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Kammerer, Cooper Face Off in Sheriff's Primary

Primary will decide GOP candidate for county Sheriff.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

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 country, 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



Wes Kammerer

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.



Bill Cooper

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

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Martin, Baker Compete To Take on Barker in 39th

Two Republicans vie to challenge incumbent viewed as vulnerable.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Whichever Republican emerges from the August primary this month will be in one of the hottest campaigns of the year. The winner of the Aug. 23 election will face incumbent state Sen. George Barker (D-39), who is perceived as vulnerable by Democrats and Republicans. The newly redrawn boundaries of the district stretch from Clifton to Alexandria, increasing the Democratic voters by 1.7 percent.

"Barker is vulnerable, and [we] have two aggressive and mainstream Republicans who are eager to take him on."

— Republican consultant Mike Lane

"That's an indication that the Democrats see this seat as vulnerable," said Kyle Kondik, political analyst with the Virginia Center for Politics. "If this is a seat where the Democrat loses to the Republican, that would probably be an indication that the leadership of the Senate would change."

Republican voters have a choice of former Justice Department official Miller Baker and education administrator Scott Martin. As is

often the case with primary races, the difference between the candidates has less to do with issues and more about personal background and biography. Both Baker and Martin say they have the experience and the background necessary to be successful in Richmond.

"Barker is vulnerable, and [we] have two aggressive and mainstream Republicans who are eager to take him on," said Republican consultant Mike Lane. "There is a reason to believe that national political scene is going to cast a shadow over the election this year, and that's not looking very good for the Democrats right now."

BAKER describes himself as the frontrunner in the race, a candidate who is leading "by every metric." He said he has knocked on more doors, raised more money and has more yard signs in the district than his opponent. As a former Justice Department official who has successfully argued

cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, Baker said he has the background and experience needed in Richmond. At the top of his agenda is doing away with personal and corporate income taxes as well as diversifying the local economy.

"Federal spending is going to slow down," said Baker, a member of the Federalist Society.

"So we need to attract businesses that have nothing to do with the federal government."

If elected, Baker's first bill would be changing the Senate rules to make sure that the voting record of every state Senator was easily accessible on the General Assembly website — including floor votes, committee votes and subcommittee votes. Currently, some of that information is accessible, but it's only available by looking at each bill individually. And subcommittee votes are often unrecorded. Even if the bill is unsuccessful, Baker pledged to make the information available on his own website.

"I think the General Assembly ought to make it easy for constituents to find out



Miller Baker



Scott Martin

what their senator's record is," he said. "Transparency is essential if this representative government is going to work."

Other bills he said he would introduce in his freshman term address transportation and education. On transportation, Baker said he would revise the allocation of revenues for highway projects so that spending is prioritized based on where the congestion is heaviest — an effort that was unsuccessfully championed earlier this year by Del. James LeMunyon (R-67). On education, he said he would introduce legislation that would prevent universities from

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POLICE PHOTO

Fairfax County Police released this image of a truck they say is similar to the one that was near the scene of an October 2010 homicide in Fairfax Station.

Information Sought On Truck, Trailer

Information related to 2010 Fairfax Station homicide.

Homicide detectives have released an image of a vehicle they believe might be connected to the October 2010 murder of Fairfax County businessman Yong Suk Yun.

"This is not a picture of the suspect vehicle," said Officer Tawny Wright, a spokesperson for the Fairfax County Police Department. "Through the course of the investigation, we developed a number of leads, and police are always following up on those leads. I don't know when (police) were first made aware of the vehicle, but they have now come back to it."

Wright said the pickup was in the area of Ladues End Court and Fairfax County Parkway around the time of the murder, on Oct. 7, 2010. The image is of an older-model, white pickup truck with a utility or landscaping trailer attached to it.

Yun, 61, was slain in his Fairfax Station home last October, where his wife found him. on Thursday, Oct. 7, shortly before 4 p.m. Police declined to say how Yun died, other than "trauma to the upper body." Police determined the death was a homicide after an autopsy but did not release the cause of death because it would be known only to the killer.

Yun's car, a gold 2002 Lexus 470 sport-utility vehicle, was gone. The vehicle was located by a police officer in the 4300 block of Americana Drive on Monday, Oct. 11, just after 11 p.m.

Yun owned the Dr. Wash carwash franchise on Route 50 in Chantilly.

Wright said if anyone recalls seeing a pickup truck similar to the one depicted in the image at any time prior to the murder to contact the police. "We would like to talk with the people in the vehicle."

Residents can contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

— VICTORIA ROSS

Sign Up for Senior Olympics

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. Participants 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. For more information, call 703-228-4721 or go to www.nvso.us.



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Students learn the dance steps to the iconic jazz song, 'One,' from theater teacher Amy Hard, far left.

A Taste of Broadway

Students learn to sing, dance and audition during Robinson's theater camps.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Robinson Secondary School has long been known as a theatrical powerhouse, and its musicals always attract huge audiences. So this summer, in response to parent and student demand, it offered a workshop in musical theater.

"People always ask where their child can get music, dance and theater experience, so we decided a good way to wet the feet of an inexperienced musical-theater performer was through a five-day workshop," said Director Amy Hard. "Though there was a presentation for parents at the end, this camp wasn't as focused on the product, but the process."

Also offered July 25-29 was an Audition Boot Camp, preparing students to try out for various roles in plays. Like the musical-theater workshop, it was open to middle- and high-school students and directed by Hard, as well.

"In Intro to Musical Theater, we tried to give them a little taste of a lot of things," she said. "They watched pieces from Broadway, learned new songs, learned how to harmonize, a bit of reading music and a lot of choreography — dance and basic, musical-theater staging. They've hopefully widened their knowledge about current and past shows, did some research on the pieces they presented, made friends

and participated in a variety of improv and theater games."

Although the 27 students in the class came from different schools, their common interest and enthusiasm bonded them. "It's been such a treat to just have fun and introduce them to musical theater [in a more relaxed way], as opposed to while I'm directing/producing a show," said Hard.

Meanwhile, the Audition Boot Camp was designed for no more than 10 students to help them prepare to audition for their school shows this year. "We do an overview of casting and auditioning," said Hard. "But since this camp was only six hours total, we focused on selecting an audition monologue and song."

She and Madison Auch, co-director of both camps, identify what the students need to work on and provide them with the skills and resources to improve. In audition camp, students got to ask questions, work through their nerves and practice performing in front of others.

Since it's summer and they had more time, both directors, in effect, gave the students personalized, private coaching. "Madison is an outstanding musician and theater performer now majoring in musical theater at the University

of the Arts," Hard said.

As for Hard, besides teaching theater at Robinson, she is a private acting coach for college auditions and professional actors. "It's truly my passion to be able to ask questions, direct and assist these performers, one on one, as they gear up for auditions," she said.

"I love meeting new students, seeing returning

"People always ask where their child can get music, dance and theater experience."

— Director Amy Hard

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Sheriff

FROM PAGE 3

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

Cooper 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."

For more information on Cooper go to www.cooperforsheriff.net

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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/.

Final E-mail

This e-mail was sent to supporters of Clifton Elementary.

Dear Friends:

I would like to thank everyone for their support and efforts during this unbelievable ordeal. This will likely be my last e-mail from Save Clifton, though I am going to keep this e-mail account active in case information regarding the Charter School or plans for the building become available.

For information regarding the Charter School, please visit www.lewisandclarkschoolva.org/home

The PTA website will not be available after Wednesday. If anyone would like to pull pictures or

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. 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 pri-

mary, 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.

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information from the site before I take it down, please feel free to do so. To save a picture from the site, right click on the picture, click on "save image as," designate where to save the picture and click save. I will keep an archive of the site and all of the content on the site, but it will no longer be available online. The Save Clifton Elementary website [www.savecliftonelementary.org] will remain online for the time being. I plan to update that site with School Board election information, costs pertaining to the closure of CES, updates on building additions and modifications at the schools where CES kids are being sent to, and information relevant to CES if/when FCPS decides to tell us the fate of the building.

In an effort to keep everyone connected as we all go our separate ways this September, I've created a Clifton Community group page on Facebook. Anyone in the greater Clifton community may join the group and post to the page. Think of it as a virtual bulletin board for Clifton. Everything that used to go home in the Tuesday take-home folders (such as info about Halloween and Clifton Day) may be posted here. Updates on the Charter School and requests for volunteers for Clifton events may be posted here. Post lost pet notices here and it will instantly go out to every member of the group, in the entire Clifton area. If you would like to join the group, please visit the page and request membership. Once you become a member, you may add more members. I've set it up that way in an effort to avoid spam postings, which can run rampant on open

membership group pages. Please invite new families to join also so they can meet their "neighbors" and feel connected to the community. This group page certainly won't replace the connection we all felt at CES, but hopefully it will help us to stay connected as we move forward without CES.

It has been an honor getting to know so many of you and you have my heartfelt thanks for all of your efforts to help Save Clifton Elementary. Even though we were not successful in keeping Clifton open, I'm proud of this community and proud to be a part of this community. CES may have been the heart of this community, but it's the residents of Clifton that make it beat.

Lisa Lucas
Save Clifton Elementary

CAMPS & SCHOOLS

Theater Camp for the Summer

FROM PAGE 4

actors and meeting artists from other schools," she said. "What they each bring from their backgrounds, plus their desires, really produce a workshop that's fun, enlightening and incredibly inspiring. This gets me geared up for the fall and going back to the classroom."

CLIFTON RESIDENT Hillary Hollaway, a Robinson sophomore, took the musical-theater class because she's been in several plays, but doesn't have much background in musicals. "I don't see singing and acting as my strengths, so I took this class so I could improve," she said. "I've enjoyed getting the chance to sing in front of other people because, in middle school, I couldn't do that."

"It gets you more involved in songs and dances," Hillary said, of the camp. "There's lots of group dancing, and they find solos for everyone, so you don't have to be an amazing singer to get one."

Robinson freshman Ian Gaal has also performed before and liked the class because, instead of being criticized, the students were nurtured and encouraged. "They're all your friends," he said. "So, if you have a good or bad voice, you shouldn't be afraid to show it off. You don't have to keep things inside, but can let them all out. You can do it."

He, too, would recommend the workshop to others. "If you've never acted, you can come here because Mrs. Hard is a great teacher and she'll help you," said Ian. "She can be strict when needed, but

also adds in fun and gets you to find what you're passionate about."

James Carter, a Lake Braddock eighth-grader, also enjoyed himself. "I love acting, and I've learned different musical numbers and about different genres of theater," he said. "And we played cool acting games to keep in character while on stage. It's the best camp I've been to this summer. I've made friends, the teachers are nice and make it fun to learn, and the dances are cool."

"I like the teaching methods and environment," said Robinson eighth-grader Graciela Perez, who likes to sing. "Mrs. Hard is easy to talk to and the counselors helping her are really nice. I learned that you have to work as an ensemble and a team, or else things don't come out right."

She was also in the auditioning class. "I get nervous onstage, but they understood and helped me get more confidence doing it," said Graciela. "And it's cool getting to choose your own audition piece and learn what real auditions are like." Hers was a comedy about a fast-food employee having to wait on an irritating customer. Hopefully, said Graciela, she'd like to someday act professionally, so she appreciated what she learned in class.

Abigail Wojcik, a Lake Braddock seventh-grader, said audition camp taught her voice and body warm-ups and working with others. "We'd say funny things while warming up, so it wasn't boring," she said. "And they taught us you can change a character around and do what you want with it. I like acting. It's a chance to not be yourself without getting in trouble."



SCHOOL NOTES

Brendan Milligan from South County Secondary School in Lorton was one of 26 high school students in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia to receive the Horatio Alger State Scholarship for \$2,500 towards their college education. This scholarship was awarded to students who persevered in overcoming adversity while succeeding academically, contributing to the community and exhibiting exemplary character.

Court of Honor

Aaron Boudreau, a member of Boy Scout Troop 1849 was awarded his Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor on June 18 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke. Aaron's Eagle Scout Service project was to collect donations for care packages for Marines in Afghanistan. Working with members of his troop and VFW Post 7327, Aaron collected the donations and then packed and shipped 85 large care packages. Aaron lives in Fairfax Station and will be a senior at Lake Braddock in the fall.

Ashley Andreotta of Clifton earned a B.S. in Nursing at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

Kelly McGuinness of Fairfax Station earned a Bachelor of Business Administration at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.



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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."

Staff at Foster Remodeling Solutions periodically offer workshops on home remodeling topics. For information: 703/550-1371 or www.FosterRemodeling.com

Waterfront Mansion on Mason Neck for Sale

Eagles Landing, a Georgian manor on the deep water banks of the Potomac River, 11521 Potomac Road in Lorton, is for sale for \$5.374 million.

The 15,000-square-foot home sits on 11 acres at the tip of the Mason Neck Peninsula, bordering 440 feet of picturesque waterfront and 676 feet of scenic freshwater tidal marsh. Nearly every room offers panoramic views along an ever-changing natural landscape where waterfowl frolic and bald eagles nest.

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.

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

Social Media: What You Need to Know. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Lesley Lykins will walk you through Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. Adults. 703-451-8055.

FRIDAY/AUG. 12

The United States Navy Band "Commodores." 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Lake Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Jazz concert. Free.

The Magic of Hans Christian Andersen. 10:30 a.m. Lorton

Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Applause Unlimited presents "The Ugly Duckling," "Thumbelisa," and "The Emperor's New Clothes" told with puppets and masks. All ages. Register at 703-339-7385.

"Nunsense." 6 p.m. Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre, 10712 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Dan Goggin's comedy about the antics of a group of nuns. www.lazysusan.com or 703-550-7384.

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

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

Alexandria Scottish Rite Centennial Event. 6 p.m. The Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple, 1430 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. With political satire performed by The Hexagoners. \$20 per person including dinner. 703-998-9044.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Gems and finds for all readers. All ages. 703-339-4610.

Circus in a Suitcase. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Ringmaster Harold Wood becomes a magician, juggler, clown and more right before your eyes. All ages. 703-451-8055.

NOVA Coalition of Labor Union Women is hosting the first in a series of free workshops on issues important to working women. You and Your Money: Financial Literacy for Women. 10-11:30 a.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker

Road, Burke. Light refreshments will be served.

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SUNDAY/AUG. 14

Quantico Marine Jazz Orchestra and Vienna-Falls Chorus. 2 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Free. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

World Champion Wushu Kungfu Show. 3 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With more than 20 of the world's top professional Wushu /Kungfu athletes and masters. Ticket holders may attend the pre-show news conference and meet actor and former Wushu Kungfu National Champion Jet Li, 2-2:45 p.m. 703-978-7905.

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MONDAY/AUG. 15

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-339-4610.

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Lorton Library Book Club. 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Those Who Save Us by Jenna Blum. Adults. 703-339-7385.

Springfield Writers' Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250

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FRIDAY/AUG. 19

Space Rock Invasion USA Tour with Nektar, Brainticket, Huw Lloyd Langton (Of Hawkwind) and more. 8 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Age 21 and up. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Lake Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Bluegrass music concert. Free.

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Bring lunch and join us for stories. Age birth-5 with adult. 703-971-0010.

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Bring a lunch and enjoy stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-339-7385.

"Nunsense." 6 p.m. Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre, 10712 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Dan Goggin's comedy about the antics of a group of nuns. www.lazysusan.com or 703-550-7384.

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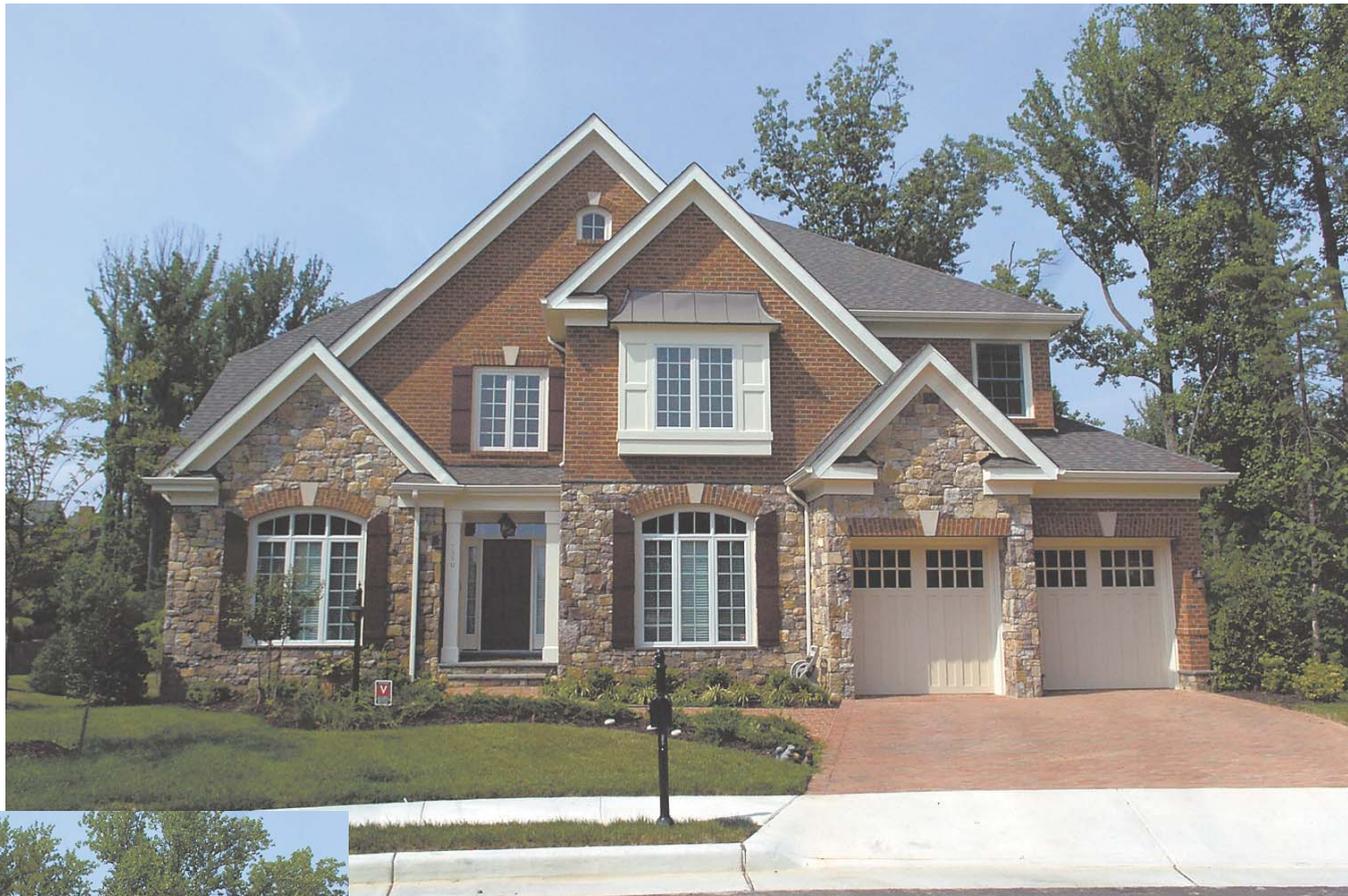
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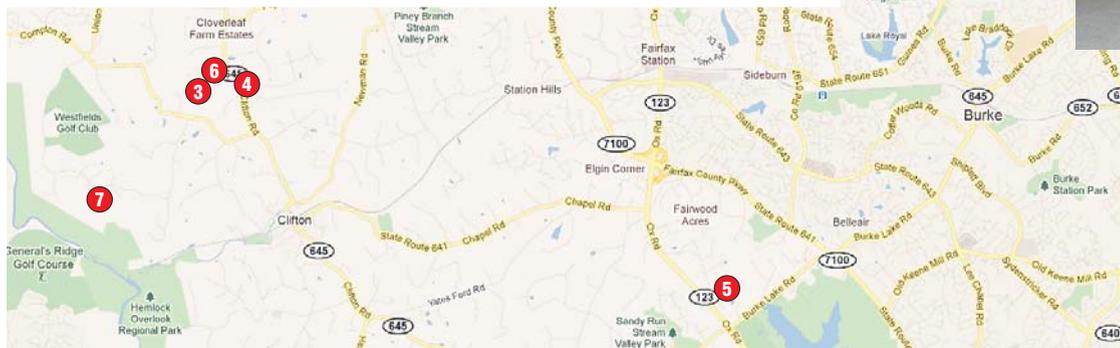
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POLITICS

Martin, Baker Square Off in 39th

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raising the cost of tuition at a rate that's higher than inflation.

"Everyone in the private sector is tightening their belts," said Baker. "The universities can do it too."

MARTIN casts himself as someone who has been engaged with the community for many years, running an unsuccessful campaign for the Springfield District of the Fairfax County School Board in 2003. Because he is an employee of George Mason University, where he is director and founder of the Computer Game Design Program, Martin would not draw a paycheck as a state senator. Martin said he has been running for a year and a half and describes his opponent's campaign as devoid of issues.

"I just haven't heard my opponent say why he's running," said Martin. "I would have never run for state Senate as a first-time candidate, especially without real ideas and a plan."

If elected, Martin's first bill would be to create more availability in Virginia colleges and universities for Virginia residents. Martin said that he would

like to see the percentage increase to 85 percent or even 90 percent, although he said the details would have to be worked out during the legislative process. As a longtime professor and educational administrator, Martin said that he has seen how broken the admissions process is from the inside.

"This has been a game that has tortured parents for too long," Martin said. "I know the process, and it's not fair."

Other bills he said he would introduce would streamline the state government and reduce taxes. On government restructuring, Martin said he would like to consolidate the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia with the Virginia Department of Education, a move that would create cost savings he would like to see directed to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. On taxes, Martin would like to reduce business personal property taxes and eliminate business and professional occupancy license taxes.

"There are a lot of town councils that would be very angry at me for abolishing the BPOL taxes," said Martin. "But this is something a lot of small businesses just cannot afford."

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Sophie Chase started running competitively as a freshman at Lake Braddock Secondary School in 2009. In two years, she's established herself as one of the top distance runners in the state, competing in cross country, along with indoor and outdoor track.

Chase's success, including a second-place finish at the 2010 state cross country meet, have landed her much in the way of media attention, expectations and pressure. While Chase said she enjoys competition, one sport that she's been involved in for much longer than running allows her to fulfill a competitive fix without having to deal with pressure.

Chase has been swimming since she was 7, and does so for Lake Braddock in the winter. On Aug. 6, she competed in the Northern Virginia Swim League all-star meet at Waynewood Recreation Association in Alexandria. A member of the Burke Station swim team, Chase placed fourth in the girls 15-18 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 35.08 seconds, and 10th in the 15-18 100-meter individual medley (1:10.72).

"It's really, really great," Chase said of her experience at the all-star meet. "Any opportunity that I get to compete I'll just come out and take it. ... The thing I love about swimming is that it's so low key, so much less pressure for me. It's almost like I can just go out and have fun and not worry about times and placement and whatever I do, I'll be happy with it."

Balancing running and swimming hasn't



Lake Braddock rising junior Sophie Chase, along with being one of the top distance runners in the state, is a successful swimmer.

been easy for Chase, who said she runs every day and swims three times per week. Add to that a heavier work load at school as she enters her junior year and Chase fights to keep from getting burned out.

"I knew that I wanted to continue swimming because I had been pretty decent at it up until [I started running]," Chase said. "It's been a little difficult trying to keep an adequate balance between running and swimming. I'm fortunate enough to have

coaches that I can work with ... because I just love to do both. Giving up one of them, I feel like, would not be beneficial to the other one."

Finding time to rest is important for Chase, who said she occasionally finds time for a social life.

"Most of my social life," she said, "probably involves my teammates, anyway."

In boys freestyle competition, Andrew Bernstein (Chesterbrook, 8U 25M, 16.22), Lachlan Flatin (High Point Pool, 9-10 50M, 31.6), Roman Lowery (Fairfax Station, 11-12, 28.09), Ben Lambert (Hayfield Farm,

13-14, 25.14) and Christopher Fiala (Sully Station, 15-18, 23.65) won their respective events. In girls free, Leaya Ma (Mosby Woods, 8U 25M, 16.07), Faith Lowery (Fairfax Station, 9-10 50M, 31.93), Lia Campbell (Crosspointe, 11-12, 28.65), Laura Branton (Oakton, 13-14, 27.84) and Laura Schwartz (Camelot, 15-18, 27.84) captured titles.

In boys backstroke, Anthony Grimm (Fair Oaks, 8U 25M, 18.17, Zachary Risseuw (Vienna Woods, 9-10 50M, 37.09), Zander Abrams (High Point, 11-12, 31.4), Luke Thorsell (Fox Mill Woods, 13-14, 29.23) and Brandon Fiala (Sully Station, 15-18, 28.23) took first place in their respective events. In girls back, Leaya Ma (Mosby Woods, 8U 25M, 19.29), Sinead Eksteen (Shouse Village, 9-10 50M, 34.98), Amanda Peren (High Point, 11-12, 33.41), Maxine Clifford (Waynewood, 13-14, 31.84) and Reanna Dona (Waynewood, 15-18, 29.18) finished atop the standings.

In boys breaststroke, Bernstein (21.8), Flatin (41.16), Carter Flint (Tuckahoe, 11-12 50M, 36.19), Garrett Walsh (Hamlet, 13-14, 33.5) and Charles Katis (Highlands, 15-18, 29.13) took home titles. In girls breaststroke, Isabella Manzione (Fairfax, 8U 25M, 22.350, Alina Jones (Mantua, 9-10 50M, 42.6), Jacqueline Clabeaux (Greenbriar, 11-12, 36.5), Suzanne Dolan (Overlee, 13-14, 35.3) and Elizabeth Collins (Waynewood, 15-18, 34.64) won their respective events.

In boys butterfly, Anthony Grimm (Fair Oaks, 8U 25M, 16.8), Thomas Outlaw (Chesterbrook, 9-10 50M, 15.58), Lowery (30.2), Lambert (26.75) and Blake Sundel (Little Hunting Park, 15-18, 26.29) were winners. In girls fly, Annie Hood (Mansion House, 8U 25M, 19.01), Morgan Frueh (Mansion House, 9-10 50M, 16.5), Cassidy Bayer (Mount Vernon Park, 11-12, 30.17), Laura Branton (Oakton, 13-14 50M, 28.98) and Dona (Waynewood, 15-18, 29.1) finished atop their respective event standings.

Boys IM winners were: Daniel Gyenis (Fox Mill, 9-10 100M, 1:18.9), Timothy Wu (McLean, 11-12, 1:10.44), Luke Thorsell (Fox Mill Woods, 13-14, 1:04.22) and Brandon Fiala (1:00.43). Girls IM winners were: Eksteen (1:15.26), Bayer (1:10.64), Hannah Baker (Commonwealth, 13-14 100M, 1:08.75) and Schwartz (1:06.38).

SPORTS NOTES

Girls Lacrosse Clinics, presented by the Burke Athletics Youth Club, will take place beginning on Sunday, Sept. 11. The Clinics will continue on Sundays throughout September and October. Weekly Clinic times will be 2-3 p.m. Burke Athletics Youth Club is a non-profit youth organization serving the Burke area community. Visit www.burkeathleticclub.org for more information.

Cory Bowersox, 17, of Burke, earned a silver medal in the 16-18 boys 3-meter event at the USA Diving Junior

National Championships held in Knoxville. Bowersox has now qualified for the 2012 Olympic Trials in Seattle based on his performance at Nationals. The top six divers in the 14-15 and 16-18 age groups on 3-meter and platform events who have not already qualified for the Trials will compete next summer for the Team USA Olympic spots.

Bowersox scored 567.60 on 3-meter to take home the silver medal. He will continue on at Nationals where he will compete on 1-meter and platform. Bowersox will take his medal back home with him to Burke where he trains with Dominion Dive Club.

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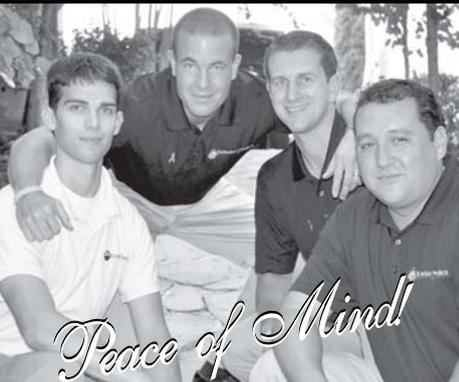
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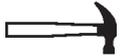
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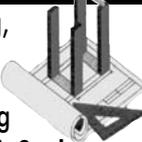


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