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Madeline Porth of Springfield starts off a tour of Pohick Bay on water skis assisted by Sam Massa of Clifton as part of the Dreams for Kids Foundation's 'Extreme Recess' event at Pohick Bay Regional Park on July 18, 2011. Massa comes to the event as a member of the Coble Ski School in North Carolina, which provides expert water skiers for the event.

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The calm era before the BP oil spill is depicted in Leesa Woodard's 'Storm Coming at Laguna Beach,' part of her featured artist's exhibit at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.



Leesa Woodard, this month's featured artist at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, is clearly mad at BP from last year's oil spill, as evidenced in this piece, 'Bloody Hell, BP?'

Art Driven by Life

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Featured artist at the Workhouse Arts Center takes special aim at BP a year after the oil spill.



PHOTOS BY AMBER HEALY/THE CONNECTION

Leesa Woodard is mad at BP. Three of the pieces in her collection, on display as this month's featured artist in the main gallery of the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, depict scenes of the Florida shoreline before and after the massive oil spill last spring.

The first, "Storm Coming at Laguna Beach," is clearly the before. A pristine, sugar-white beach next to a deep blue ocean is calm and comforting, despite the dark clouds in the distance.

The second, "What's with the Bloody-Minded Greed, BP? [Life coated in it]," shows a trio of pelicans coated in grime, the oil on their backs blending seamlessly into the globs piling up on the shore behind them. The sapphire water behind them is now blackened and glossy.

The third, and most aggressive, shows oil-slicked waves with rust-colored peepholes, where glimpses of the beach before it was destroyed peek through. This one is called, simply, "Bloody Hell, BP?"

While she's lived in the area most of her life, this beach is important to Woodard, and the focal point of her featured artist exhibit.

"I feel kind of like a kid at Christmas," Woodard said, smiling, with her family proudly standing

Another Workhouse artist, Mike Flynn, was demonstrating watercolor painting during an artist reception at the Workhouse on Aug. 13.

nearby. "I've been painting for a long time but just started selling last year. That's a big bonus."

While she mostly works at a studio in her home, Woodard is an associate artist at the Workhouse, which features a large exhibit from one or two artists in the W-16 gallery each month. While Woodard was entertaining guests during her open house on Saturday, Aug. 13, painter Mike Flynn was giving a demonstration on watercolors, working on a piece featuring large sunflowers. In the upper gallery, 50 pieces submitted for the Clay National competition were on display, ranging from small bottles and jars to a life-

sized piece featuring a human figure trapped within a shell.

"The Workhouse is very artist-oriented," Woodard said. "It's come a long way. I've been associated with the Workhouse since they opened."

Before the Workhouse opened its doors, Woodard had dreamed of having space at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria. Being able to exhibit in Lorton, closer to where she lives, is a thrill, she said.

"I remember when they first proposed this idea," back when the county had just taken ownership of the former prison ground, she said. The idea of bridg-

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Baker Cruises to Victory in 39th District

Victory sets up battle with incumbent George Barker.

BY HARRISON FALLON
THE CONNECTION

Former Justice Department official Miller Baker won the Republican nomination in Virginia's 39th State Senate District. He defeated George Mason University professor Scott Martin with 73.37 percent of the vote: 4,194 versus 1,522. This sets up a general election matchup between Baker and incumbent Sen. George Barker (D).

With all 47 precincts reporting, the crowd at Baker's victory was eager to announce it not a landslide, but rather "an earthquake," in light of the day's seismic event.

In his victory speech, Baker thanked his family and "the best campaign team anybody could have."

However, he quickly set his sights to the work ahead in the next 10 weeks ahead of the general election.

"The moment now is magnanimity. I want to reach out to everybody in the Republican primary," he said.

The 39th District stretches from the West End of Alexandria south to Woodbridge then northwest to Clifton. It encompasses



Miller Baker gives his victory speech to supporters in Lorton, accompanied by his family.

areas of the Fairfax County, Prince William County and the City of Alexandria. The shape of the district is slightly different than in past elections due to redistricting.

Shortly after the votes were tallied, Martin called Baker to concede and lend his support. He also received calls from Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) and Virginia Attorney

General Ken Cuccinelli (R) to congratulate him.

The campaign credits the victory to the hard work put into the campaign. Baker said that "90 percent of a campaign is effort." He has been knocking on doors since March and says that the "sweat equity" put him over the top.

Campaign Manager Dan Letovsky agreed. "We took it back to grassroots politics basics by talking to voters, door knocking and running an incredibly positive campaign."

He also had the endorsements of several prominent local political figures such as Alexandria City Councilwoman Alicia Hughes and former 11th District Congressional candidate Keith Fimian.

Fimian described Baker as "a man of great character and integrity. I felt in justice I could not sit idly by on the sidelines in this primary."

Baker was a former Justice Department official under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. He has also been a member of the Naval Reserve and has worked on counterterrorism in the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Of the 47 precincts in the 39th District, Baker only lost one — Pioneer, where Baker and his wife Margaret were precinct chairmen for the local Republican Party.

There were no specific bastions of support for Baker in the three jurisdictions of the district. Instead, he received between 72 percent and 77 percent in Fairfax, Prince William and Alexandria.

In Clifton, near where both candidates reside, Baker received 348 of the 463 votes cast.

The incumbent Barker sent out a message

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Flanary Wins Primary in 37th

Businessman defeats Stephen Hunt for GOP nomination in Senate race.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

Soon after an earthquake struck the region on Tuesday, Aug. 23, shaking buildings and rattling nerves, Republican candidate Jason Flanary said he was energized instead of unnerved.

"We're shakin' things up. I like it," Flanary said.

His energy and enthusiasm struck a chord with voters Tuesday night, as he captured the Republican nomination for the 37th District State Senate seat.

A former vice president of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Flanary challenged former School Board member Steve Hunt for a chance to unseat incumbent Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) in the Nov. 8 general election.

Flanary declared victory Tuesday, around 9:30 p.m., winning 3,133 votes (54.9 percent) over Hunt's 2,568 votes, (45.04 percent) with 40 of 44 precincts

reporting.

"It feels great. I think voters have appreciated my willingness to listen and confront issues," Flanary said at his victory party at P.J. Skidoos in Fairfax around 8:30 p.m. last night, after gaining a 10 percent lead over Hunt. Earlier in the day, Hunt said voter turnout would determine the election.

DURING THE campaign, Flanary, a former U.S. Marine, cast himself as a no-nonsense business leader, while Hunt emphasized his experience as an engineer and social conservative. Flanary raised twice as much money as Hunt — \$75,000 compared to Hunt's \$35,000 — according to the Virginia Public Access Project, a nonpartisan tracker of money in politics.

Both candidates defined themselves as fiscal and social conservatives, defending Second Amendment rights, denouncing "tax-and-spend" Democrats and championing right-to-life values.

At a July candidate's forum in the Braddock District, they both agreed that traffic congestion is one of the key job killers in Fairfax County and that put

"We need someone in Richmond who is going to represent your values. It's time for a Republican senator again."

— JASON FLANARY

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Jason Flanary talks to voters during the July 20 candidates forum in Braddock Hall.

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Lorton Workhouse Art Exhibit

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ing the old ghosts with the spirit of possibility for the future and making it a place of creation, not exile, is very attractive, she said.

Another example of turning something old and distasteful into something new and fun. In the entryway to W-16 is an old cigarette vending machine, the kind that went out of use decades ago. But instead of displaying cigarette packs, it's a vending machine for small pieces of art. Put in some coins, pull a knob and out pops a coaster-sized square featuring a painting.

The machine arrived a few months ago and is one of the few on the East Coast, said Amy Lust, curator for the exhibits in W-16.

The Workhouse is now in its third year, and the artist receptions on the second Saturday of each month continue to draw hundreds of people, Lust said.

"All of our artists are here" in their studios, spread out over 16 buildings, she said. "The buildings get quite full. It's a great opportunity for people to walk through, meet the artists and see what we offer."

It also presents the opportunity for people who live near the Workhouse but haven't visited to get a better idea what the place is about, she said. She had just spent a few minutes talking with a Boy Scout who was

interested in doing something at the Workhouse to earn his art badge.

"He and his father live five minutes from here but had never been," Lust said. "That's what we hope for. If you come once, you're more likely to come again. We try to offer a lot of different things, especially at the artist receptions, like food and fun exhibits, so that even if you're not a big art person you'll find something you like."

There are still people who associate the space with the prison, but those sentiments are changing, she said. Now, the Workhouse is hopeful the site will be thought of as art facility first, former prison second.

More changes are on the way, said Carol Mather, a sales representative for the gallery.

"We're hoping to open our Children's Art Center by the end of the year, and we're working on our Events Center as well," she said. "We hope to have a fine dining restaurant too, that's what we've been working for."

Gallery W-16 also started offering some snacks, courtesy of a small business across the river in Occoquan.

The Workhouse is also working toward opening a theater facility in the former gym, where a stage included on the National Registry of Historic Places, hosted the famed dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov in 2007, the first performance at the facility.



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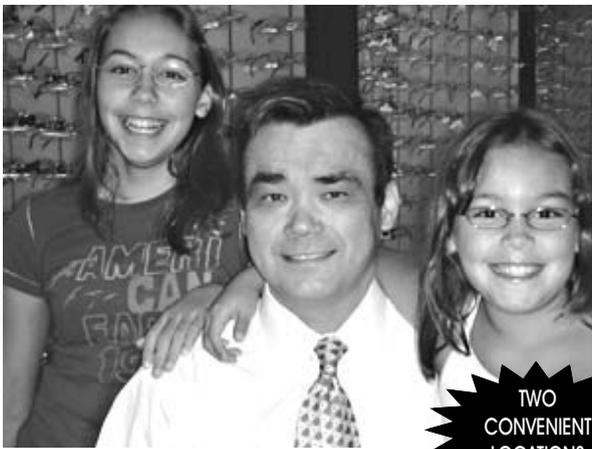


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37th State Senate District Race

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ting more money into mass transit is “throwing money down the drain,” Flanary said.

They also agreed that legislation aimed at deregulating business would make the state more competitive, big government is bad government and Virginia’s public colleges and universities should have incentives to keep Virginia students in the state.

But Flanary, who said he never stopped knocking on doors, appealed to voters by touting his business and military experience, his willingness to “pound sand” when confronting tax issues, and his readiness to “hit the ground running” in Richmond.

He frequently pointed to Hunt’s losses in previous elections and aggressively attacked Marsden for putting up campaign signs before the primary was over.

“Dave [Marsden] has proven he is going to work to keep his seat. We need someone in Richmond who is going to represent your values. It’s time for a Republican senator again,” Flanary said.

Flanary has run campaigns for Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield).

“We need someone who can fix the inefficiencies of government, who can apply a business model to our financial issues. We need someone who will analyze how every single dollar is being spent in every area.

That’s the problem I have with government in general,” Flanary said.

Hunt frequently said that Flanary’s inexperience as a candidate was a deficit. But Flanary, 33, noted that he is the same age as Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (R) when he when he first 37th District Senate seat in 2002.

Unofficial Results

Republican Primary-37th Senate District

44 of 44 precincts reporting
Jason A. Flanary: 3,133 (54.95%)
Stephen Hunt: 2,568 (45.04%)
Source: State Board of Elections

39th State Senate District

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once the results were in. After congratulating Baker on his win over Martin, it went on to say that “I look forward to the general election campaign, where I’m confident my record of working across the aisle and getting things done will prove resonant with the voters.”

Looking ahead to challenging the incumbent in the November, Baker said, “We’re going to focus on the difference between us and our goals for Virginia.”

However, he added, “he is an adversary, not an enemy. We both love Virginia and we both love America. We simply have profoundly different views.”

Baker said that the most important issue is the economy. “For me, it’s all about the economy. I want to make Virginia an economic

magnet and an oasis for business.”

Of all registered voters in the 39th District, 4.66 percent voted in this August primary. Customarily, the primaries occur in June, but this year’s redistricting caused them to be pushed back for two months.

The redistricting of the 39th District caused some controversy. It is “one of the most polarized legislative districts in all of America,” said Baker.

Barker helped draft new boundary lines. Among the changes are the addition of six West End Alexandria pre-

incts, traditionally thought to be more liberal than the portions of Prince William County that were taken out.

As a result, the district has become 1.7 percent more Democratic, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

The general election will be Nov. 8.

Unofficial Results

Republican primary-39th Senate District.

With 47 of 47 precincts reporting
M. Miller Baker 4,194 (73.37%)
Scott M. Martin 1,522 (26.62%)
Source: State Board of Elections



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Annual Clifton Car Show Returns Labor Day, Sept. 5

Hot rods, classic rides fill the streets of the Town of Clifton.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Featuring street rods, custom and antique cars, muscle and classic cars, and motorcycles, the 12th Annual Labor Day Car Show is Monday, Sept. 5, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., in Clifton. Sponsored by the Clifton Lions Club and the Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia, it will go on, rain or shine.

"It's a fitting end to the summer season and it's the biggest show within 100 miles of here on Labor Day," said event organizer Jim Chesley. "Cars will be parked end to end on all the major streets."

All shiny paint and gleaming chrome, a wide array of vehicles will be on display throughout the town, with hoods up and engines open for inspection. Attendees may peruse them at their leisure, while chatting with their owners and listening to 1950s and '60s music played by a deejay from J & J Sound.

"We'll have about 80 Corvettes, 1920s



Classic Mustangs lined up next to their newer cousins filled the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church in Clifton during last year's annual Labor Day car show.

Woody pickup trucks, Mustangs, 1950s hot rods, 1957 Chevys and muscle cars from the 1970s and '80s, such as GTOs, Camaros and Firebirds," said Chesley. "People will see everything from antique vehicles from the

'20s and '30s to hot rods to brand-new cars, trucks and motorcycles."

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"There'll be something for everybody."

— Jim Chesley, event organizer

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Getting To Know Woodson Sports

Girls soccer team won the region title in 2011.

What Happened Last Year: The field hockey team advanced to the district semifinals and defeated Yorktown in the opening round of regionals. The boys' basketball team advanced to the district semifinals, where the Cavaliers lost to eventual region champion T.C. Williams. The girls' soccer team won the Northern Region championship. The girls' lacrosse team won the Patriot District title. The boys' lacrosse team reached the district championship game and won a game at regionals. The baseball team went 16-4 during the regular season, losing only to state powers South County and Lake Braddock. After defeating T.C. Williams in the district quarterfinals, the Cavaliers lost to Lake Braddock for a third time in the semifinals and fell short against Stone Bridge in the opening round of regionals. Woodson advanced to the state tournament in 2010. The softball team went 15-2 in the regular season, earning the top seed in the district tournament, but lost in the semifinals.

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The Woodson baseball team reached the state tournament in 2010.

and made 139 starts. Abe Thompson (2000) played soccer at the University of Maryland. FC Dallas selected him in the second round of the 2005 MLS Supplemental Draft. Michael Lahoud (2005) played soccer at Wake Forest University, where he helped the Demon Deacons win the 2007 national championship. Chivas USA selected Lahoud in the first round (No. 9 overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft.

Quotable: "She does things that get kids fired up and she plays really hard. She's never dirty but, man, she plays hard. ... If you were to go to a guy's game, you'd [expect it]. But on the girls side, girls aren't used to it." — Head girls soccer coach Warren Williams during the 2011 season about the physical play of then-senior Marlee Stynchula.

Hot Rods, Classic Cars in Clifton

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www.lifewithcancer.org and www.NVTRP.org.

The festivities also include the Fairfax County Fireman's Chili Challenge, in a field by the railroad tracks, near the town barn. Performing on stage there will be the Lost Highway Band, Human Country Jukebox, Jammboxx and the Screaming Monkeys.

"We've had chili before, but this is the first time we've had a chili cookoff involving firefighters," said Chesley. "And they're really getting involved in it." Putting on the Chili Challenge is the Wednesday Night Crew Motorcycle Assn. To volunteer to help, e-mail rusty@wncrew.org.

Besides the Chili Challenge, visitors will find other food choices, as well. The Lions Club will offer hot dogs, hamburgers, pork and beef barbecue, chips, water and soda. The Clifton Presbyterian Church will offer lunch, too, and both Peterson's Ice Cream Depot and The Clifton Store will be open for business.

A 50-50 raffle will take place at the show, with

half the money going to the charities and half to the winner. In addition, the Rolling Thunder motorcycle, a Harley Davidson, will be displayed and raffled off. Tickets will be sold at the show, but the winner will be chosen at a later date because this motorcycle will also be displayed at some other shows.

At noon will be the raising of the flag by the Fairfax County Police Honor Guard, in Ayre Square, and the singing of the national anthem. Sometime during the show, if possible, will be a flyover by the police helicopter.

Two trophies are awarded for Best in Show, and three, for Best in Class. One is given for Best Back Seat and another goes to Best under Construction (for a vehicle still being worked on). Twenty individual trophies will also be presented to the top cars there, other than the winners.

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OPINION

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LETTER

Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hello and welcome to Fairfax County! Congratulations for finding the best place in the country to live, work and play. Fairfax County is home to a fantastic public school system, top tier businesses, and some of the best parks and open spaces in the DC Metro region.

The Fairfax County Public School system, with a budget this year of \$2.2 billion, is consistently ranked among the best in America. In the

June 2009 edition of Newsweek magazine, all eligible FCPS high schools were listed in the top five percent of public schools in the nation.

Fairfax County is also home to George Mason University, recently named one of the top five "Up-and-Coming Universities" by U.S. News and World Report. Mason is also recognized as one of the country's best value universities by Kiplinger's and one of America's



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Fairfax County is home to 22 of the 50 fastest growing companies in the Washington, D.C., area. We are also home to eight Fortune 500 company headquarters: Capital One Financial, CSC, Freddie Mac, Gannett Corporation, General Dynamics, Science Applications International Corporation, Booz Allen Hamilton and NII Holdings. Hilton, Volkswagen and Northrup Grumman have all moved their corporate headquarters to Fairfax County in the last five years.

But it's not all big business here. About 97 percent of the companies in Fairfax County are small businesses with fewer than 100 employees and less than \$1 million in annual revenue. Fairfax County is a great place to start a business; over 1,600 companies opened their doors here last year alone.

Our business community is also diverse. Fairfax County is home to more than 350 foreign-owned firms, more than any other jurisdic-

tion in the Washington area. There are 3,923 Asian-owned businesses in Fairfax County, with \$4.6 billion in sales and receipts, 30,688 employees and \$1.5 billion annual payroll.

Fairfax County is home to more than 48,000 acres of parks and open space. In 2010, our Park Authority won the coveted Gold Medal for Parks and Recreation from the National Recreation and Park Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration — edging out New York City, Miami-Dade County and Mecklenburg County, N.C.

Fairfax County offers over 500 miles of hiking and biking trails, the majority of which are asphalt paved (although some remain natural). All of the Fairfax Connector buses are equipped with bike racks so commuting by bicycle has never been easier.

We also have a vibrant arts community. The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton allows visitors to watch artists in action, and hosts many wonderful events such as the Block Party coming up on September 3.

As Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by all registered voters in Fairfax County. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or call my office at 703-324-2321. Thanks for making Fairfax County your home.

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/AUG. 25

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults. 703-249-1520.
English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. Adults. 703-339-4610.

FRIDAY/AUG. 26

City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden" German Band. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Lake Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Traditional German music. Free.
"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.
OBG Night. 5-10 p.m. Peterson's Ice Cream Depot, 7150 Main St., Clifton. Oldies But Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue benefit. www.cockerspanielrescue.com or 703-533-2373.

SATURDAY/AUG. 27

The Military Bugle during the Civil War and the Origin of the Call "Taps". 2 p.m. Historic Blenheim Estate, Address: 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The trumpet

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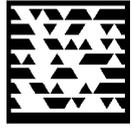
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INSIDER'S GUIDE



Looking for a place to canoe, fish, hike, bike or play Frisbee golf? Try Burke Lake Park.



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Ducks, geese, fish and other wildlife call Burke Lake Park home.

Natural Beauty, Recreation at Burke Lake Park

Burke Lake Park offers numerous adventures for the outdoors type.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Not even the torrential rain that fell for most of the afternoon could keep this group from their pre-arranged Frisbee Golf outing.

Brothers Dan and Jeremy Kolansky, Tom Rigby and another friend stood in a clearing in the middle of Burke Lake Park, debating the better way to throw discs to hit the next target.

"I work all week long, so this was me bugging them to get out," Dan Kolansky said.

Burke Lake might be known for its 218-acre lake and the boating, fishing and hiking trails that surround it, but the park is also one of a handful of facilities in the county that offer the sport.

Frisbee golf involves taking a series of discs and trying to throw them a far enough distance to get close to a net made of metal chains. It's similar to standard golf in that there are different discs to use for different holes and different kinds of passages, much like a golfer would have putters, drivers and wedges in a standard set of clubs.

"There is a risk of losing the disc in ravines or under the brush," Dan Kolansky said. That's a hazard he's run into a time or two on another Frisbee golf outing in Laurel Hill Park in Lorton.

Rigby was quick to point out, after a short but heated debate, that Laurel Hill is in Fairfax County, not Prince William, much to his party's surprise. They were hard-pressed to think of other parks in the area where their game was offered.

"With golf, the fields of play are wider," Jeremy Kolansky said. "Here, you have to dodge trees. Depending on the course, like here, there are more covered areas than in

golf, like here. Here there are trees that you have to play through."

Frisbee golf, he said, is "a poor man's golf." No special shoes or clothes required, just some buddies, some discs, and a good throwing arm.

The real problem is going off the course, Dan Kolansky added.

One thing Burke Lake does have over the course in Lorton, just a few miles away?

"There aren't any thorn bushes here," Jeremy Kolansky laughed.

THE EARLY afternoon rain showers may have thinned the normal visitors to the park, but by late afternoon, cars were starting to pile up in the marina, where families picnicked, took hikes and walked along the beach. A little girl, crouched low on the sand while her grandparents watched nearby, made cooing noises in the hopes of making a new friend of a Canada goose swimming a few feet away. On the other shore, a family of ducks lazily paddled around, occasionally going underwater with only their little tails in the air, looking for food.

Burke Lake is also home to a miniature train that circles the park a few times a day on weekends. A sign on a pavilion where tickets for the train and brightly colored carousel are sold lists a handful of landmarks along the circular path.

The park also offers a campground and, for the traditionalists, a par-3, 18-hole golf course, which is actually just a little north on Ox Road from the park itself. Driving from the park entrance to the campground, the little road is dotted with signs warning drivers that golf balls are flying nearby.

Burke Lake Park is open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and weekends only from Labor Day through Oct. 30. The campground is open until Oct. 31. The marina offers canoe and rowboat rentals during the regular season for a small fee.



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Ryan O'Donnell throws his disk from the tee pad of the disc golf — or 'FROLF' — course at Burke Lake park.

Insider's Guide to Fun

Connection offers a selection of local activities to add to your to-do list.

Art-Center formally known as...

The Workhouse Arts Center
9601 Ox Road
Lorton
www.workhousearts.org

The Workhouse Arts Center opened its doors in Lorton in 2008. Located on the grounds of the former Washington, D.C. prison, the state-of-the-art facility provides a visual and performing arts studios, exhibition spaces and engaging art education programs for the community. The Workhouse provides a home for more than 150 of the region's finest professional and emerging artists to express their creativity and their works. They offer classes, exhibitions, visual performances, visual and performing arts camps, a Kids Zone and a Body and Mind program. Call Caren Hearne for more information about classes and events, 703-584-2961.

Catch a Game At GMU

Patriot Center
4500 Patriot Circle
Fairfax
703-993-3000

Located on the campus of Northern Virginia's George Mason University, the Patriot Center seats 10,000. Tickets may be purchased at the Patriot Center box office, which is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets, including all Hecht's departments stores and all Kemp Mill and Tower Records stores, and by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or 202-397-SEAT. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com. Group sales discounts are offered for most of the family entertainment presentations and some concerts at the Patriot Center. For more information on group sales discounts, contact Washington Sport & Entertainment at 202-661-5061, or the Patriot Center at 703-993-3000.

Climb at Burke Racquet

Burke Racquet & Swim Club
6001 Burke Commons Road
Burke

The Burke Racquet & Swim Club has a state-of-the-art indoor climbing wall, and a challenging one at that. After a rigorous climb, there are also tennis and racquetball courts to get out some aggression. Non-members can climb the wall for \$11, members for \$8. Call 703-250-1299 for more information.



Leesa Woodard, this month's featured artist at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, is clearly mad at BP from last year's oil spill, as evidenced in this piece, 'Bloody Hell, BP?'

Swim at South Run

South Run RECenter
7550 Reservation Drive
Springfield

South Run RECenter features a 25-by-25-yard heated indoor pool that has two diving boards and a wading area. The RECenter also has a natatorium with a poolside spa, outdoor sun deck, and a full locker room with saunas. After having some fun in the water, guests at the RECenter can also enjoy the racquetball/wallyball courts and the fitness center. Call 703-866-0566 for more information about the RECenter.

Skate With Class

Wakefield Skate Park
8100 Braddock Road
Annandale
www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks/skatepark

Wakefield Skate Park offers a variety of classes for young athletes to learn basic skills and expand their current repertoire of moves and tricks.

Located at the Audrey Moore RECenter, Wakefield offers aggressive inline skating and a safe approach to rails and ramps, skateboarding classes that range from novice boarders to those with significant experience and BMX/Freestyle bike camps that teach jumps, gaps and grinds. Safety equip-



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This machine used to dispense cigarettes, but is now used to create art addicts and is cleverly called an Artomatic.



Fashioned to look like paper bags, these water-filled ceramic pieces were created by Workhouse Art Center associate artist Jennifer Holt.

ment is available for rent at the park for a small fee. Call 703-321-7081 for more information.

Toss a Hole-in-One

Disc Golf
Burke Lake Park
7315 Ox Road
Fairfax Station

Burke Lake Park features an 18-hole golf course and a renovated miniature golf course. But there's also the opportunity to play golf without swinging a single club. The park features an 18-hole disk golf course, located in the woods around the park. It's B.Y.O.F. (Bring Your Own Frisbee), and the object is to toss the disk into a hanging basket (i.e. the "hole"). Call 703-323-1641 for more information.

Catch a Delicious Bass

Fountainhead Regional Park
10875 Hampton Road
Fairfax Station

Fountainhead Regional Park features a

series of bass fishing contests throughout the year. Fifteen spring, summer and fall tournaments are scheduled to culminate with an invitation-only finale in the fall. Call 703-250-9124 for information about the tournaments and the park, or contact the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority at 703-352-5900.

Work on Your Triple Axel

Fairfax Ice Arena
3779 Pickett Road
Fairfax
www.fairfaxicearena.com

Fairfax Ice Arena features ice skating lessons and both free and private skating parties. During the week it costs between \$5.75-\$7.25 to skate, depending on the age of the skater. Rates are slightly higher on the weekend. Skates can be rented for \$2.75. Hockey skates can be rented for \$3.50. The arena also hosts skating classes for different levels of experience throughout the year. Call 703-323-1132 for more information.

Neighborhood Rivals

Robinson Secondary School
5035 Sideburn Road
Fairfax

Lake Braddock Secondary School
9200 Burke Lake Road
Burke

One might argue that this rivalry lost its luster when Robinson switched from the Patriot to Concorde District, but don't tell anyone associated with the Lake Braddock-Robinson rivalry that. When these two Northern Region powers get together — no matter the sport — it always makes for an entertaining event.

Stick an Oar in the Water

Kayaking with NVCT
Fountainhead Regional Park,
Fairfax Station

Pohick Bay, Lorton
Mason Neck, Lorton
Bull Run Marina, Clifton

All through the summer, the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust offers kayaking trips at several locations along the Potomac River and Occoquan Reservoir. A naturalist is on hand to illuminate the flora and fauna along the shore. Kayaking equipment is pro-

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became a symbol for mounted rifles in the early nineteenth century, and the bugle as a symbol for infantry during the Civil War. The field music of fifers, drummers and buglers was necessary for telling the time of duties in camp and guiding the actions of troops in battle. By the end of the war the bugle had replaced the fife and drum as the primary signaling instrument in the United States military. Jari Villanueva will demonstrate many of the bugle calls and explain their usage during the war, and discuss the origin of the call, performance practices and more. 703-591-0560.

Northern Virginia Archers "Most Wanted Outdoors" Tournament.

1 p.m. 10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax Station. Running Buck Challenge, Steel Buck Challenge, Mystery Target Shoot, 3D Hunters Course and Field Target Course. www.mostwantedoutdoors.com, www.northernvirginiaarchers.org or 703-250-6682.

Kamelot, Alestorm, Blackguard, The Agonist, Division and more.

7 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. VIP Tickets give one hour early entry and a Meet and Greet with Kamelot. VIP Tickets advance sale only. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door, \$60 VIP. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

"Nonsense." 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.

Zumbathon to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. 1-3 p.m. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Two hours of salsa, merengue, regaeton and bachata dance styles. \$20 at the door or \$14 in advance at http://bit.ly/CFDFCFinestCarla. cffzumbathon@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 28

"Nonsense." 5 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.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 31

Sock Monkeys. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Concert featuring a rock and roll cover band. Free.

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

FRIDAY/SEPT. 2

American Conversations: Connecting Frontiers. 5:30-7:30 p.m. West Springfield Government Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. The program will be inaugurated by Nepal's Ambassador H.E. Dr. Shankar P. Sharma. Traditional Nepali refreshments served. Reserve at 703-889-0792 or americanconversations@gmail.com.

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Fuel, TBA. 7 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling

Road, Springfield, VA. \$25 advance, \$25 at the door 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

Block Party at the Workhouse: Celebrating Lorton. 2-7 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Studio artists sidewalk sale, food and drinks available for purchase, neighborhood talent show, live music and more. Friends and Family Exhibition Reception 5-7 p.m. Inova Blood Donor Services Bloodmobile onsite 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 4

HO and N Gauge Trains on Display and Running. 12-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. \$3 adults, \$1 children. www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

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MONDAY/SEPT. 5

HO and N Gauge Trains on Display and Running. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. \$3 adults, \$1 children.

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The 12th Annual Labor Day Car Show.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

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.

Living in the 18th Century. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. This

workshop offers the philosophy and techniques key to developing an 18th century personage. Bill Barker, who has portrayed Thomas Jefferson for 25 years, is keynote presenter. \$75 registration includes materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. \$65 for Friends, volunteers, and groups of 5 and over. 703-550-9220 or www.gunston.hall.org.*

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West Springfield High School Bands Tag Day.

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Members of the West Springfield High School Bands and Color Guard will visit homes within the WSHS pyramid to raise funds for the WSHS band program. Fairfax County provides only a fraction of the funding for instruments, music, equipment, and maintenance. Individual band members make up most of the shortfall themselves by buying or renting instruments, buying uniforms and paying uniform fees. ladesio@verizon.net.

Cocker Spaniel Adoption Show. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Springfield Petsmart, 6535 Frontier Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Oldies But Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue. All dogs are spayed or neutered. Volunteers will be available to help potential adopters find a good match and answer any questions on the dogs. www.cockerspanielrescue.com or 703-533-2373.

Championship Boxing. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Jimmy Lange to fight Raul Muñoz for

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Make plans now to support our 2012 party on June 15, 2012. Also, mark your calendar for our much sale on March 24 and 25, 2012.

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**South County Secondary School
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**Hayfield Secondary School
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Ride Along with the Clifton Horse Society

**P.O. Box 183
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**Fairfax Cinema Arts Theater
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**University Mall Theaters
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Kevin Mundy of Lake Ridge discusses some of the Rebec Vineyards vintage at the May 29, 2010 Clifton Wine Festival.

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Mixing Politics and Drinks

**Drinking Liberally in Lorton
Glory Days Grill**

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Explore the Area for New Things To Do

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Other landmarks include Dumbarton Oaks, where the United Nations was outlined in 1944, and the oldest structure in D.C. — Georgetown Old Stone House. It is also the place where the movie 'The Exorcist' was filmed in 1973. The film's famous staircase scene was located between Prospect Street and M Street.

Explore History On the Rails

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum
11200 Fairfax Station Road
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This museum houses artifacts and exhibits from the Civil War, the Red Cross, and a collection of historic railroad memorabilia. In 1975, a group of volunteers created a non-profit organization that sought to save the Fairfax Station railroad depot, which was the last operating railroad station in Fairfax County. After collecting contributions from several civic and government groups, the station was rebuilt a short dis-

tance away from its original site. It's now a museum, and a tribute to the area's rich railroad history. It features model train displays and sponsors Civil War tours throughout the year. Call 703-425-9225 for more information.

Debunk the Bunny Man

Bunny Man Bridge
Colchester Road
Fairfax Station

This suburban legend — involving, among other things, the ghost of an escaped convict and a vandal in a rabbit costume terrorizing the neighborhood — dates back to 1904. So is there a ghostly Bunny Man haunting the one-lane cement covered bridge in Fairfax Station? Some folks swear the bridge (and, for that matter, most of Clifton) is haunted. Recently, a historian for the Fairfax County Public Library published an essay that claimed the legend was nothing more than rumors that spread after some guy in a bunny suit in the 1970s decided to scare the locals and dabble in some vandalism. Curious locals frequently visit the bridge around Halloween.

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Taylor Enters First Season as Robinson Head Coach



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Trey Taylor takes over as Robinson head football coach after spending seven seasons at Woodson, the final five as the Cavaliers' head coach.

Rams' offense will remain run-oriented, but will add option, shotgun.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

For the first time since the mid-1990s, someone not named Mark Bendorf is coaching the Robinson Secondary football team.

That someone is former Woodson head coach Trey Taylor, who took over one of the Northern Region's top programs after Bendorf retired following the 2010-11 school year. While replacing a coach who guided a program to three state championship games and a pair titles in 14 years presents ample challenges, Taylor seems to have earned the Rams' respect during the off-season and the first week of practice.

"It's been great," Taylor said after morning practice on Friday, Aug. 12. "I couldn't have asked for more. Coach Bendorf really left me in a good position in terms of it wasn't a hostile takeover or anything. He helped me in terms of answering my questions when I came in, if I had questions about the kids or things they had done in the past. To me, it was important to understand what they had done so I understood how I wanted to implement my stuff."

Robinson reached the region semifinals in Bendorf's final season, where the Rams suffered a heartbreaking 24-23 loss to eventual regional champion Lake Braddock. Several key players from that Robinson team were lost to graduation, including

all-region running back, defensive back and kick returner Jared Velasquez. The Rams will also need to replace quarterback Michael LoPresti, cornerback Thomas Petrocci and four of five offensive line positions.

While the team has several holes to fill, Taylor's competitive, hard-working approach has the Rams believing they can maintain elite status. While many coaches have the first-team offense and defense work against scout teams, Taylor has had the top units practice against one another, a decision greeted with favorable reviews by two of the team's top returning athletes.

"I have high hopes for them. I expect them to be as good if not better than last year's group."

— Robinson head football coach Trey Taylor

"It pushes everybody to play harder," senior defensive tackle Andre Kendall said. "When you go against [a] scout team, nothing's hard. You just have to know what you're doing. Physically, it's not hard."

Senior running back and linebacker Joe Meier said practices have been competitive.

"You take more pride in what you're doing when you're going against higher-level guys," he said. "When you're going against the scout team, making big plays is not

a big deal. When you put pride on the line, it's a lot more intense."

Offensively, Robinson will continue to be run-oriented, though Taylor said the Rams will operate out of the shotgun about half the time, a change from the program's wing-T past. When under center, the team will line up in some I and flex formations. Taylor said one of the biggest changes to the offense would be running more option.

At running back, seniors Tyrek Worrell and Meier

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Quigley Replaces Nebrich as Lake Braddock QB

Senior uses father, brothers for support.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Michael Nebrich turned in one of the greatest careers in Virginia high school football history. The former Lake Braddock quarterback passed for a single-season state-record 3,831 yards as a senior in 2010 and amassed a record 4,968 all-purpose yards. He finished his career with 10,740 yards of total offense and produced 113 touchdowns while leading the Bruins to back-to-back Northern Region championships and a berth in the 2009 state championship game.

Nebrich is now a freshman signal caller at the University of Connecticut. While no program wants to lose a player of that caliber, Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress is confident in the ability of his

next-in-line QB to continue the program's recent success.

Senior Tyler Quigley enters the 2011 season as the Bruins' starting quarterback. He's played the position for years, but found himself stuck behind Nebrich on the depth chart. As a junior, Quigley completed 25 of 36 passes for 337 yards and three touchdowns in limited playing time. He also started at cornerback.

Poythress said that neither the team's expectations nor the offense's pass-happy philosophy would change as the 6-foot tall, 165-pound Quigley takes over. In fact, Poythress said, the Bruins have added to their offense.

"I think pressure is just something you put on yourself. I don't know that he's comparing himself to Michael Nebrich. He knows he's his own guy and he's in charge of the

"His pocket elusiveness is very good, as well."

— Lake Braddock head football coach Jim Poythress



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock senior Tyler Quigley takes over at quarterback for graduated standout Michael Nebrich.

team," Poythress said. "We played 50, 7-on-7 games with him at the controls and he answered the call, (going) 46-4, I think. ... He's a great decision-maker and his accuracy is really better than Nebrich's. His pocket elusiveness is very good, as well."

Quigley said he learned from his time as a backup and is ready for his own chance to lead the Bruins.

"I'm not feeling any pressure," he said. "I've been playing quarterback for awhile and this offense is very dumbed down so my receivers will make great catches. That's all I've got to do is get the ball out there and they'll make the plays for me."

While Quigley has the talent to play at a high level, he also has a family support system to help him succeed. His twin brother, Tanner Quigley, was an all-region receiver as a junior, totaling 1,220 yards and 13 touchdowns, and will be Tyler's top target this season.

"It's just like practice growing up," Tyler Quigley said. "I've been throwing with him for 17 years in the back yard since I was

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Head Coach Taylor

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will receive most of the carries, while junior Jason Brown could also see time.

"Tyrek's shiftier, where Joe's more the run-you-over guy," Taylor said. "I think it's tougher for defenses to prepare if they've got both types of kids to worry about."

BOTH SOPHOMORE Avyn Johnson and junior Michael Hugney are vying for the starting quarterback position.

"Neither one of them have varsity experience, but both can run [and] both throw OK," Taylor said. "That's really what's going to define this is who can be more the complete (quarterback) because they both are really athletic and can run."

Seniors David Cook and Patrick Baker, and junior Turner Peterson are the team's top receiving threats.

Senior center Calvin Shade is the lone returning offensive lineman, though he might change positions.

Defensively, the Rams will run a 4-3, anchored by a "fantastic" defensive line, Taylor said. Kendall and sophomore Jake Pinkston are the tackles, and senior Kyle Jenkins will start at one end position. Senior Nate Holyfield or junior Jake Shaffer will play the other end spot.

Meier and senior Ethan Steen are starting linebackers, and junior Griffin Caparelli and Holyfield could also see time.

Baker is a starter in the secondary.

"This has been a very defensive-minded school over the years and that's something we want to keep going," Taylor said. "In my opinion, it's one of the best groups that we've ever coached. ... I have high hopes for them. I expect them to be as good if not better than last year's group."

Robinson will host a scrimmage against Hylton on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m., and travel to Edison for a scrimmage on Aug. 26. The Rams open the regular season with a home game against Stone Bridge on Sept. 1 and begin Concorde District play at home against Westfield on Sept. 23.

"In other people's opinions, [our expectations] might have" changed, Meier said. "But we still expect to be a powerhouse."

New QB for LB

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born. It's fun. It's just like backyard football."

Quarterbacks and receivers are supposed to be on the same page, but Tanner Quigley said he and his brother are on a different level.

"I think we've got a little twin connection going on," Tanner Quigley said. "He knows where I'm going to be. He knows I'm going to catch the ball."

Tyler and Tanner's father, Greg Quigley, and older brother, B.J. Quigley, are each entering their third season as assistants on the Lake Braddock coaching staff. Advice or instruction aren't far away if Tyler or Tanner Quigley have questions after practice.

Tyler Quigley has "got to be himself. He's not Michael Nebrich," Greg said. "He's not going to be Michael Nebrich. He does things differently."

B.J. Quigley was a three-year starter at quarterback for Lake Braddock and graduated in 2002. In terms of advice, he said keeping his cool would be important for Tyler Quigley while playing quarterback.

"I think both Tyler and Tanner, our whole family, is extra competitive," B.J. Quigley said. "Sometimes that gets the better of us. One thing that [Nebrich] did for us is he's really competitive but he was able to keep his cool and his poise. There's a way to be competitive and hate losing and" still know how to stay cool.

Lake Braddock will open the regular season on Friday, Sept. 2, at 7:30 p.m., at home against Centreville and will begin Patriot District play on Sept. 9 at Annandale.



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After topping Centreville, the South County softball team advanced to the Virginia AAA quarterfinals and handed Atlee a 2-1 loss on May 30, 2009.

Stallions Captured Region Softball Crown in 2009

Hunt's big game at the plate sparked Thompson's squad.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It has only been a little more than two years since the South County girls' softball team won its biggest game in the brief history of the school. That occurred on a Saturday in late May 2009 when the Stallions won their first-ever Northern Region title by defeating Centreville High, 3-1, in a game played at Madison High School in Vienna.

Going in, the game was dubbed as a fantastic pitching matchup between South County's Chelsey Dunham and Centreville's Jess Ferrick. The game, in fact, lived up to that billing. Dunham, the region's best pitcher, pitched extremely well in the finals triumph.

But the most memorable game for South County came from senior shortstop Meaghan Hunt, whose two-out, two-run double off the center field fence in the top of the sixth inning broke a 1-1 tie and made the score 3-1.

A few innings earlier, Hunt had smacked a solo home run, just her second of the season, over the right field fence. The homer, which came in the top of the fourth, made the score 1-0 Stallions.

Centreville answered with a run in its half of the fourth on an RBI groundout to tie the game at 1-1.

"That was a big home run for us in the

fourth inning," said South County coach Al Thompson, who spoke to The Connection after the game. "Usually, once we get [a run], the game's pretty much over. But not tonight. Centreville answered properly for a championship team. They didn't quit. They put one in to tie it up. They made it a game."

But the Stallions went ahead for good in the sixth, thanks to Hunt's clutch double. One batter later, on a Dunham base hit, Hunt was thrown out at the plate in an attempt to score. But it really didn't matter. South County had all the runs they would need.

Centreville did get a couple runners on in the sixth inning with one out, but Dunham, with her strong defense behind her, worked out of the inning. In Centreville's final at-bats in the seventh, Dunham and her teammates worked a 1-2-3 inning and the game was over. The region crown belonged to the Stallions.

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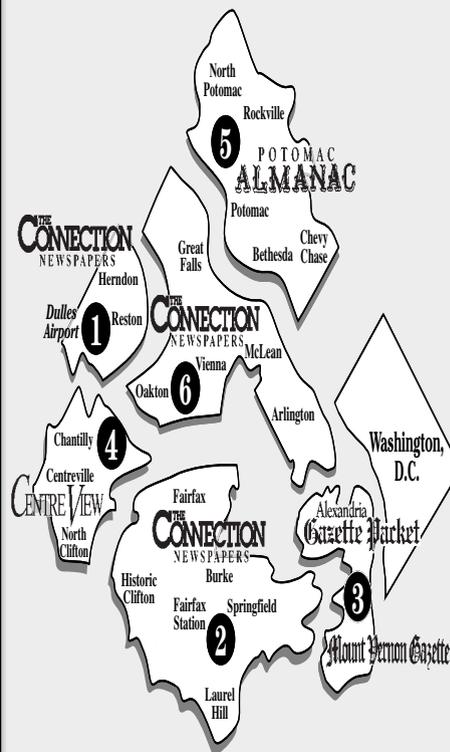
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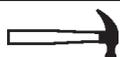
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