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Students play violins in the intermediate orchestra, directed by Willow Springs Elementary orchestra teacher Ahnika Emery.

The Sound of Music

Students thrive at band and orchestra camp.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

There's a reason why Franklin Middle School's Band and Orchestra Camp has been around 25 years. It's because of the successful program that Franklin's own band director, Lawrence Walker, created for this annual summertime camp.

"Some of the best players in the county and the state come from this camp," said Aubrey Adams, who's taught percussion there 10 years. "The staff is outstanding and is treated great, and the students are well-behaved. We teach them a couple years' worth of knowledge and skill in a month, and that's exciting. To see beginners who've never touched an instrument — by the end of the camp be able to play in a concert — that's totally awesome."

Adams is no slouch himself. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Band, directs music at South Lakes and Herndon high schools and substitutes on percussion with the National Symphony Orchestra.

This summer's camp was June 27-July 22, and Walker said it ran "like a top." What keeps him doing it, year after year, he said,

is "the passion I have for music education and seeing kids use a different part of their brain so they're able to be successful in something."

Here, children need not be championship athletes to feel good about themselves. "They're expressing themselves and can often do so better musically than verbally," said Walker. "Their parents support them and many students develop a love for music."

Some students who've attended this camp later majored in music at college and now teach at the camp, as well as in Fairfax County schools. An example is Stephen Matthie; not only is he the strings teacher and orchestra director at Rocky Run Middle School, but last year he was named Virginia's New Strings Teacher of the Year.

This was his fourth year teaching at the camp, where he led the advanced orchestra of about 50 students. "This camp is a chance to show what teaching and learning music is like, without the stress of the school year," said Matthie. "It's also a chance for the kids to have fun playing their instruments." For him, he said, "I've gotten to know the staff here very well and I really love them. This is the camp I at



From left: sisters Jessica and Lisa Cardinal with drumsticks and flute.

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Breaking Summer's Typical Formula

Minority Student Achievement Committee hosts math institute.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
CENTRE VIEW

Summer nights are full of picnics, barbecues and ... math classes? At the Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee's Summer Math Institute, students are beating the heat and getting a headstart on Algebra I and Geometry.

"We are doing this to help students lose their fear of math and acclimate themselves successfully to a new course," said Algebra teacher Sandra Manigault, co-founder of the Manigault Institute which is providing instruction for the summer math institute.

Students in grades seven through 11 from 23 schools in Northern Virginia come from 6:30 to 8 p.m. three days a week for

two weeks.

This is the third summer math institute but the first in a while. "For the past eight years, we have been unable to conduct this summer math institute for lack of funds," said Johnny Nelson, president of CPMSAC.

Funding this year has been provided by the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association, Fort Belvoir Chapter.

The reason it is being held is because of an achievement gap in minority students in math.

"I think that the statistics indicate that there is some disparity," said Donald Manigault, co-founder of the Manigault Institute. "However, this has nothing to do with intelligence. It has to do with exposure and expectations."

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Kammerer, Cooper Face Off in Sheriff's Primary

Aug. 23 primary will determine Republican nominee for sheriff.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
CENTRE VIEW

Wes Kammerer and Bill Cooper will face off for the Republican nomination for Fairfax County Sheriff in the Aug. 23 primary. Both men are running for the chance to run against three-term incumbent

Sheriff Stan Barry (D).

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is responsible for managing the Adult Detention Center, providing courthouse security and serving civil law process. Founded in 1742, it is one of the oldest law enforcement agencies in the coun

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This photograph - circa 1918 - is from the Crouch Family.

Crouch School Moving Aug. 11
One-room schoolhouse relocating to Liberty Middle.

The one-room Crouch School, which was used to educate students in Clifton from 1874 until the 1920s, will be moved from its current location at the corner of Union Mill and Compton Roads to the campus of Liberty Middle School. Target date for the move is Thursday, Aug. 11.

Once in its new home, the school will be used as a teaching museum to support elementary- and middle-school instruction by helping provide a day-in-the-life experience of what school was like in the late 1800s.

Several contracting companies are donating part of their services to accomplish the move. Beginning Monday, July 25, a local carpentry company started removing the vinyl siding and additions and inserting structural bracing to secure the building during the move.

The doors, windows and stones from the foundation will be removed and salvaged. Once the building has been moved, it will be set on a poured, foundation slab and restored to its appearance as a one-room schoolhouse. New steps, plus a ramp and access for people with physical disabilities will be provided, as well as electricity, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and other amenities.

The Committee to Save Crouch School — a group of community members — was established in September 2006 and a partnership was formed between Fairfax County Public Schools and the committee to move and restore the school. FCPS donated the land at Liberty Middle for the relocation. To date, the committee has raised \$105,000 toward this effort and has been the driving force in the campaign to save and restore the building.

The Providence Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution chose the school as its project and, since 2009, has been accepting donations to fund the move and restore, maintain and operate the school as a teaching museum. FCPS funds are not involved.

The Crouch School served local students for almost 50 years. Then in 1925, the Crouch family bought back the building from the school system at an auction for \$125. Thomas and Janey Nodeen own the land on which the Crouch School is currently located and donated the building to FCPS. The school's existing sign and deed will also be preserved. More information is at <http://savecrouchschooll.org/home.htm>.



School house interior north west. PHOTO BY PAT LAYDEN



West facade looking east. PHOTO BY PAT LAYDEN



Students play trombone with the cadet band.



The flute section plays with the camp's cadet band.



Brass players perform in the cadet band during class.

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Students Thrive at Band and Orchestra Camp

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tended when I was a kid, so there's a special connection here."

Walker says what students learn in camp is equivalent to two years in elementary-school band. That's because students attend the camp, four hours a day, for four consecutive weeks, vs. the 20-some days of music they receive in an entire year in elementary school.

The camp also features cross teaching. So each day, students in its two orchestras and two bands attend two ensemble classes, one instrument class for their specific instrument, and one sectional class, such as woodwinds, brass or percussion.

Students needing extra help also receive one-on-one instruction from guest musicians. These musicians also hold jam sessions and perform for the entire camp.

"I bring in the pros so the kids can hear what a professional sounds like," said Walker. "They're reminded of good pitch control, breathing and sound. And it's effective because these artists were once where these kids are musically."

Some 695 students from throughout Fairfax County and Leesburg attended this summer's camp, and the students and teachers participating represented more than 80 schools. Besides elementary, middle- and high-school music teachers from Fairfax and Loudoun counties, the instructors also come from private schools, give private lessons or are freelance professional players.

Many, like Adams, also played in military bands. For example, trumpet player Dave Detwiler,



Greenbriar West Elementary sixth-graders Thomas Valentine (left) and Adam Batori show some of the music they play.

who once directed music at Centreville High, formerly played with the Army Blues and subs with the National Symphony. David James, who plays oboe, performed with the Air Force Band.

"I'm sure I have some of the finest educators in the country," said Walker. "Their philosophies merge with mine and they know what it means to produce the finest musical ensembles they can. They prepare the students for the next school year; and because they're teachers themselves, they know what the school band and orchestra directors are looking for."

Walker believes there's no such thing as a bad band or orchestra. "It is always the director," he said. "That director must know the literature [the music] and the skill [of directing] and must understand the limitations and attitude

of the players. Kids want direction and structure and to know they can be successful, down the road." Centreville High sophomore Andrew Younan has played flute for four years and attended the camp for his third time. "I like the teachers and it keeps the music fresh in your mind, over the summer," he said. "I'd recommend it to others because they'll improve their talents."

Bass player Isaac Stern, a sixth-grader at Willow Springs Elementary, was in camp for his second time. "I'd played the piano and glockenspiel, so I thought it would be fun to try something new," he said. "I love the bass — I like its sound and it's fun to play, and being at camp helps me advance quicker."

Oakton High senior Eric Hautbois and 2009 Madison High grad



Trumpeter Dave Detwiler plays a shofar during an assembly for the whole camp, while Director Lawrence Walker (center) and others look on.

Christina Guenther taught Music Theory together. "We teach students the basic structure and fundamentals of how music's made," said Hautbois during the camp. "Then they analyze and write music. I like seeing their abilities develop through the four weeks we share together."

"They're learning about rhythms, time signatures and note values," added Guenther. "The teachers all have a great spirit; and it's summer, so they add in lots of fun things for the kids to do. I want to be a music teacher, so this camp reminds me what I want to do for a majority of my life."

In Music Theory, said Rocky Run Middle seventh-grader Jessica Wang, "We're learning the different notes, octaves, treble clefs and scales. It teaches you how to play the notes of a song and read the different scales."

A violinist, it was her first year at the camp. "In summer, I rarely play the violin, so I came here so I don't completely fall apart on my skills," she said. "I also wanted to improve my orchestra skills — watching the conductor and staying together with the rest of the musicians."

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ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Aug. 11 and Aug. 25, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Centreville Farmers Market

The farmers market has returned to Centreville. Every Friday from 3:30-6:30 p.m., local vendors are selling their wares at the Trinity Centre office park, 5875 Trinity Parkway (off Route 29). The market features a variety of items including fruits, vegetables, meats, baked goods, sweets and spices. The next farmers markets are Aug. 12 and Aug. 19. A partnership of Smart Markets Inc. and Trinity Centre, it will run through October. For more information, contact Jean Janssen at jean@smartmarkets.org.

WFCCA Land-Use Meeting

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. On the agenda are:

- ❖ A proposal to rezone a two-acre, infill site in the Sully Station II community for a higher density so four townhouses and six single-family homes may be built there.

- ❖ A presentation by Fairfax County staff on the 2011-2012 Area Plans Review Retrospective. The APR process is the way the county's Comprehensive plan is reviewed and updated, and community input is sought regarding how to improve this process.

Local Families Need Food

WFCM distributes food to local residents year 'round, but its food-pantry shelves are especially bare throughout the summer months. So WFCM needs the community's help now so it can continue helping feed families who need assistance this summer. Food may be donated to WFCM's food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly. Checks toward the purchase of food may be hand-delivered to the food pantry or mailed to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153.

Volunteers Sought for Elderly

Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions needs volunteers to help older adults and adults with disabilities. Current needs include Meals on Wheels drivers, as well as drivers to transport older adults to medical appointments. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406.

WFCM Seeks Food, Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry urgently needs donations of jelly; jam; spaghetti sauce; dry spaghetti/pasta; canned meats, fruit, spaghetti and vegetables (no green beans); pancake mix and syrup; and cereal. Also needed are deodorant and toilet paper. (Toiletry items cannot be purchased with food stamps). Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. Volunteers are also needed:

Thrift store:

- ❖ General assistance needed Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. A regular weekly volunteer is needed Thursdays, from 1-6 p.m., as well as Saturdays, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact Volunteer Manager Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656.

- ❖ Donations of furniture in excellent condition for resale in the thrift store are especially needed, as well as one volunteer to help move furniture to be given to clients.

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Wes Kammerer



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Bill Cooper

Two Seek GOP Nod for Sheriff

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try, and with more than 600 employees, it is the largest sheriff's office in Virginia.

Kammerer was born in New York City, and joined the Army at age 17. He served in the Army for several years before joining the New York City Police Department in 1962.

During his 26 years with the NYPD, he served in numerous positions, including on the firearms discharge review, as an investigator in the Office of Internal Affairs and a detective with the Office of the Chief of NYPD.

He left the NYPD in 1989 and joined the Secret Service in 1990, where he worked for 12 years in a security capacity, including security support for Presidents George H.W. Bush (R) and Bill Clinton (D). He retired from the Secret Service in 2002.

Kammerer said he hopes to use his connections with federal agencies to create partnerships.

"I want to unify federal, state and municipal organizations in case of a catastrophe," he said. "I've observed that these agencies can tend to get argumentative about who should be doing what."

He also says one of his goals is to increase crime awareness among the county's senior population.

"I aim to keep senior citizens informed so they don't become victims," he said. "I'd go out myself and speak to our seniors, to make sure they're informed and make sure they have the proper literature to keep themselves educated."

Kammerer said another one of his goals is to educate the community on the function of the Sheriff's Office.

"I'd like to set up programs in our schools to teach kids about the Sheriff's Office and who to go to for help," he said. "Visibility is a key factor, and I don't see it, which is why I'm running. I want to unify with the Fairfax County Police Department to help with this."

He said he also aims to streamline the Sheriff's Office to make sure funds and manpower are allocated in the most efficient way.

"I'll look and see where we can save money, where we can eliminate wasteful programs and duplication," Kammerer said. "And my top priority will be to make sure we're always turning out professionally trained sheriff's deputies."

More information on Kammerer can be found at

www.weskammererforsheriff.org, or on Facebook under "Wes Kammerer for Sheriff of Fairfax County."

COPPER IS a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., and he moved to Fairfax County in 1976.

He served in the Army for three years, before joining the Arlington County Sheriff's Office and then the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in 1988. During his tenure at the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, he worked in every division, including court security, the Adult Detention Center and the Criminal Justice Academy. He was also a certified law enforcement instructor.

He served on the office's Fugitive Task Force, along with FBI agents and U.S Marshals. He retired as a lieutenant in March.

"As a law enforcement officer, I feel my primary responsibility is to keep Fairfax families safe," Cooper said. "I've always felt a strong commitment to protecting my country, and after I got out of the military, I still felt that commitment to protect citizens."

He also said, if elected, he plans to enforce the more than 4,000 outstanding fugitive warrants in Fairfax County.

"I'd put together a task force with agencies I've worked with before to put these people behind bars, where they belong," he said. "If the Sheriff's Office and the Fairfax County Police Department combine resources, we should be able to make it a budget neutral initiative."

Cooper said he hopes to combat the growing gang problem in the county, as well as start a program to get deadbeat parents to pay up.

"I'm running on a 'tough on crime' agenda, and I plan to run a tough, strict jail," he said. "I don't believe convicted felons should be sitting around watching TV and eating bonbons."

Cooper said he is also committed to expanding the reach of the Sheriff's Office to keep families safe, saying that with approximately 500 sworn sheriff's deputies, there is a lot they can do.

"Because of budget constraints and manpower issues, local and state law enforcement has to work closer together and share resources," he said. "By doing so, we can keep costs down while rendering better services to this community."

More information on Cooper can be found at www.cooperforsheriff.net, or on Facebook under "Cooper for Sheriff."

Making the Summer Count

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Students are not reaching their potential, he said.

"Unfortunately, there are students who have not been properly groomed to be aggressive learners," Manigault said. "They don't think well enough of their own educational abilities nor do they perceive opportunities to succeed and therefore they don't put forth the necessary effort to excel. My job is to help the student understand that they have unlimited educational potential."

STUDENTS LEARNED about the summer math institute largely through word of mouth.

Madeline Powell, a ninth grader from Westfield High School, found out about CPMSAC because her friends were in the program. "It's like night classes. It's kind of fun," she said.

John Morrison, father of Cierra Morrison, a ninth grader, said, "We're big supporters of CPMSAC. We really appreciate how they praise the kids.



The students of the CPMSAC Summer Math Institute with, on the left, Sandra Manigault, Donald Manigault and Barbara Tyler.

They have been very valuable."

The summer math institute is connected with CPMSAC's Step program that occurs all year long. The Step program offers tutoring catered to each individual student. Success is evident in this program because tutors are able to see report cards before and after.

"We see results all the time," said Bar-

bara Tyler, the CPMSAC program coordinator. "We accept students who are getting D, F, Cs. They have no confidence. They are failing. We have to motivate them. We monitor progress. We have been doing this for a long time."

Tutors are needed for the Step program. "We always need volunteers," said Tyler. To apply, email btyler@fcps.edu.

PHOTO BY MAYA HOROWITZ/CENTRE VIEW

Thriving at Band and Orchestra Camp

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Thomas Valentine, a sixth-grader at Greenbriar West Elementary, was also at camp for the first time, but for a different reason — he's a beginning trombone player. "My friend Adam told me band was fun and I should do it, so I decided to learn trombone," he said. "Camp is really fun and I like the teachers. They're nice and funny, and the trombone is cool."

Also there was his friend and GBW classmate, Adam Batori. "I've played saxophone for a year," said Adam. "When I was in fourth grade and saw a concert at my school, that's the instrument I liked. It's my first year at camp, too; my band teacher strongly recommended it to me. I like the music we're playing and the teachers are helpful and nice. You learn a lot about your instrument and meet new people."

Franklin Middle seventh-grader Lisa Cardinal came to camp for the second time. A flute player, she said, "It's easier because it's smaller, and it's a marching-band instrument for high school. I've learned new music at camp and more things about my instrument that I didn't know." Lisa also enjoyed "meeting new kids from different schools that play the same instrument you do. And it's fun playing in summer with a group of people."

Her sister Jessica, a Franklin grad, plays oboe and percussion. "Oboe

doesn't march, and percussion does," she said. She attended camp for the third time.

"I was a beginner, to start; but after my first year at camp, I went straight to concert band in seventh grade," said Jessica. "You get to be with friends here and have a lot of cool experiences you normally don't get to do in band. We saw special performances, like a brass quintet and Bridging the Gap — a professional violin-and-bass group that plays for us first, each year, before releasing their new CD."

Trumpet player Ryan Fuhman, a Franklin eighth-grader, said the caliber of music at camp prepares him for new and harder music in his school's symphonic band. "I like playing ragtime jazz in camp," he said. "It's fast, hard music, but I conquer it with my trumpet. I like how the trumpet can play a long range of notes, very quickly, in a nice tempo — and it sounds cool. And being here keeps your instrument in good shape because you played it over the summer."

Fellow trumpet player in Franklin's symphonic band, Timmy Irwin learned different fingering techniques and new notes. "I also learned double- and triple-tonguing, which lets you play really fast," he said. "This camp teaches you new stuff so you can be a better player."

Overall, said Director Walker, "Music gives kids a wonderful attitude. My philosophy has always been, if you con-



Willow Springs Elementary sixth-grader Isaac Stern plays bass in the intermediate orchestra on "Pajama Day" at the camp.

quer the attitude of any kid, you'll conquer the aptitude. Here at camp, every student has a place because there's an ensemble for every level. You may not be the greatest player, but you'll feel like you are."

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Golfing For Good

Teardrops to Rainbows hosts Putt Fore the Kids.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
CENTRE VIEW

Teardrops to Rainbows (T2R), a local nonprofit that helps families with children battling cancer, is holding "Putt Fore the Kids," a mini-golf tournament and water park fun day on Saturday, Aug. 20 at Algonkian Regional Park.

"It's just a chance for the community to come out and enjoy each other for a great cause," said Ginny Grivas, T2R community events director.

"I think it'll be a fun thing," said Meg Crossett, mother of Rachel Crossett, whose death inspired the formation of T2R. "I think this will enable families to come out and do something fun. Golf tournaments in general are fun."

Grivas said she came upon the idea during a Google search. She found that in Gadsden, Ala. a mini-golf tournament was held to raise money for a children's museum. She thought the idea translated well since T2R supports families and this is an event for the whole family.

Local businesses have come out in support of this cause by sponsoring holes. All of the expenses have been covered, so all the registration dollars will go to T2R. Businesses that have contributed include Paisano's Pizza, Cafesano, Trak Companies, D&V Autobody, Vinitech Inc. and the Bar-Tee Family Group.

There is space for 85 foursomes. Registration is \$75 and includes entry into the mini-golf tournament, four passes to the Volcano Water Park, four t-shirts and four goodie bags. The first tee-time is 9 a.m. and the last is 4:45 p.m.

Putt Fore the Kids is being held in honor of Rachel D'Andrea of Chantilly who died of neuroblastoma in January at the age of 3 and a half.

"What she went through, she took it all and still was able to smile," said Jon D'Andrea, Rachel's father.

TEARDROPS TO RAINBOWS was founded in 2003 by Lois Lyons in honor of Rachel Crossett who died of neuroblastoma when she was 6 years old.

"She loved make-up, dresses and playing Barbies," said Meg Crossett.

"T2R plays an active role in helping local families through the many stages of treatment," Grivas said. They provide support and services to "keep their life running as normally as possible while the treatment is going on." They help all children, ages 0 to 17.

"We wrap our arms around the family. Trying to make sure that the family unit stays as whole as possible and as normal as possible is really key," Grivas said.

It is a grassroots, volunteer-run organization.

Both Meg Crossett and Jon D'Andrea said the number one thing families of children with cancer need is support.

To register for Putt Fore the Kids, go to www.tournevents.com/t2r.

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Virginia Board of Election should mail a sample ballot that includes polling place and ballot for each voter.

It's half past redistricting, do you know where your boundaries are?

While we wrote about the misguided approach to drawing lines for some Virginia Senate and House of Delegates seats during the process, the effects of redistricting are brought more into focus here at the Connection as we plan for election coverage in the communities served by our 15 newspapers.

Many districts stretch out like snakes or amoebas with a piece of one community on this side, a swath of another over here. Individual towns are crisscrossed and nicked by multiple districts.

What's more, voters affected by redistricting are notified just by a postcard in the mail, during the summer — although we should be grateful for this step.

Virginia should follow the example of many other states that mail a full sample ballot to each voter before each election. The ballot shows the specific voter's polling place, a replica of the exact ballot the voter will see, allowing the voter to make selections before hand and carry the ballot into the voting booth, and information about absentee voting, rights and responsibilities and more.

This is a best practice at any time, but a critical practice the first cycle after redistricting. It's too late for this decade, but could be in place for the 2020 redistricting ...

Check your registration, polling place and

ballot at www.sbe.virginia.gov, click on "voter information."

A wonderful source for information on the races, including details on campaign finance and the often mind-boggling maps of the new districts, is the Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org/elections/.

Primary Races

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 23.

❖ Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Braddock district Democrats, Janet Oleszek and Christopher Wade compete to face incumbent John Cook (R) in November.

❖ Senate District 30, Democrats Adam Ebbin, Libby Garvey and Rob Krupicka are in a three-way race for the nomination to replace retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer. The winner will face Tim McGee (R) in November. This district, including parts of Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon, trends to Democrats, so the primary could determine the winner.

❖ Senate District 31, Democrats Jaime Areizaga-Soto (D) and Barbara A. Favola (D) face off; winner will face Caren Merrick (R), to replace retiring Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple. If you live in McLean, Great Falls, parts of Herndon or Sterling, you are likely in this newly configured district that used to be almost entirely in Arlington.

❖ Senate District 36, Republicans Jeffrey M.

EDITORIAL

LETTER

What Does Ramadhan Mean to Me?

To the Editor:

My name is Faraan Chowdhry and I like to talk about what Ramadhan means to me. Well, basically Ramadhan is a time when we Muslims celebrate and fast for the whole month. Fasting means to not eat or drink for the whole month during daylight. It starts before the sun rises and ends after the sun completely sets. Some people should not be fasting, like children and those who are sick.

My parents told me that some people force their children to fast, but this is not right. People can't do this, even Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) would not allow it. He wouldn't want anyone to suffer under this religion.

Ramadhan is the ninth month in the lunar calendar. The reason why we do fasting is to bring us spiritual strength, also it prevents us from doing evil. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) once said that during Ramadhan the gates of Heaven are opened, while the gates of Hell are closed. My parents told me that during Ramadhan God comes closer to you, and listens to your prayers even more. I hope I can get all I can out of Ramadhan this year and be a better person.

Faraan Chowdhry
Age 10

ENGAGEMENT

MacDougall, Wylie Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Alan MacDougall of Centreville announce the engagement of their son Scott to Laura Wylie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Wylie of McMurray, Pa.

The future groom is a 2005 graduate of Westfield High School. He graduated from Elon University in 2009 and is employed by the federal government.

The bride-to-be is a 2011 graduate of Elon University and has accepted a teaching position with Fairfax County Public Schools.

A March 2012 wedding is planned.

Frederick (R) and Tito Muñoz (R) compete to face state Sen. Toddy Puller (D) in this district that includes Mount Vernon, parts of Lorton and much more of Prince William County than before redistricting.

❖ Senate District 37, Republicans Steve Hunt and Jason Flanary compete to challenge state Sen. Dave Marsden (D).

❖ Senate District 39, Republicans Miller Baker and Scott Martin compete to challenge incumbent state Sen. George Barker (D) in November. This district encompasses parts of Centreville, Clifton, Lorton, Fairfax Station, Springfield and the City of Alexandria.

❖ House of Delegates 49, Democratic primary, Stephanie Clifford (D) v. Alfonso H. Lopez (D). So far there is no Republican or other candidate so the winner of the primary could be uncontested in November in this Arlington district.

❖ For Fairfax County Sheriff, Republicans H. Wes Kammerer and Bill A. Cooper III face off to determine who will face Sheriff Stan Barry (D).

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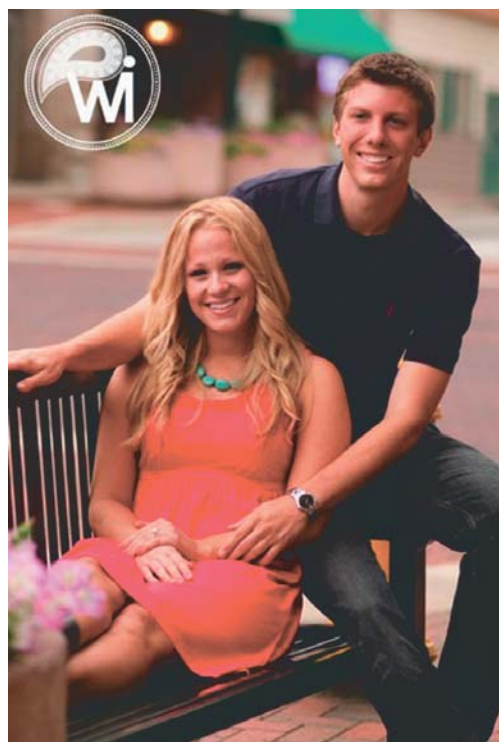
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NEWS

Residents Can Help Plan County

The 2011-2012 Area Plans Review (APR) Retrospective — a review of the most recent APR cycle — has begun, and Fairfax County needs residents' input. The APR process is the primary means to regularly review and update the county's Comprehensive Plan — its long-range vision for future development, plus the preservation of natural and cultural resources.

The Retrospective will suggest improvements to this process, so county planners are seeking ideas from property owners, neighborhood groups, developers and other interested community members. Residents may offer their feedback in several ways:

- ❖ Attend the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) meeting, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

- ❖ Review background information and the initial findings of the APR survey at the APR Retrospective Web site; a link to it is at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr.

- ❖ E-mail comments to county planners at DPZaprRetrospective@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The study began earlier this year and should be completed by the end of 2012. Introductory community meetings are being planned throughout the county for September; another set of meetings to discuss preliminary recommendations will be held in 2012. Planners anticipate implementing the revised APR process in 2013. For more information, call the Department of Planning and Zoning, 703-324-1380.

Auditions Slated For 'Little Shop Of Horrors'

Alliance Theatre will hold auditions for its fall musical, "Little Shop of Horrors," Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 30-31, from 6-9 p.m., at Mountain View High School (off Braddock Road and behind Glory Days Grill in Centreville). Actors should be 16 years and older.

Call backs, if necessary — and by invitation only — will be on Thursday, Sept. 1, from 6-9 p.m., at Mountain View. Audition information, including casting guidelines, is at www.thealliancetheatre.org. To audition, all interested actors must pre-register online.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is the story of a down-and-out, skid row floral assistant who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon, "Audrey II" grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite.

One of the longest-running, off-Broadway shows of all time, this affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies has become a household name, thanks to a highly successful movie and a score by the songwriting team of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken.

The show will be performed between Oct. 28 and Nov. 13 at Mountain View. For more information, call 703-220-8101 or e-mail littleshop_auditions@thealliancetheatre.org. Alliance Theatre is a member of the Washington Area Theatre Community Honors (WATCH).

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Thursday, Aug. 25 - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 13 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22 - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

ZUMBA Classes. 7 to 8 p.m. Latin based dance fitness class. The first class is free; afterward it's \$7-\$9 per class. At Cornerstone Montessori School, 4455 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Suite 201, Chantilly. Visit www.gozumbafun.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 11

Story Time. 9 to 10 a.m. Free. Emmie the Clown will be conducting a children's reading club called Red Nose Readers. At Chick-fil-A at Chantilly Place, 4412 Chantilly Place, Chantilly. Call 703-631-2253.

FRIDAY/AUG. 12

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the Deja Blue Blues Band. Drop-in beginner Swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

Local Concert. 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets \$3/door; CDs \$5 and come with a ticket. Kickoff release of the EP "No More Loose Ends" by Mark Bradley. Also features the bands Upper 90, All Five Seasons, Christopher Graham and Four Guys and a Piano. At Chantilly Highlands Community Center, 3225 Kinross Circle, Herndon.

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Black Belt Exam. Noon. Fightingfitness will be holding its first Black Belt Exam. See coaches Rick Vargas, Jimi Wilson, Max Ehrlich and Jake Ehrlich. A pizza party will follow. Call 703-786-0446 or fightingfitness@verizon.net. At 14310 Sullyfield Circle, #500, Chantilly. Visit www.fightingfitnessllc.com.

"How to Train Your Dragon." Free. Part of the Sully District Starlight Cinema Series. Gates open at 6 p.m.; children's activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dark. At Trinity Center, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Call 703-324-7469 if the weather is inclement.

Super Science Saturdays. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. The theme is "Energy." Super Science Saturdays take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, offering activities focused a different science concept. Through demonstrations and hands-on activities, visitors will become immersed in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) topics related to aviation and space exploration. At the National Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Visit: <http://www.nasm.si.edu/events/superscience/>.

Sully Civil War Weekend. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Federal and Confederate troops recreate Civil War daily life as re-enactors demonstrate the varied work of the army. Skirmishes include infantry, artillery and cavalry. Visit the weekend encampment and discover a soldier's lifestyle during this turbulent time in America's history. Enjoy live music and a fashion show. House tour includes artifacts rarely on exhibit belonging to the Haight family, mid-19th century residents at Sully. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. 703-708-0861.

AUG. 14 TO 20

Yoga, Meditation and Spiritual Talks by Swami Mukundananda. Registration link: http://www.jkyog.org/event_chantilly.html Each day a new topic covered, program is free of charge. At the Rajdhani Temple, 4525 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. Call 703-927-4098.

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FRIDAY/AUG. 19

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With the Daryl Davis Band. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

SATURDAY/AUG. 20

Fundraiser. 1 to 5 p.m. Cultural Care Au Pair's Kids First Foundation is having a fundraiser at Yolly Molly Frozen Yogurt Café, 12164 Fairfax Towne Ctr. Yolly Molly is donating 15 percent of sales for Kids First Foundation. Visit <http://kidsfirst.culturalcare.com/>. Call Dariece Rau at 703-944-3907.

"Shrek Forever After." Free. Part of the Sully District Starlight Cinema Series. Gates open at 6 p.m.; children's activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dark. At Trinity Center, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Call 703-324-7469 if the weather is inclement.

Southern Gospel Concert. 6 p.m. The Proclaimers Quartet from Columbus, GA. At Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. The church is located on Route 50, 1/5 mile east of the Route 28 overpass on the corner of Route 50 and Sullyfield Circle. Call 703-631-1799.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

Story Time. 9 to 10 a.m. Free. Emmie the Clown will be conducting a children's reading club called Red Nose Readers. At Chick-fil-A at Chantilly Place, 4412 Chantilly Place, Chantilly. Call 703-631-2253.

FRIDAY/AUG. 26

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. With the band Rockin' Bones. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

SATURDAY/AUG. 27

"Megamind." Free. Part of the Sully District Starlight Cinema Series. Gates open at 6 p.m.; children's activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dark. At Trinity Center, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Call 703-324-7469 if the weather is inclement.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 31

Back to School Fair. 5 p.m. BBQ to support Rocky Run Middle School. 100 percent of the profits will go toward the Rocky Run Middle School PTA.

MONDAY/SEPT. 5

Blood Drive. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is holding a National Blood Drive to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11. There will be blood drive stations everywhere, including George Mason University and Sully District Police Station at Stonecroft Boulevard. Sign up at <http://muslimsforlife.org>.

Labor Day Car Show. Features cars, trucks, motorcycles, Street Rods, Customs, Antiques, Classics and Muscle cars. Sponsored by the Clifton Lions Club and the Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia. Proceeds benefit Life with Cancer. If you would like to be a sponsor, contact Jim Chesley at 703-830-2129 or send a donation, made out to the Clifton Lions Club, to Jim Chesley at 7207 Main Street, Clifton, VA 20124-0225.

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Home Life Style

In-law Wing Solution for 3 Generations

BY JOHN BYRD
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

As the US population ages, retirement and estate planning are topics of endless discussion. There's an industry of options catering to retirees needs, of course. Yet families sometimes find their own way, exploring practical avenues.

Consider the case of Dean and Carolyn Baird.

Now in their mid-60s, the Bairds were looking forward to a life unburdened by the problems of maintaining a house, but had ruled out retirement homes.

"I had helped some relatives move into a senior village," Carolyn Baird acknowledges. "I knew it wasn't what Dean and I wanted."

Moreover, as Baird tells it, the Arlington-based couple had recently gotten in the habit of driving 25 miles a day when her daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Kevin McDermott, purchased a colonial on a tree-shaded lot in Fairfax Station.

With one grandchild at the toddler stage and another on the way, the Bairds found that they reveled in extended family interaction, a pleasure shared by the McDermotts.

So it wasn't long before a plan emerged, and the Bairds proposed using proceeds from the sale of the Arlington property to finance a spacious "in-law" wing to the McDermott residence.

With little over half an acre, the McDermott property offered ample room for an addition. The question was whether the stately Colonial could be revised a way that would retain its classic proportionality while accommodating the Baird's space and privacy requirements.

"We weren't sure what was possible under the county's rules," Kevin McDermott said. "We envisioned a new wing but I wanted to preserve the look of the existing



The former library was converted to a transitional family room that now accesses the new in-law suite via its 270-square foot kitchenette.

house. So, I was glad we had Dave Guy to guide us through so many unknowns."

Dave Guy, architect with Foster Remodeling Solutions in Lorton, quickly sized up a design solution as follows:

The existing front-facing 14-by-18-foot library converts to a "transitional" family room that opens directly into a 720 square-foot L-shaped addition; the addition extends 18 feet to the rear, then wraps the side elevation in a perfectly rationalized side wing.

To retain symmetry on the front elevation, the new addition is stepped back seven feet from the home's facade, an aesthetic choice which preserves proportionality and offsets any tendencies towards massing.

A window in the rear elevation of the former library is replaced by an 8-by-7-foot all-brick archway that opens into a kitchenette that is 18-by-15. The kitchenette features a large Palladian window with a backyard view, thus restating the family room's visual continuum.

Inside the new wing, functionality and order are emphasized.

While code-adherent, the kitchenette satisfies all the Bairds cooking and refrigeration requirements, without defining itself as a full-service kitchen.

There's a microwave, a pair of compact refrigerators under the food preparation island, and a sizeable floor-to-ceiling pantry recessed behind double doors. A second door leads to a washer and a dryer.

But there's no full-scale cooking range or ovens, no full-sized refrigerator.

"The code is specific on this point," Guy observes. "This is not a second kitchen; it's a convenience — like a wet bar."

Guy also points out that the kitchenette is accessible from a side deck, an easy spot to grab a cold soft drink or a snack.

Still, taken as a whole, the wing satisfies all the Baird's privacy needs while presenting a distinctly personal interior renders it a place apart.

"I provided the designer with a photo of a French country style kitchen I was especially attracted to," Baird says, "and I was really impressed that the Foster people could match it in every detail."

Among other elements, the kitchenette features glass-facing cabinets, ceramic tile backsplashes, and a food preparation island and dining counter finished in a tongue-and-groove base with a Brazilian granite surface

Grandchildren and visiting friends can snack at the dining counter, and there's seating for four at the glass cafe table.

The Palladian-style window above the sink — fabricated to Caroline Baird's exact requirements — includes a course of three casement windows and an enviable view.

The master bedroom suite is, likewise, finely articulated—with distinct zones for sleeping and bathing, wardrobe storage and changing. Carolyn Baird planned the space to accommodate several favored collectibles: a circa 1930s chest of drawers, two four-posters, an antique lowboy with a framed mirror.

"These were pieces that had belonged to my grandmother," Baird said. "Funny what you keep. We gave away a houseful of furniture, yet I have a china cabinet displaying some of my grandmother's ceramics."

The master bath — reflecting Baird's many hours of research in the Foster showroom — is finished in marble mosaic flooring and includes his-and-her vanities and a walk-in shower with soft Arabescato marble wall coverings and a built-in bench.

A few steps beyond, there's 70-square-feet of plushly carpeted walk-in closet.

"We have everything we could want," Baird says. "This is a wonderful new phase of life for the whole family."

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The home contains five bedrooms and six-and-one-half bathrooms, including

two waterfront master suites featuring double doors, master baths, a sitting room and Juliet balcony. There is a third floor studio with waterfront balcony; library; billiard room; six fireplaces; detached three-car carriage house with private guest quarters and landscaped grounds with lawns gently sloping down to the Potomac.

The home is listed with Susan Gray Chambers with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Alexandria; call 703-518-6175 or 703-203-9900. www.graychambers.com



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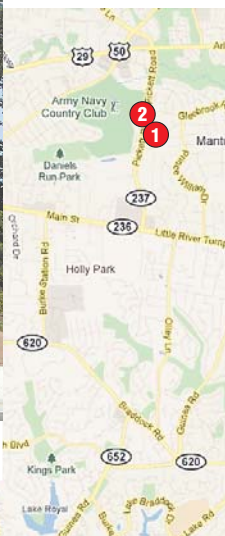
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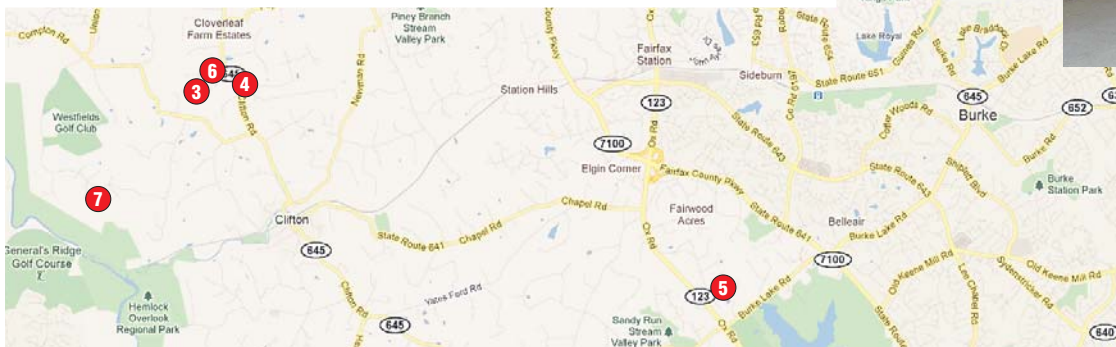
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Top 10 Things to Know Before You Purchase a House

By JOSH BAKER

Too many times, I've had to deliver the upsetting news to new homebuyers: the project they are considering is not feasible. With a little due diligence and expertise, the new homebuyers' disappointment could have been avoided.

Here are 10 things to consider when purchasing a house with the intention of a future remodeling project.

1. Check local zoning ordinances. Don't assume you have identical building rights as your neighbors. Regulations change and the location of your lot may be impacted.

2. Research any neighborhood association restrictions. Conduct a title search of the property to find architectural design guidelines, construction materials requirements and even restrictions on how close you can build on the property line.

3. Never assume a structure is adequate for future modifications. Second floor ceiling structures are often inadequate flooring structures for remodeling attic space. Similarly, deck structures may not be designed to handle enclosed spaces. Also, it's important to remember that all finished spaces require egress, or an exit(s).

4. Check system capacities. Most systems in a home are designed to meet the needs of the existing structure. When you increase the size of the house, you may have to create new capacity for heating and cooling. You may even need to upgrade and enlarge the water supply, as well as the gas and electric supplies.

5. Investigate policies regarding septic systems. It is critical that you understand the capacity of your existing system and what is entailed with expanding it. New technologies are becoming more widespread, which gives more options for expansion.

6. Be aware of hazardous materials. Many homes in our area built prior to 1972 have lead paint or asbestos tile. Handling these materials appropriately is required by law so plan on the extra cost associated with the safe remediation of these materials.

7. Make sure that you understand your landscaping. Some trees and plantings are very delicate and may be damaged by construction in close proximity. There are techniques to minimize damage, such as root pruning and liquid fertilization. If you're considering a project in an area with a very important tree, consult a professional arborist.

8. Think through access for construction. One often overlooked aspect of a remodeling project is the logistics of transporting materials, equipment and personnel to the construction site. Often, access is restricted by trees, pools, grade, etc., making construction much more costly.

9. Be realistic about timing. With new local restrictions particularly in regard to land disturbance, permitting can often take as long as six months. Verify all requirements in your district, and hire a professional expeditor to make the process as easy as possible.

10. Be realistic about your budget. Make sure you're conservative in developing a budget that will meet your needs and allow for unanticipated costs. Consult an expert for the particular sort of work you are considering.

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Air Force Airman Thomas R. Lecuyer graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Thomas Lecuyer of Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. Lecuyer graduated in 2005 from Westfield High School, Chantilly.

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CENTRE VIEW

The Northern Region of Virginia might not be considered a hotbed of professional baseball prospects, but it does have its share of home grown players who are currently taking part in the national pastime as major league or minor league players.

From pitchers playing at the major league level to other position players who have been there and are hoping to get back to the majors, to those who have only known the minor leagues thus far, the Northern Virginia area has helped produce several current professional ball players who once competed as high school players in the Northern Region. Those players have experienced, to varying degrees, the thrill of getting big hits, making phenomenal catches, or making that perfect third strike pitch in front of thousands of fans in major or minor league stadiums across the country. Here's a look at some of those players who are a part of or looking to become a part of the "Big Show" known as major league baseball.

BRANDON SNYDER, a 2005 graduate of Westfield High School, has bided his time in the Baltimore Orioles' farm system since being the American League East team's first round pick in 2005. The right-handed hitting first baseman, who made his major league debut last September, has spent most of this season at triple-A Norfolk where he is having a solid campaign. He has had a couple of brief call-ups to the Orioles this season where he was 3-for-13 at the plate (.231 average), and he is hoping to land a permanent spot in Baltimore before season's end.

Through Aug. 8, Snyder, at Norfolk, was batting .253 with 11 home runs and 50 RBI over 87 games for the Tide in the International League.

Snyder, whose father, Brian, had brief stints in the majors with the Seattle Mariners in 1985 and the Oakland A's in 1989, made his big league debut last September and, over 10 games, was six-for-20 at the



Former Robinson Ram, current Blue Jay, Shawn Camp.

plate for a .300 average. He is a steady, fundamentally sound player who, in the years ahead, will hopefully be a part of the major league Orioles under current skipper Buck Showalter.

BRANDON GUYER is a ball player on the verge of making the major leagues his permanent home. The Herndon High graduate, originally selected by the Chicago Cubs in the fifth round of the 2007 player draft, is currently an outfielder in the Tampa Bay Rays' organization with triple-A affiliate Durham, where earlier this week he was hitting a healthy .305 with 11 homers and 49 RBI over 89 games for the Bulls.

Earlier this season, Guyer, a right-handed batter who plays mostly right field, had a brief stint with the major league Rays following a call-up to the big club on Friday, May 6. That night, he made quite a splash, hitting a home run in his first major league at-bat in Tampa Bay's 6-2 win at Camden Yards in Baltimore. A roster crunch forced the 25-year old back to Durham a few days later, but Guyer, who hit his homer off of O's left-hander Zach Britton, will never forget his first few days in the majors.

"It was cool because I grew up here close to Camden Yards and went to a lot of games there when I was young," said Guyer, who grew up in Herndon.

The Rays are under manager Joe Maddon, who led the Rays to the World Series a few years ago. Guyer hopes to one day be a permanent member of Maddon's Tampa Bay roster.

"He's easy going, a laid back manager,"

said Guyer. "I got to know him [a little] in spring training. He's really a manager you want to play for and play hard for."

Guyer, who grew up playing youth ball within the Reston Little League organization and was part of a Reston-American All-Stars team that won district and state titles, loves playing at Durham, a historical minor league stopping point, but wants badly to be a big leaguer. But he knows he must remain patient.

"It's out of my control," said Guyer, who was traded by the Cubs to the Tampa Bay organization last January. "[A call-up] could happen anytime. I'm just trying to get in all my [daily] work here and come out and give it my all. When I was growing up it was always my dream to be a big leaguer. Being close to that dream is a blessing."

He enjoys playing in front of big crowds in Durham with the Bulls.

"It was amazing coming here [to the Rays' organization] and then finding out I'd be going to Durham," he said. "With the movie [about the Bulls] growing up, I'd heard a lot about the Durham Bulls. You always get a good crowd, and they have the blue monster in left field."

The "blue monster" is comparable to the "green monster" of Boston's Fenway Park.

Guyer, who was born in Westchester, Pa. and grew up a Phillies fan, was part of the Herndon High baseball team under coach Al McCulloch that won the Concorde District title in 2002 and finished 19-4 overall.

"Our pitching was huge for us that year," said Guyer, who played third base for the Hornets. "We came through in clutch situa-



PHOTO BY RICH SANDERS/CENTRE VIEW

Chuck Welch was Brandon Snyder's high school baseball coach at Westfield.

tions hitting-wise, but pitching and defense wins championships. I'm glad to have been a part of that team."

Greg Miller, the current head coach at Herndon, was an assistant coach for Herndon when Guyer was a senior. Herndon baseball went 45-17 during Guyer's three varsity seasons.

"It was just a great time all-around," said Guyer, of his varsity baseball career as a Hornet. "I have some great friends from there and it was a great atmosphere to play there. I learned a lot from Al McCulloch and Greg Miller. I learned to go out and have fun, give it your all, and play the game the right way."

JOE SAUNDERS, the ace lefty pitcher who helped lead West Springfield High to the 1998 state AAA baseball title, has enjoyed a successful big league career since being called up from triple-A Salt Lake City to the California Angels in August of 2005. Saunders, who built an impressive 27-7 career college pitching record at Virginia Tech, was chosen by the Angels in the first round (12th overall pick) in the 2002 first year player draft.

He blossomed with the Angels and enjoyed his best seasons with the halos in 2008 (17-7, 3.41 ERA) and 2009 (16-7, 4.60). In both those seasons, he was a key starter on an Angels' team that won the American League West Division. He started three postseason games over those two years — one at Fenway Park against the Red Sox in '08 and two against the Yankees the next

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Chantilly's **Sohwon Kim** was one of three Virginia athletes to compete at the The 2011 USA National Taekwondo Team Trials this past weekend at the U.S. Olympic Complex in Colorado Springs. Kim, at Trials, won two matches to one defeat to earn an alternate position on the 2011 USA team.

Kim, who turned 15 in July and is getting set to enter his sophomore year at Chantilly High School this fall, began competing in the sport of

taekwondo at the U.S. Taekwondo College in Sully Plaza Shopping Center when he was five. Since then, he has won five Virginia State Championships in his respective age categories. This year alone, Kim has earned six gold medals combined at the Virginia and New York State Championships, as well as the Virginia Governor's Cup. He also earned a silver medal at the USA Taekwondo National Championships.

SYA Softball, for girls ages 4 to 18,

is still registering for its fall season instructional league. No experience is necessary. Coaches are needed at all levels. Visit www.syasoftball.org for fees, dates, and other information.

Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) Fall Sports Registration is now taking place online at www.syasports.org. Registration is available for the following sports: Babe Ruth baseball, softball, baseball and T-ball, football, soccer, field hockey,

cheerleading, and track and field. Registration is also taking place for an SYA lacrosse clinic. Register now to assure placement on a team and avoid late fees. For more information visit the website or send an email to syaboard@verizon.net.

Registration forms are available for senior adults (50-over) to enter the 2011 **Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** to be held Sept. 17-28. The registration deadline is Sept. 1. Partici-

pants must be 50 years of age by Dec. 31, 2011 and live in a sponsoring jurisdiction. In addition to traditional Olympic events such as track and field and swimming, other events include cards and board games, tennis, bowling, golf and more. New events this year include volleyball, cycling, badminton and the 1,600 meter run. Registration fee is \$10 plus \$1 per event. For more information, call 703-228-4721 or go to www.nvso.us.

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year.

In the playoff game against Boston, Saunders was victimized by a freaky, pop fly single which somehow fell onto the shallow outfield grass just out of the grasp of several Angels' fielders. Incredibly, three Red Sox scored on the fluky single.

"I had a [playoff start] there and the game went like 12 innings," Saunders, during a phone interview from Arizona earlier this week, recalled of pitching a playoff game in the Hub City. "I lasted like 4-2/3 innings. I think I'm the only pitcher in major league [postseason] history to ever give up a three-run single. The ball fell into the Bermuda Triangle."

Saunders was selected to play in the 2008 American League All-Star Game in July of that season as a pitcher on the American League squad. That year's All-Star contest was held at the old Yankee Stadium, which was in its final year of existence as a result of a new Yankee Stadium being built. The Yankees, in pre-game ceremonies, celebrated their storied past that night with many former players being honored.

"That was the highlight of my career," Saunders, who made a pitching appearance that night, said of the special All-Star experience that year.

After going 6-10 with a 4.62 ERA over the first several months of the 2010 season, the 6-foot-3 inch southpaw was traded by the Angels to the Arizona Diamondbacks in July. Over the remainder of the season, Saunders was 3-7 with a 4.25 ERA for Arizona.

Saunders, who played high school ball for the Spartans under legendary Northern Region coach Ron Tugwell, is currently 8-9 with a 3.61 ERA for Arizona.

He naturally has fond memories of his time as a member of the West Springfield High baseball team and the Spartans' state championship season.

"It was an awesome year," Saunders recalled, of the '98 state title run. "We had a pretty good one-two [pitching] punch with me and Mike Crisci. The team was good in all aspects — we fielded the ball well and hit pretty good and had team speed. We had Mark Tugwell [the coach's son] at shortstop. It was great fun."

"We had played West Springfield Little League together, a lot of us, and we all knew each other so well," said Saunders. "We were all pretty much friends on the team."

Saunders, over the years throughout his major

league career, has normally left game tickets for family members and friends whenever the Angels or Diamondbacks have traveled to Washington to play the Nationals or near-by Baltimore to face the Orioles. His father currently resides in Purcellville, while his mother lives in Silver Spring. And his grandmother lives in Springfield, in the neighborhood where Joe grew up and near to West Springfield High.

"When we get in town to play the Nationals I always try to visit my granny," said Saunders.

Saunders has loved baseball as long as he can remember. His advice to young ball players in the Northern Virginia area is to have fun playing the game.

"Practice as much as you can and have as much fun playing as you can," said Saunders, who attended numerous youth baseball camps as a youngster.

1994 ROBINSON SECONDARY graduate and former George Mason University pitcher Shawn Camp has been a solid big league relief pitcher throughout his playing career. The 36-year old right-hander from Fairfax, who has pitched in the majors for the Kansas City Royals (2004-'05), Tampa Bay Rays (2006-'07), and currently the Toronto Blue Jays (2008-present), has primarily been utilized as a middle or long relief specialist during his eight years in the majors. He holds a career record of 20-24 with a 4.42 ERA over 398 career appearances.

Last year, Camp was close to spectacular — enjoying a career-best year in which he went 4-3 with a 2.99 ERA with a team-high 70 pitching appearances for the Jays. This season, Camp is 1-2 with a 5.10 ERA over 48 games.

Camp, early in his baseball career, was a catcher at Robinson as well as in college at both the University of North Alabama and George Mason. At Mason, he began his transition to pitching under the tutelage of then-assistant coach Dayton Moore, a South Lakes High graduate and the current general manager of the Kansas City Royals.

Camp was eventually selected by the San Diego Padres in the 16th round of the 1997 player draft. He spent several years in the Padres' and Pittsburgh Pirates' organizations before signing with Moore and the Royals in 2004. On Opening Day in '04, Camp made his big league debut with two innings of relief work against the White Sox. He has been in the Majors since and, with Tampa Bay in 2006, was second in the American League in appearances with 75.

NVSL All-Stars Winners

The Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL) held its annual end of the summer season All-Stars competition on Saturday, Aug. 6 at Wayneswood pool in Alexandria. The following is a list of the event's local first place finishers:

Brandon Fiala (Sully Station, Centreville) - boys 15-18, 100-IM
Roman Lowery (Fairfax Station) - boys 11-12, 50-fly
Jacqueline Clabeaux (Greenbriar, Fairfax) - girls 11-12, 50-breaststroke

Brandon Fiala (Sully Station, Centreville) - boys 15-18, 50-back
Anthony Grimm (Fair Oaks, Fairfax) - boys 8-under, 25-back
Christopher Fiala (Sully Station, Centreville) - boys 15-18, 50-free
Lia Campbell (Crosspointe, Fairfax

Station) - girls 11-12, 50-free
Roman Lowery (Fairfax Station) - boys 11-12, 50-free
Faith Lowery (Fairfax Station) - girls 9-10, 50-free
Leaya Ma (Mosby Woods, Fairfax) - girls 8-under, 25-free

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