdoors community. A recent graduate of T.C. Williams, Malakoff would like to be a whitewater rafting, canoeing or camping guide in the western United States during his time off.

"The one rule I set for myself is that I have to do something. There is no point in taking a year off and not doing anything with it," he said.

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9476 HARROWHILL LN	5	4	1	BURKE	\$720,000	Detached	0.24	WESTON HILLS	
9574 PINE MEADOWS LN	4	3	1	BURKE	\$715,000	Detached	0.30	THE PINES	
6321 SUMMERDAY CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$675,000	Detached	0.22	BURKE LAKE MEADOW	
9571 PINE MEADOWS LN	4	4	1	BURKE	\$675,000	Detached	0.23	THE PINES	
6928 SPANKER DR	4	3	1	BURKE	\$650,500	Detached	0.24	LONGWOOD KNOLLS	
9155 FORT FISHER CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$625,000	Detached	0.27	SIGNAL HILL	
6330 SANCTUARY WOODS CT	3	3	1	BURKE	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.06	BRITTFORD	
10711 OAKENSHAW CT	5	3	1	BURKE	\$596,000	Detached	0.25	BURKE CENTRE	
6013 COFFER WOODS CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$590,000	Detached	0.29	BURKE CENTRE	
5953 BURNSIDE LANDING DR	4	2	2	BURKE	\$550,000	Detached	0.21	BURKE CENTRE	
5907 FRED'S OAK RD	4	2	1	BURKE	\$549,900	Detached	0.22	BURKE CENTRE	
10140 MARSHALL POND RD	4	3	1	BURKE	\$549,000	Detached	0.18	BURKE CENTRE	
9911 NATICK RD	4	3	1	BURKE	\$545,000	Detached	0.22	BURKE CENTRE	
7311 MIZZEN PL	4	2	1	BURKE	\$545,000	Detached	0.21	LONGWOOD KNOLLS	
9702 HARR CT	5	3	1	BURKE	\$540,000	Detached	0.21	CHERRY RUN	
9602 CHRYFORD CT	4	2	1	BURKE	\$540,000	Detached	0.24	CHERRY RUN	
9615 CHAPEL HILL DR	5	3	1	BURKE	\$529,900	Detached	0.20	LEE CHAPEL WOODS	
5835 NEW ENGLAND WOODS DR	4	3	1	BURKE	\$529,000	Detached	0.13	BURKE CENTRE	
9523 VANDOLA CT	5	3	1	BURKE	\$528,978	Detached	0.34	BENT TREE	
9008 STRATTONDALE CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$525,000	Detached	0.22	BURKE STATION SQUARE	
6234 GARRETSON ST	6	3	1	BURKE	\$500,000	Detached	0.25	SHANNON STATION	
9509 WALLINGFORD DR	4	2	1	BURKE	\$498,000	Detached	0.19	LAKE BRADDOCK	
5226 CAPON HILL PL	4	3	1	BURKE	\$495,000	Detached	0.24	CARRLEIGH	
6049 BURNSIDE LANDING DR	4	2	1	BURKE	\$480,000	Detached	0.22	BURKE CENTRE	
5917 OAKLAND PARK DR	4	3	1	BURKE	\$470,000	Detached	0.22	BURKE CENTRE	
5305 CARTHAGE LN	4	3	0	BURKE	\$469,900	Detached	0.18	LAKE BRADDOCK	
6006 COFFER WOODS CT	4	3	0	BURKE	\$460,000	Detached	0.20	BURKE CENTRE	
6128 MANTLE RD	4	2	1	BURKE	\$455,000	Detached	0.14	BURKE CENTRE	
6009 WINDWARD DR	4	3	1	BURKE	\$452,000	Detached	0.14	BURKE CENTRE	
10508 ERIK CHARLES CT	3	2	2	BURKE	\$447,000	Townhouse	0.06	OAK LEATHER TOWNHOMES	
9802 BURKE POND LN	4	3	1	BURKE	\$445,000	Townhouse	0.05	BURKE CENTRE	
10506 ERIK CHARLES CT	3	2	1	BURKE	\$429,900	Townhouse	0.04	OAK LEATHER TOWNHOMES	
9038 BROOK FORD RD	4	2	1	BURKE	\$415,000	Detached	0.28	BURKE STATION SQUARE	
5743 MASON BLUFF DR	3	2	1	BURKE	\$358,000	Townhouse	0.07	BURKE VILLAGE	
9807 PEBBLE WEIGH CT	4	3	0	BURKE	\$355,000	Detached	0.07	ISLE OF WYGH	
10068 CHESTNUT WOOD LN	3	2	2	BURKE	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.05	BURKE CENTRE	
10627 LAKESIDE OAK CT	3	2	2	BURKE	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.03	BURKE CENTRE	
10627 ALISON DR	3	2	2	BURKE	\$349,000	Townhouse	0.04	BURKE CENTRE	
10164 SASSAFRAS WOODS CT	3	2	1	BURKE	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.05	BURKE CENTRE	
6201 GEMINI CT	4	2	0	BURKE	\$343,000	Detached	0.24	ROLLING VALLEY WEST	
10546 REEDS LANDING CT	3	2	2	BURKE	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.09	BURKE CENTRE	
9629 WESTPORT LN	3	2	2	BURKE	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.03	LAKE BRADDOCK	
9548 CHERRY OAK CT	3	2	1	BURKE	\$325,000	Townhouse	0.03	OLD MILL COMMUNITY	
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6176 MARTINS LANDING CT	3	2	2	BURKE	\$323,000	Townhouse	0.04	BURKE CENTRE	
6002 SCARBOROUGH COMMONS LN	3	3	1	BURKE	\$320,000	Townhouse	0.04	BURKE CENTRE	
9887 BURKE POND CT	3	2	1	BURKE	\$310,000	Townhouse	0.02	BURKE CENTRE	
10207 SCARBOROUGH COMMONS CT	3	3	1	BURKE	\$306,000	Townhouse	0.04	BURKE CENTRE	

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# Summertime Football Thrills Prep Fans

Mel Kiper football passing tournament comes to the area.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

No, it is not yet high school football season in Northern Virginia or around the country. But last week, from Thursday, July 14 through Saturday, July 16, some of the top high school gridiron players both locally and across the nation converged in Chantilly to take part in one of the biggest off season events anywhere at the Mel Kiper, Jr. 7 on 7 University National Championship Tournament, a non-contact passing event meant to upgrade teams' aerial attacks as well as individual fundamentals in a highly competitive setting.

Poplar Tree Park, located off of Stringfellow Road in Chantilly and under the jurisdiction of the Fairfax County Park Authority, was the venue of the 32-team spectacle. Fast-moving games, played in less than 45 minutes, took place over the three days on the park's two 100-yard turf fields. On one field alone, two games could be played at once with each game utilizing 50 yards of real estate.

"Seven on 7 is clearly a different type of football," said Lake Braddock Secondary football coach Jim Poythress, whose Bruins were one of four participating teams from the Northern Region. "It's about competing at a high level, managing a game, and overcoming adversity. You get to play against some great athletes."

Games moved briskly as teams in posses-

sion of the ball had less than 30 seconds to snap the ball following each play, with a game official audibly counting down the final 15 seconds.

High school teams from Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., New York, Florida, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Arkansas, Delaware, and Mississippi were on hand. Some of the nation's top recruited high school players participated. Local participating teams from the Northern Region, along with two-time defending Division 6 region champion Lake Braddock, were Oakton (Concorde District), Lee (Patriot District), and Yorktown (National District).

The event's star power came from Mel Kiper Jr., the well-known ESPN college football and NFL pro draft analyst and his wife were on hand for the entire three days. Kiper kept tabs on all the games but paid special attention to the school where he once attended and graduated from, Calvert Hall out of Baltimore. The popular, energetic Kiper was immediately recognized by players, coaches, and football fans alike and spent much of his time talking football with folks.

Several months ago, Kiper, who has directed and led his own 7 on 7 University Series for several years, contacted Washington, D.C., area pass league organizers, including Oakton High football coach Joe Thompson, to talk about combining forces and creating a national tournament. Last week's showcase at Poplar Tree was the result of those talks.

"Mel Kiper came on board with his group,



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Mel Kiper Jr. was on hand at Poplar Tree Park on Friday, July 15.

so we were able to put his name on it," said Thompson, who teamed with friend Jim Boone in recent years to run both Northern Region and metro area passing league tournaments. "He's been instrumental in getting teams here."

Kiper said he was enjoying the three days of action at Poplar Tree Park as a fan first and foremost.

"I'm not evaluating [players] here," he said. "I'm just watching great kids and great coaches. This will be a memorable experience for them. It's thrilling for me to have Calvert Hall here. They were number one in [Maryland] last year."

Kiper said the arrangements to conduct the tournament at Poplar Tree Park were made late but that he was thrilled with the site.

"I can't thank these people enough," he said of the county park officials and Thompson's group. "It's a great atmosphere and everything you want in a football setting. We couldn't be happier with this. We were in the position late in the [organizing] process waiting for a venue."

"You have two turf fields here, concessions in between the fields and trees in the background," said Kiper. "The atmosphere is great and you have everything you could want. Poplar tree is a special site and they have been accommodating."

In the days leading up to it, Brotman-Winter-Fried Communications promoted the event heavily on local radio airwaves and other media forums. The primary event sponsor for the inaugural national tournament is Under Armour.

Local teams Lake Braddock and Oakton both went as far as the tournament quarterfinals before losing. Lake Braddock qualified for final day play on Saturday and defeated Waterloo East (Iowa), 34-6, in a 9 a.m. game before losing to Red Lion (Pa.), 52-36, in a quarterfinals game.

Poythress, the Lake Braddock school sea-

son head coach, said the Bruins, who run a 5-wide offensive attack during the fall, were in their element at the wide-open passing tournament.

"We won our first three games," said Poythress, of the earlier tournament action wins over teams from Iowa, Baltimore, and New York. "The kids call their own plays. Tyler Quigley, who was a defensive back for us last fall, was our quarterback. We run a pretty good offensive system and we were built for this [passing league]. There are some really good teams here. My feeling here is to have fun, enjoy the experience and if you win, you win."

Oakton reached the quarters by defeating Warwick High (N.Y.), 45-21, on Saturday morning. Their run to a championship then ended with a loss to Calvert Hall, which ultimately reached the title game where it fell to Pulaski (Ark.), 30-26.

Oakton linebacker C.J. Reimann said it was neat that Oakton, from its own backyard, was vying in a tournament against some of the top high school teams in the country.

"We talked about that," he said, with a laugh. "We're 15 minutes down the road from Oakton and we're playing these teams like Arkansas, Florida and New York. We've meshed together pretty good as a team and played together."

Shaun May, the media and public relations director for Brotman-Winter-Fried Communications, said one of the best attributes of the Kiper passing league is that high school teams can grow as a unit during the off season.

"It keeps the guys together," said May. "These kids are in class together, play football together, and now have come together for something like this."

And he said the players all want to meet Mel Kiper.

"You talk to these kids and they're all like, 'Where's Mel?'"



Lake Braddock Secondary football coach Jim Poythress, right, was pleased with his team's showing in reaching the quarterfinals round of last week's 7 on 7 national tournament held in Chantilly. Standing next to Poythress is Greg Quigley, a Bruins' assistant coach and father of Bruin players Tanner and Tyler.

## SPORTS

# Vikings Top Destroyers

Village West beats Burke Station 229-173.

**T**he Village West Vikings pushed their season to 4-0 on Saturday, July 16, with a convincing win over the Burke Station Destroyers.

The first exciting race was the Boys 9-10 Freestyle. Danny Susa led the way to first with Mitchel Rigsby coming in third, 0.23 seconds behind the second place Destroyer.

In the 9-10 girls, Kalyn Stiles, Stephanie Skahen and Abigail Sawtell swept the race convincingly, garnering the only Viking sweep of the day.

The next really close race was the 8 & U Girls Backstroke. Emily Cook prevailed by 0.15 seconds and Natasha Yotmanee pulled in for third place.

In the 13-14 Girls Breaststroke, Lindsay Serres finished fast for first and Stephanie Koehle won second by 0.12 seconds. In the Boys 11-12 Butterfly, Joseph Kriebel dropped over 2 seconds for a personal best in a tight race, coming in second by 0.4 seconds.

Perhaps the closest race of all was the 15-18 Boys Butterfly. Tim Shields and Peter Hamilton of BKS were neck in neck all the way to the finish, which was too close to call. When the times were posted, Tim had second place by 0.02 seconds.

Good friends Emily D'Amato and Amy Berglund battled each other in the Girls 15-18 Butterfly. The finish looked closer than the times indicated! Give another 9 points to the Vikings.

The relays were mixed bags, with two races only having one team. BKS won the 8 & U Boys, but the Vikings won the 9-10 Boys.

Only two really relays were really close: the Boys 11-12 100m Medley and the 13-14 Boys 100m Medley relay. In the Boys 11-12, the Vikings prevailed with anchor Andy Susa pouring it on and edging out BKS by 0.36. In the 13-14 boys, the Vikings swam their best but lost by tenths of a second. In the end the Vikings won 7 of 10 relays.

Viking duel event winners were Charlie Cook, Emily D'Amato, Aidan Pastel, Lindsay Serres and Danny Susa. The team had 63 first through third place finishes and only 36 fourth through sixth place finishes.

Eric Ball, dropped the most time out of all the Viking swimmers. He dropped 11.43 seconds in backstroke and 14.13 seconds for a first place in breaststroke. Other notable drops in time included: Rodrigo Aviles (5.14 sec in Back); Dale Guernsey (4.99 sec in Butterfly; Ella McCandless (4.84 sec in Breaststroke), Leon Porter (3.39 sec in Free and 3.26 sec in Backstroke) and Om Shah



**Village West Vikings are Division 14 Relay Carnival Co-Champions along with Little Hunting Park. Celebrating are: Danny Cook on back of Billy Cook, Coach Sherry Phung, Abigail Sawtell and Emily Cook; second row, coach and swimmer Emily Quinn, Emily Sawtell, Kalyn Stiles, Charlie Cook, Dale Guernsey and Mason Sawtell; back row, Robbie D'Amato, Aidan Pastel, coach and swimmer Emily D'Amato and Coach Jon Kriebel. In background is Division Coordinator Doug Firman.**

(3.82 in Breaststroke).

Former Viking swimmer Jed Hudson was on the deck with a stopwatch on hand. Other former swimmers Brian Berglund and Mike DeMarr were up in the grass watch-

ing the meet. All three were cheering on/supporting their younger sisters who still swim for the Vikings.

If the Vikings win one more meet, they will be Division 14 Champions.

## FAITH NOTES

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**Westwood Baptist Church**, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, will change its Sunday morning schedule for the month of August. Worship will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a brief fellowship time and then Sunday School for all ages at 10:15 a.m. 703-451-5120.

**Barcroft Bible Church**, 9401 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax, invites rising kindergarden-sixth graders to the "Kickin' it Old School" Summer Bible Camp with games, music and crafts. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch provided. \$15 per child. [www.barcroft.org/kh-bible-camp](http://www.barcroft.org/kh-bible-camp).

**St. George's United Methodist Church**, 4910 Ox Road in Fairfax, is hosting Vacation Bible School with The Shake-it-Up Café July 25-29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Age 4 through rising 4th grade will enjoy storytelling, crafts, music and more, while grades 5 and 6 will participate in a Mission Camp. They will travel to work on mission projects during the week. [www.stgumc.org/VBS2011.html](http://www.stgumc.org/VBS2011.html) or 703-385-4550.

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# GOP Senate Candidates Debate

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been paved in the past few years. "Meanwhile, the Fairfax County Parkway needs to get some attention, but it's not a primary road. It's considered a secondary road, and transportation money can only be spent to primary roads. What rocket scientist came up with that?"

In his closing statements, Hunt, who is known as a Tea-Party conservative, said business experience is important, but it's an oversimplification to think that government can be run like a for-profit business.

"People want the government to stop intruding into their lives. We need to stop the federal government from encroaching on Virginia's sovereign rights," Hunt said. "Whenever Democrats have been in charge, there's been fiscal peril. Socialism has failed. I have the track record of public service before there even was a Jason," Hunt said, which drew laughter from the crowd.

Flanary stood up and shot back: "As Steve so eloquently put it, I'm 33-years old, the same age as [Virginia Attorney General] Ken Cuccinelli (R) when he won this seat back in 2002."

Although Flanary and Hunt were the official candidates of the night, Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who moderated the debate, won the "popular" vote by displaying a dry sense of humor every time he read an audience questions, and joking with audience members.



**Candidate Steve Hunt, a former Fairfax County School Board member, chats with a supporter after the Braddock District Candidates Forum, held Monday, July 18. Hunts' supporters said his long history of service and conservative values will appeal to the approximately 4 percent of voters who cast votes during an August primary in an 'off/off' election year, meaning a year without a presidential or gubernatorial race.**



**Republican candidates Jason Flanary and Steve Hunt confer before the Braddock District Candidates Forum on Monday, July 18. Both are vying for the chance to unseat incumbent Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) in the Nov. 9 general election. The 37th District includes Centreville, Chantilly, part of Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Burke and Springfield.**

"Oh, look, another transportation question. I am shocked," he said, after opening the fifth transportation question in a row. Cook read about 10 questions, and transportation-related questions, mostly concerning congestion, Metro funding and HOT lanes, accounted for about 70 percent of the queries.

The only spontaneous burst of applause came when Cook encouraged the crowd to vote in the primary, and mentioned that "a certain Braddock District supervisor would certainly appreciate your vote, too."

Cook acknowledged he was having a good time moderating the debate. "I'm not on the hot seat tonight, so I can be a little more relaxed," he said.

When encouraging people to vote in the Aug. 23 primary, Cook said "It's a very convenient day for an election, isn't it? Gee, right in the middle of everyone's summer vacation."

Mary Ann McGee, a Burke resident for 17 years, said she thought the debate was a terrific idea. "I think it says something that our supervisor is the only person who has had provided this opportunity," she said.

McGee said she knew more about Hunt before the debate, but was pleased to have the opportunity to learn more about Flanary. "I was disappointed there were so many questions about transportation," she said.

T.R. Reid and his wife, Pamela, both retired military from Springfield, said the

debate was their first chance to meet Flanary. "I was undecided, but he swayed me. There was no hesitation when he answered questions. He was very energetic."

Pamela Reid said she considers herself a moderate who is willing to consider all candidates, regardless of party affiliation. "But this year, I feel like 'anybody but a Democrat.' President Obama is so awful. He's taking this country down a terrible road," she said.

Flanary may have swayed the Reids, but Roopoli Chandra was visibly annoyed by Flanary's repeated comments about his business experience. Wearing a Hunt campaign sticker, she cornered Flanary after the meeting, asking him to defend his assertions about his business experience.

"How can you talk about your business experience when you only served for one month as the executive director of CapNet?" Chandra asked. "I don't understand that. I think it's very improper. Please explain that to me."

Flanary bridged the question like an experienced politician, and noted that he left CapNet, a technology association representing more than 30 companies, only because he had a "great opportunity" to serve on the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. "It was a chance to promote pro-business policies and improve economic viability," he said.

Chandra said she wasn't convinced.

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