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Winning The Gold

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City of Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer (center right) and Barbara Tulipane (center left), CEO of the National Recreation & Parks Association, gather with City Council members and Park and Recreation staff to celebrate winning the National Gold Medal Award Tuesday, Jan. 10 from the NRPA.

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NEWS

Dela Rosa Sentenced

Receives 35 years for killing granddaughter.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

In felony sentencing, victims usually testify or explain in writing the impact the defendant's crime had upon their lives. The judge then considers this information before meting out punishment.

But for Kathlyn and James Ogdock, it was more than they could bear. They sat in the front row last week, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, as Kathlyn's mother, Carmela Dela Rosa, was about to be sentenced for first-degree murder.



Carmela Dela Rosa

The victim in this case was her own granddaughter – the Ogdocks' 2-year-old toddler, Angelyn – who she cold-bloodedly threw over a parking-garage railing 44 feet to her death. So, explained Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Casey Lingan to the judge, "Both James and Kat were unable to submit victim-impact statements because it's too painful for them to relive."

Last fall, Dela Rosa stood trial for this offense and, at the end, the jury found her guilty and recommended she serve 35 years in prison. Last Friday, Jan. 6, Judge Bruce White imposed this sentence.

White said, "That a grandmother would do something like this to her granddaughter is incomprehensible."

THE TRAGEDY occurred the evening of Nov. 29, 2010, on a sixth-floor, outdoor walkway leading from the food court to a parking garage at the Tysons Corner Center. The little girl was rushed to Inova Fairfax Hospital in critical condition and died there, around 4:30 a.m., the next morning.

During the course of Dela Rosa's trial, it was revealed that she harbored bitter animosity toward James for getting her daughter pregnant with Angelyn at age 19. Although they later married and were happy, Dela Rosa never forgave James.

Her anger even kept her from attending Angelyn's first-birthday party and led to depression and suicide attempts. Through it all, testified clinical psychologist

Stanton Samenow at Dela Rosa's trial, a pattern emerged of a selfish woman who valued her own feelings above anyone else's.

The jurors also heard an interview in which Dela Rosa admitted to police Det. Steve Needels that she was jealous of the attention Angelyn received from the family. "Everybody loves her," she told him. And when James – who was at work when the rest of the family was together at the mall, that night – called his wife at the shopping center, it was the final straw.

"When you picked [Angelyn] up, what were you thinking of?" Needels asked Dela Rosa following her arrest. She replied, "I was thinking about James." Furthermore, not once during her lengthy interview with the detective did she inquire about her

granddaughter's condition. Angelyn died about six hours later.

Last Friday, Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh said Dela Rosa, now 51, exhibited an "extreme depravity of mind" when she killed the child. Although public defender Dawn Butorac argued that her client's "major depressive disorder" had rendered her insane at the time of the murder, Morrogh disagreed.

"This defendant was capable of making a choice and did it with consciousness, taking her granddaughter and throwing her off a bridge," he said. "All the mental-health experts in the world can't justify this crime."

Morrogh called Dela Rosa's suicide attempts "more gestures than actual, suicidal behavior. This defendant knew right from wrong. Unfortunately, she's an example of what human beings are capable of – one of the worst crimes I've seen in my tenure here."

Calling her a "spiteful, jealous, angry woman," he said, "The heartache she's caused is unspeakable. Words can't express the depths of the despair she's put upon Kat, James, her husband and David [the Ogdocks' son]. It's all they could do to be here today, [but] I come seeking retribution. The jury's recommendation is proportionate [to the crime committed] and fair, and I ask Your Honor to impose that sentence."

Butorac, however, contended that Dela Rosa's "mental illness either caused or was a large, contributing factor" to her behavior that night. Her major depressive

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Al Francese of Clifton talks about the lack in maintenance by the state in residential areas in the Clifton area, including the area in which he lives during a public hearing of area elected officials to the Virginia General Assembly.

Citizens Appeal for Human Services

Residents share personal stories of recovery and survival.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Fretful about the impact of Governor Robert McDonnell's proposed budget cuts to social services, representatives from numerous Northern Virginia advocacy groups voiced their opinions to Fairfax County's state legislative delegation.

More than 60 residents gathered at the Fairfax County Government Center on Saturday, Jan. 7 to champion a number of causes. For nearly five hours, speakers touched on a wide range of issues - from education and the environment to transportation and no-excuse absentee voting. Many shared personal stories of survival and recovery, and the need to continue funding streams for Medicaid waivers and community-based social and mental health services.

THE ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING gives citizens an opportunity to speak directly with their legislative representatives before each legislative session.

Lu Ann McNabb of Centreville spoke movingly on behalf of the VTV Family Outreach Foundation, created by families and survivors directly impacted by the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech. She urged lawmakers to fight for mental health services for college students. "In the wake of the largest massacre on a college campus in United States history, the Commonwealth implemented much-needed legisla-



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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-42), center, talks with Carmen Clark and Daniel Ing about the mental health and addiction services provided by Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. "I found it extremely sobering to hear these personal testimonies, as so many are very sad, but I believe it is imperative for us to hear," Filler-Corn said.

tive reforms," McNabb said, pointing out that funding for state mental health services has been cut to pre-2007 levels.

"We have seen the devastating impact of ignoring mental health issues of our young people, from the gunning down of two police officers at the Sully District Police Station...to the five beautiful young women who died on April 16, 2007," McNabb said. "Each and every day, families are devastated by mental illness. We can no longer bury our head in the sand..."

Carmen Clark and Daniel Ing talked about the mental health and addiction services they received from the Fairfax-Falls Church County Community

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The General Services Administration warehouse site, which Fairfax County is proposing for the relocation of the new FBI headquarters, is located in Springfield.

FBI 'Invited' to Springfield

Board of Supervisors votes to lobby for FBI relocation.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County placed its marker on the table Tuesday in what promises to be a high-stakes contest to persuade the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to relocate its headquarters to a government-owned site in Springfield.

Prince George's and Loudoun County officials have already signaled their interest in providing a new FBI home, a move that is anticipated to come with at least 12,000 jobs and a \$1.2 billion complex.

Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-Large) and Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said the County will lobby its Congressional delegation, the General Services Administration (GSA) and the FBI to move its headquarters to the former GSA warehouse site on Loisdale Road, near Metrorail's Blue Line and the soon-to-be redeveloped Springfield Mall.

"This is our starting point," said McKay after the meeting. "It's an opportunity for the Federal government to overcome the mistake of the BRAC/MARK Center debacle. Our site is strategically located, meets all the criteria, and is a great opportunity for continued robust revitalization of greater Springfield."

"The message we need to send to the FBI is that this is the site that will best allow them to accomplish a very important mission in terms of our national security," said Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield.)

In December, the Senate Committee on Environment

and Public Works authorized the GSA to seek a consolidated headquarters, subject to approval and funding by Congress.

McKay said renovating or rebuilding in DC is not feasible because of the estimated \$1 billion price tag, and the lack of required post-9/11 security features.

According to the resolution authorizing the GSA to find a consolidated headquarters, the government has to own the land and the location has to be "transit-oriented," within two miles of a Metrorail station and 2.5 miles from the beltway. The FBI needs two million square feet of office to consolidate its network of about 20 satellite locations. Currently, there are about 17,000 FBI employees and contractors at 40 sites across the nation.

"The former GSA site not only meets the needs of the FBI, but gives Fairfax County a valuable new employer and new jobs. The area is located near Metro and the VRE, and prime for redevelopment, and this kind of project could spur that," said Bulova.

"The GSA site is already owned by the federal government. It's adjacent to the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station, VRE, Amtrak, bus service and every highway except Route 66," McKay said. He pointed out that airport access will soon be served by two Metro stations once rail to Dulles is complete.

As for other jurisdictions also competing for the prize?

"You just can't get a better spot than Springfield," McKay said.

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Salon Antoine and Spa owner, Antoine 'Tony' Chahine and Sherri Longhill, Catholic Charities Regional Coordinator – Emergency Assistance.

Salon Antoine's Community Service Stocks Area Food Pantries

On the heels of a successful Thanksgiving food drive in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus and St. Andrew the Apostle of Clifton, Salon Antoine and Spa of Fairfax decided to continue and extend their charitable ways to the Christmas-New Year Holidays and the results "exceeded my wildest expectations," said salon owner, Antoine 'Tony' Chahine.

"Between our Salon and the food gathering bins outside my home where our festive evening light shows draw such an appreciative crowd every night, we were

able to gather 40 boxes of food expressly for the benefit of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. That represents 1,635 pounds of can and non-perishable foodstuffs and hair products — more than 1,840 items in all — all for the 63 food pantries across the 21 Northern Virginia counties served by Catholic Charities. I am so happy with the results!"

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Case Goes to Grand Jury

The criminal case against the former band director at Robinson Secondary School is moving forward in the legal system. On Aug. 31, Fairfax County police charged Michael Keith Cook, 43, of 14313 Climbing Rose Way in Centreville, with computer solicitation of a child under age 15.

In an Aug. 25, 2010 affidavit, Det. Nickolas Boffi wrote that, while he was working undercover online, posing as a 14-year-old boy, Cook allegedly contacted the "teen," offered to perform oral sex on him and e-mailed the "boy" a photo of himself.

Following his arrest, Cook was placed on unpaid leave by the school system. He appeared in General District Court on Dec. 19 and, at that time, Judge Donald McDonough certified his case to the grand jury for possible indictment.

December DWI Arrests Increase

Fairfax County police officers arrested 358 drunk drivers as part of their Safe December 2011 efforts. This number represents a 12-

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Dela Rosa Receives 35 Years

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disorder began in 1999 after the death of her father – and it's episodic – it comes and goes.

"I don't think she or her family were fully educated about the nature of her illness," continued Butorac. "She was upset about her daughter's pregnancy, but eventually came around and later babysat her granddaughter." Butorac said

Dela Rosa's unemployment and financial problems caused her condition to worsen in summer 2010, but she didn't get treatment or medication after her suicide attempts.

"She was in a downward spiral and, a week before this incident, her brother passed away," said Butorac. "She was at the lowest point of her life. She needs treat-

ment, but she won't get that in prison." Saying that 35 years incarceration "won't repair this family or bring Angelyn back," Butorac asked Judge White to either release Dela Rosa so she could receive mental-health treatment or suspend a large portion of her sentence.

DELA ROSA then stood and apologized to her husband and relatives. Crying, she said, "I'm very sorry for what I've done."

Noting that the sentencing range for her offense is 20 years to life imprisonment, White said the punishment he imposed "must be commensurate with the seriousness of the crime." In reaching his decision, he said, he considered Dela Rosa's lack of a criminal record plus the support of her friends.

However, he added, "I also took into account the aggravating factors – the horror and brutality of your actions toward Angelyn, and that you considered the circumstances and chose the location of the crime. And then you carried it out against the most vulnerable, trusting victim – and in the presence of her parents and grandfather."

White told Dela Rosa the jury knew her mental-health issues when it recommended she serve a 35-year prison sentence so, he said, "The court imposes it, plus three years post-release supervision."

Afterward, Morrogh said, "We thought it was a just sentence and we're grateful to the jury for their thoughtful deliberations. The parents are devastated, but they're a close couple and a close family and they'll get through it somehow. It's just a tragedy – it's hard to imagine a more unthinkable situation or more heartache and despair."

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

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percent increase over the December 2010 total. Of those charged with DWI, the vast majority (150) were young adults between ages 21-29. Further analysis shows that 28 were between 15-20 years old, 82 were 30-39, 55 were 40-49 and 43 were 50 or older.

"Despite all our Safe December education and enforcement efforts, hundreds of drivers chose to drink and drive in Fairfax County, presenting an unacceptable safety risk to us all," said Captain Susan Culin, commander of the Fairfax County Traffic Division. "Clearly, impaired driving remains a threat and our officers will continue to aggressively pursue violators."

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NEWS

City of Fairfax Brings Home the Gold Parks & Recreation honored with National Gold Medal Award.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

2011 was a golden year for the City of Fairfax. The City celebrated its 50th anniversary, hosted the grand-opening of the \$5 million state-of-the-art Stacy C. Sherwood Center, and was designated as a Tree City USA for the 23rd consecutive year.

But the City cemented its gold-plated status on Tuesday, Jan. 10, when the Parks and Recreation Department received the prestigious National Gold Medal Award during a ceremony in the City Hall Atrium.

Mayor Robert Lederer, City Council members and about 75 people attended the presentation of the award by Barbara Tulipane, CEO of the National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA).

According to the Tulipane, the City of Fairfax, with 22,565 residents, has a "small-town feel, yet a world-class presence."

"It's pretty amazing to get this award," said Michael McCarty, the City's Park and Recreation Director who accepted the award. "This is a tremendous achievement for the many staff, volunteers, citizens and elected leaders that shows that the City of Fairfax cares about parks, recreation and about our community; now the rest of the country knows it too."

The City of Fairfax is one of only four Virginia agencies to have won the Gold award since its inception in 1965. According to Tulipane, the award honors communities that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship and program development.

The city features 24 parks, and a park or trail is located within less than a quarter mile to all residents, offering everything from playgrounds to skate parks to 21 miles of biking, running and walking trails. Residents also enjoy world-class festivals, a vibrant arts scene and diverse programming focusing on the City's large senior, Asian and Hispanic populations.

"I've lived here since 1973," said Gerri Buroker.



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Michael McCarty, Director of the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department, accepted the National Gold Medal Award Tuesday, Jan. 10, from the National Recreation & Parks Association. Longtime Fairfax resident Gerri Buroker congratulates McCarty on the award.

"As a senior citizen, it's a wonderful place to live with great parks and a fantastic senior center."

This is the second year the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department has been named a finalist. A 12-minute video about the City's parks can be viewed on the parks and recreation page at www.fairfaxva.gov.

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OPINION

Tune in to General Assembly

Republicans control House of Delegates and Senate; Senate has served as roadblock to many things passed by the House in the past.

The newly configured Virginia General Assembly has begun its work in Richmond, convening on Jan. 11.

By Valentine's Day, the Senate and the House will be done with their own legislation and will be considering only legislation already passed by the other chamber. In previous years, this is where the legislation passed by the Republican-controlled House often met its demise in the committees of the Democratic-controlled Senate, but this year is different.

With 20 Democrats and 20 Republicans making up the Senate, and Republican Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling able to cast the tie-breaking vote on

many issues, plus a Republican governor to sign bills passed, this year is likely to have a somewhat different flavor and outcome than sessions past.

If everything goes smoothly passing the budget and Congressional redistricting (what could go wrong?), the session will adjourn on March 10.

Some things to watch: As the Governor seeks to increase money for transportation without raising taxes, the proposed budget will reduce money for K-12 education and social services. More conservative legislation, including concerning abortion and guns, is likely to emerge. The Governor's proposals to reduce regulation will likely move freely through the assembly.

Northern Virginia residents expressed their concerns at a hearing before the Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly last Saturday, Jan. 7. About 60 people spoke, many about the need for continuing funding for social services, help for people with disabilities, treatment for people struggling with substance abuse, and more.

Chances are excellent that the senator and delegate representing you have changed since last year because of redistricting, elections and

the retirements of several long-time representatives. New districts snake, rattle and roll around Northern Virginia in a way that makes it impossible to say simple things, like, if you live in Arlington, your senator is so-and-so. Unfortunately, if you live in Arlington or Alexandria, your senator could be one of three people. If you live in Fairfax County, it's also impossible to describe simply. You need to look it up.

The good news is that the General Assembly website is relatively user-friendly. Visit http://legis.virginia.gov/1_cit_guide/contacting_my.html to look up who your legislators are, and how to contact them. You can also track particular legislation that interests you, or browse some of the thousands of bills that have been introduced by topic.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Losing by Rules

To the Editor:

Anne Damon's letter ["Playing by Rules," Connection, Jan. 5-11] while doing a good job of addressing the GOP Primary Issue from the candidate's perspective, missed the far more important issue of Disenfranchisement of the Voters in Virginia.

In the most recent Virginia polling, Romney and Paul, the only people who will be on the Virginia ballot, polled a combined 33 percent, meaning that 67 percent of GOP voters, including me, prefer someone else. The GOP regulation, joined with the Virginia law will effectively disenfranchise me and everyone else in that 67 percent.

Come with me back to N.J. in 2002, when Democrat Senator Torricelli, facing indictment, withdrew from his bid to win re-election, unfortunately with fewer than 50 days until the election. Unfortunately, because N.J. law very clearly prohibited any party from replacing a candidate on the ballot, if the replacement were to take place with fewer than 50 days until the election. That law did not dissuade the Democrats from replacing Torricelli with Lautenberg. The GOP asked the courts to stop this clearly illegal move by the Democrats. The Lower N.J. Court ruled...for the Democrats. The N.J. Supreme Court upheld that decision unanimously. A US Federal District Court also upheld the

ruling, and the US Supreme Court denied cert. The result: Lautenberg was elected US Senator. The court's logic was clear that the N.J. law was unconstitutional, because it disenfranchised a large number (dare I say, majority) of N.J. voters by preventing them the chance to vote for the candidate of their choice.

Now, let's return to 2012 in Virginia, and we see that is exactly what is happening regarding the GOP primary. Not only are Romney and Paul the only choices on the ballot, but voters cannot even write in any other name. It seems the only comments I hear or read are those like Anne Damon's, which address the primary as if it is a game, and the

candidates other than Romney and Paul failed to play by the rules, so they lose.

But those who really lose are the voters of Virginia, who did nothing wrong, but have effectively been disenfranchised. The cynic in me says that the establishment GOP, which supports Romney, is thrilled with the situation. Does anyone but me wonder why AG Cuccinelli, in just 24 hours, went from leading an emergency effort to change the law to saying there was nothing that can be done?

Can I be the only voter in Virginia angry about being disenfranchised in the GOP primary?

Bob Segal
Burke

NEWS BRIEFS

Celebrating MLK Jr.'s Legacy Through Service

Volunteer Fairfax is hosting Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day presented by UnitedHealthcare on Monday, Jan. 16 (MLK Jr. Day of Service), at three Fairfax County locations: Gum Springs Community Center in Alexandria, George Mason University in Fairfax and Herndon Senior Center. The event is expected to assemble more than 1,000 parents and children.

Volunteer Fairfax created this event to introduce young children to volunteering and giving back to the community. All Give Together projects are designed for children in pre-k through 6th grade and are geared for the involvement of the entire family. Younger children may participate with parental supervision.

Agencies participating at George Mason University event include: FACETS, Fairfax Library Foundation, The Holiday Project and Inova Health System. Children and families will have the opportunity to decorate and pack Hypothermia Prevention Kits that help the homeless, make Valentine's Day cards for nursing home patients, write notes to accom-

pany books for child care centers and make compost bins using clean, hospital wash basins.

A reflection station will be available at the end of the day for families to think about the projects they completed and reflect on the impact of their service. Each location will have two shifts to help maximize the time spent at each station: Shift 1 (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) and Shift 2 (1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.).

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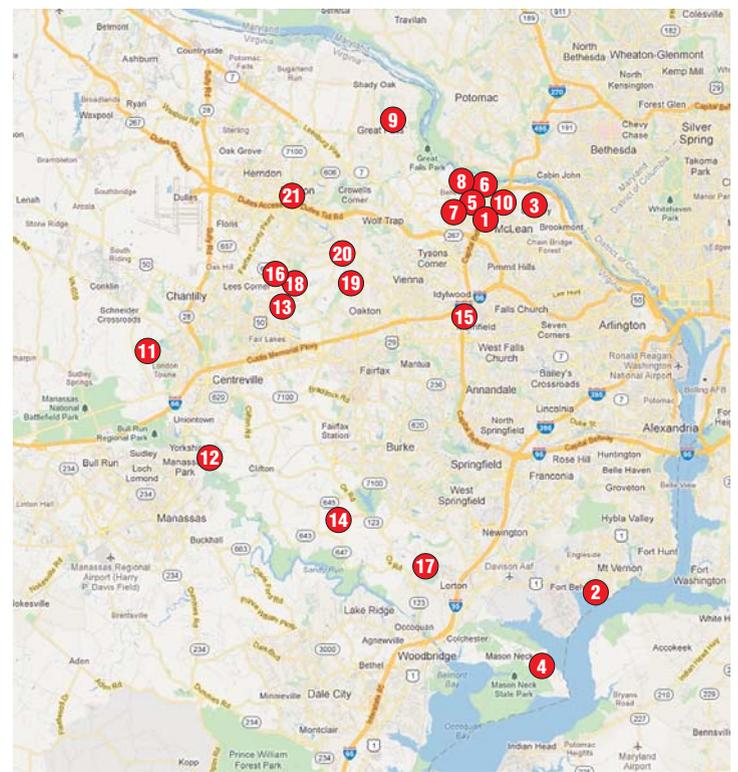
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Home Life Style

All Nicely Done

Nicely Done Kitchens lives up to its name.

By MAYA HOROWITZ
THE CONNECTION

Kip and Evelyn Nicely, co-owners of Nicely Done Kitchens, strive to have every kitchen or home they remodel live up to their company name.

"My husband came up with the name," said Evelyn Nicely. "We were deciding do we want to open up our business or not? He said, 'because knowing you, you wouldn't have anything less than nicely done.' Anything we do will be beautifully done. Every week, we have our meeting and I tell our designers, we have to have a nicely done kitchen. Function, beauty, traffic pattern, all these things in one."

The Nicelys opened their business in March 2003 in Burke.

"Our lease says we are in Burke, and the post office says we are in Springfield," said Kip Nicely in an email. "In truth, that corner triangle where we are located — King's Park Shopping Center — has Annandale across the street to the north, Burke across the street to the west and south, Springfield across the street to the east and Fairfax across the street to the northwest. And we do kitchens in every area of Fairfax County, Arlington County, Alexandria, etc. all of Northern Virginia."

Kip Nicely, who has his master's degree from the University of Southern California in systems management, and is "very detailed and schedule oriented" according to his wife, oversees the accounting and marketing. Evelyn Nicely, who has a degree in architecture from the University of New Mexico, said she is "involved in every aspect of the business. I'm involved with every design that we put out as well as going in person to do the final walkthroughs."

The number of employees at Nicely Done Kitchens fluctuates, but right now it's 12. Two employees, Alexa and Maria Ida, are relatives of Evelyn Nicely.

"It's my passion," said Evelyn Nicely. "My entire family has a design background. It's a natural ability."

NICELY DONE KITCHENS, as the name implies, specializes in kitchens, but they also do bathrooms, fireplaces, basements, offices, decks and cabinetry work.

"We used to only do kitchens and now we do anything in a home," said Evelyn Nicely. "We've become more innovative. Our scope of projects have changed."

They are a Virginia Class 'A' contractor, design LEED certified and ADA certified for the handicapped and elderly.

"We have a program where we say no project is too small or too large for us," said Evelyn Nicely.

Nicely Done Kitchens is a "one stop shop" which means that that everything needed for a bathroom or kitchen is available in their showroom. All of their cabinetry is U.S. made. They are a direct dealer for GE appliances.

"We attend industry specific training and conferences at least once a year, to keep abreast of current trends, styles, safety issues, and client focused improvements for their home," said Kip Nicely. "Our designers are all well trained and professionals."

Evelyn Nicely said the average kitchen, from beginning to end, from demolition to the last piece of trim, takes about 4-5 weeks. There are at least six people on each job - a designer that stays with the project the entire time, a project manager, a project coordinator, and the crew - an electrician, a plumber and at least two carpenters.

Evelyn Nicely said every kitchen should have interest and a focal point. It has to be both beautiful and functional regardless of budget. She thinks there should always be a backsplash to complement the cabinetry.

"The only style we really infuse in every design is that of timelessness," said Stephanie Brick, an architectural designer who has her degree from Penn State University. "Some are traditional and some are contemporary but we strive that in 10 years from now they won't have to redo it because it's too trendy."

Before starting a project, Evelyn Nicely said homeowners should look for designers



Kip and Evelyn Nicely, co-owners of Nicely Done Kitchens.

who have degrees, check accreditations and get referrals. She also said honesty, fairness, insurance and niceness are important for choosing a company to work with.

"They should have a pretty good sense of what they want out of the project," said Cathy Goss, a designer with her degree from Ringling College. "It's easy to look at magazines and say, 'wow that's great' but that doesn't necessarily work with the space that they have. Getting a feel for having a realistic point of view for what they have versus what they're trying to incorporate in the space. Everything from cabinet finish to type of appliances, durability based on children/pets, whatever the circumstances."

Brick said one challenge is working within budgets. Evelyn Nicely said another challenge is working with an existing home.

"You're bound by the space," said Evelyn Nicely. "It's just so much wide and so much long. So you have to fit all the requirements that people have in that space. And that's what's also the most rewarding because you can see the before and the after. The amount



The finished Outcrop-Speed kitchen in Burke.

of storage you give people sometimes doubles. We do an in depth survey where we ask a lot of questions. It takes about an hour and a half so we know exactly the lifestyle of the homeowners. Do they entertain, are they right handed, do they have children, what they like, what they don't like, so we can take everything into account."

SOME TRENDS in the field are opening kitchens to the family room, big islands, white kitchens, quiet dishwashers, large double sinks and charging stations for a laptop or computer.

Evelyn Nicely said she gets the biggest satisfaction when a client is happy.

"Nothing can compare to the happiness when you know that you gave it your best, everybody worked really hard and they just love it," said Evelyn Nicely. "Our clients actually become our friends. It doesn't matter whether it's a big kitchen or a small kitchen, the joy comes from the people. I wanted to show honesty and people working very hard for the most precious

investment, which for most people is their home."

Brick said it's a great experience working one on one with clients.

"I genuinely enjoy meeting people who want to change their space and help realize that vision," said Brick. "Getting to connect with the client is one of my favorite parts of the job."

Marbeth Paulsen, a retired teacher, just had her kitchen redone in white with stainless steel and deep walnut accents by Nicely Done Kitchens. The company had done her daughter's kitchen in Burke and she said they had "done such a beautiful job that we decided we'd like them to do ours." She said it was a "wonderful experience working with Evelyn and her team. Evelyn Nicely is the nicest person in the world. She's just lovely."

Evelyn Nicely said it's her passion to do kitchens.

"There's so much in the kitchen," said Evelyn Nicely.

"Kitchens are challenging. It's the only room in the house where everyone gathers. It has to function and it has to be beautiful. If you have a beautiful kitchen and you put your house on the market that's what will sell that house. It's the most important room in the house."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Passport to Music

Concert is Saturday, Jan. 14 at GMU's Center for the Arts.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) is offering local youth music enthusiasts a chance to play symphonic instruments, meet professional musicians and attend symphony concerts.

The FSO created the Student Passport Club where members get tickets to any FSO concert for \$5. Youth ages 6 to 18 join the club for free and are issued a passport that allows them to attend FSO concerts. Student tickets are available from 6 -7:30 p.m. on the night of the performance. Accompanying adult tickets start at \$25. Passports are stamped at each concert the student attends throughout the season. The next FSO concert is this Saturday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts.

The goal of the effort is to make symphony performances more affordable and accessible to families. "There is no experience quite like a live concert," said Elizabeth Murphy, FSO President and CEO. "The Student Passport Club allows us to reach out to young audiences and increases their enjoyment of our performances."

Youth concert-goers receive child-appropriate programs with musical activities and notes about the performances. Students will



Student Passport Club member Rebekah McFarland plays a violin at a Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Reception.



Student Passport Club member Andrew Gantzer plays the cello with the help of FSO cellist Barbara Van Patten.

get to meet some of the FSO's musicians and try their hand at playing symphony instruments at an end-of-the-season reception in May.

"These value-added activities serve to further enrich the music education of students in the Northern Virginia region," said FSO Education Director Tara Nadel. "We want to engage all students in as many ways as possible both in and out of the classroom."

Information about the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's concerts and its education and outreach programs can be found at www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

When & Where

Students may participate in the Passport Club at the following performances this season at George Mason University's Center for the Arts in Fairfax. Concerts are at 8 p.m., and students are encouraged to arrive by 7:30 p.m.

- ❖ Saturday, Jan. 14 - Concert features cellist Sergey Antonov
- ❖ Saturday, March 17 - Concert features pianist Rick Rowley
- ❖ Saturday, May 12 - Concert features pianist Adam Golka

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State Sen. George Barker (D-39) listens to more than 60 residents of Fairfax County who testified before the elected officials on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Fairfax County Government Center.



Dianne Blais of Fairfax, a representative of the Community Action Advisory Board, pleaded with the elected officials to help stop the reduction of funding for public assistance and social service programs throughout the state.



Douglas Koelemay of Springfield spoke on behalf of the Northern Virginia Family Services and the Healthy Families program. "They are stretched beyond their capacity due to the recession," he commented on the loss of funds for the program



State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) listens to testimony from residents of Fairfax County during a public hearing for the Fairfax delegation to the Virginia General Assembly.

Legislators Urged to Restore Funding for Human Services

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Services Board (CSB).

"Frankly, without these services, I would be dead," Clark said to the panel. "Using and abusing drugs and alcohol is a way to cope with mental illness, so we need to have services that get to the core issues."

"People with mental illness can be productive," Ing testified "But only if we have access to these services. As a community, we are only as strong as our weakest points," Ing said.

Del. Vivian Watts (D-39) said she noticed more people willing to talk about mental health issues. "That's a shift from previous years," Watts said. "We've heard more from those advocating for the mentally ill, not only substance abuse or autism, but a wide range of needed services."

She said it was encouraging that more people are willing to acknowledge the impact that mental illness has on families and the community. "We need to support and fund these services, because many of these programs, as we've heard today, are critical in helping people with mental illness to be functional," Watts said.

Kari Warren of Mount Vernon brought her two young daughters with her to the podium. "We are here to put a face on domestic violence, because we are survivors." Speaking on behalf of the Commission for Women, she thanked the delegation for passing anti-stalking legislation last year, and urged lawmakers to support more shelters for victims of domestic violence.

"Everyone has the right to be heard," said Sen. Richard Saslaw (D-35), who presided over the annual forum. "These are people who don't have high-powered lobbyists to speak for them in Richmond. I never get tired of hearing from them."

SPRINGFIELD MOTHER Carrin Brandt, whose 10-year-old daughter, Bailey, has profound intellectual and developmental disabilities with uncontrolled seizures, which resulted in the removal of half her brain, told lawmakers how important continued funding of Medicaid waivers is to her family. In addition to Bailey's anti-seizure medications, which can cost thousands each month, Medicaid helps pay for a full-time aide, allowing Bailey to live in the community with her family and friends instead of being institutionalized.

"These are not frivolous things we're asking for," Brandt said. "If we lost Medicaid, it would jeopardize her life and health; my husband and I would not be able to work or maintain our community relationships." Brandt is also president of the ARC of Northern Virginia, and said there are 7,000 families "who live in daily crisis because they receive no services as they remain on the waiting list for a Medicaid waiver."

Brandt, who is a licensed marriage and family therapist, said that while Bailey's medical and developmental challenges can be overwhelming, the joys of raising her are also great.

"Bailey is a human being, and she adds value to this world. Bailey is our greatest teacher. ...I don't want you all and our community to miss out on the opportunity to learn from Bailey."

Marta Conner of Centreville also spoke about the challenges of raising a child with disabilities, and the critical support and intervention services she received from The Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church (ITC), a program under the umbrella of the CSB. Conner told lawmakers that her daughter, Caroline, was diagnosed with severe developmental delays at 10 months, and her pediatrician suggested she contact the ITC.

"They helped us determine that she had significant delays in all areas of development, and gave us strategies to help her," Conner said. "We are learning that we can expand our child's horizons through therapies and individualized education." She urged legislators to ensure sustainable funding to continue services "for all Virginia families who need them."

"This is a tough budget environment with difficult decisions, and, unfortunately, most of the cost-cutting comes from social services," said Del. Mark Sickles (D-43), who was elected caucus chairman in November. "One thing that stuck out today was hearing that CSB lost 19 acute care beds. We need to work to get those back."

Greg Brandon of McLean said he supported the parental notification of school investigations and beginning school before Labor Day. He also asked legislators to support the Child Care Assistance and Referral program, "a gateway into education for our most vulnerable children." Brandon said the program plays a crucial role in preparing

Learning from Bailey

Carrin Brandt of Springfield testified about the challenges and joys of raising her daughter, 10-year-old Bailey, while voicing her support for the services offered by The Arc of Northern Virginia and of the ID waiver program. Bailey suffers from global delays and uncontrolled seizure, which resulted in the removal of half of her brain. "The ID waiver allows her father and I to work and to maintain our relationships. It also enables Bailey to participate more fully with her family and friends and the community with the assistance of her full-time aid. She requires total care." She also voiced her concern for reduced funding and proposed legislation that will further reduce the ability of those who need Medicaid the most to receive help. "Bailey has been our greatest teacher. All who meet her learn about the important simplicities of life. When I look at Bailey, what I see is success and potential, and I don't want to have to place limits on what she can achieve just to ensure that she is able to keep a waiver. More important, I don't want you all and our community to miss out on the opportunity to learn from Bailey."



at-risk children for kindergarten.

"Unfortunately, people in Richmond are fiddling with the CCAR program that will increase the waiting list for families most in need of child-care help," Brandon said.

David Baldacci of Arlington and Bob Stewart of Chantilly testified for SALT - Social Action Linking Together - in support of a number of social justice issues, from increasing welfare payments to Virginia families, banning the practice of shackling pregnant women in Virginia's prisons and promoting work-sharing, which enables businesses to avoid layoffs.

Del. Ken Plum (D-36) said the hearings give legislators a chance to hear from the most vulnerable citizens. "What we see are the real lives of people impacted by issues beyond their own capacities and beyond their own blame...It's critically important that government has to be in part about helping the most vulnerable. It sends a message to the delegation that we need to step back and remember the people who are hurting, aged, intellectually disabled, or suffering from a mental illness."

Del. David Bulova (D-37) said prioritizing the state's limited resources will be the most important task facing legislators this session.

"The big take away is how important the budget is in terms of reflecting our community's values," Bulova said. "It also

highlights why it is so important to develop new, sustainable sources of revenue for transportation, rather than simply taking money from our already stressed general fund that supports public education, safety, health and human services, environmental protection, etc."

THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET - a two-year \$85 billion plan - is weighted in favor of transportation and higher education. But many of the speakers said they are concerned about the hundreds of millions of dollars in proposed cuts to social services. For example, McDonnell's budget proposes slashing \$81 million from the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI), which pays for preschool programs for low-income families in Northern Virginia.

Plum said he and other members of the Fairfax delegation will be pressing the governor to take crucial "incremental" step in providing funding for social services. "There are still 5,000 people on waiting lists. The governor's budget does not progress us on that need. We need to step it forward," Plum said.

The Virginia General Assembly will meet for its 2012 session on Wednesday, Jan. 11. "We predict that over 2,000 bills will be introduced. There's a lot to watch, especially on human services," said John Horejsi of Vienna, founder of SALT.

FAITH

Send notes to the Connection at fairfax@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

The **Immanuel Bible Church MOPS** group meets on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m., at Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. MOPS is for pregnant or parenting mothers of children from infancy to kindergarten. 703-922-4295 or www.MOPS.org.

The following is a list of events at **Mount Calvary Baptist Church**, 4325 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax:
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Beth El Hebrew Congregation has services on Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. The temple is located at 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Religious school is on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Adult learning opportunities take place throughout the year. Tot Shabbat is on the first and third Saturdays. Kolot Shabbat, a musical service, is the first Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m., but is not available during the summer. 703-370-9400 or www.bethelhebrew.org.



The Big Cheese, a local family band, will perform new originals, covers and tunes from their albums "Rumble in the Dairy Aisle: It's All Gouda" and "Little House" on Friday, Jan. 13 from 8-11 p.m. at Epicure Cafe, 11213A Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Big Cheese plays a mix of eclectic fiddle, banjo, mandolin and guitar music. There is no cover charge.

CALENDAR

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www.nvplayers.com.

Baby Animals. 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Very short stories and rhymes. Age 18-23 months with adult. 703-249-1520.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice English conversation skills. Adults. 703-978-5600.

"A Chorus Line." 7:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. A musical about aspiring Broadway performers, by Fairfax Academy Dance and Musical Theater students. 703-219-2270 or dsaunders@fcps.edu.

FRIDAY/JAN. 13

The Big Cheese. 8 p.m. Epicure Cafe, 11213A Lee Highway, Fairfax. A mix of eclectic fiddle, banjo, mandolin and guitar music. No cover charge. www.TheBigCheeseMusic.com.
"Aladdin Jr." 7 p.m. Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. A stage adaptation of the Disney hit.

SATURDAY/JAN. 14

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With cellist Sergey Antonov. Glazunov's Chant du Ménéstrel, Haydn's Cello Concerto in C Major, and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 11, "The Year 1905." Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

Pat Sommers' Rock Shop. 1:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

"Aladdin Jr." 7 p.m. Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. A stage adaptation of the Disney hit. www.nvplayers.com.

Irresponsible, Shinobi Ninja and Square Trio. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 at the door. www.jamminjava.com.

"A Chorus Line." 7:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. A musical about aspiring Broadway performers, by Fairfax Academy Dance and Musical Theater students. 703-219-2270 or dsaunders@fcps.edu.

SUNDAY/JAN. 15

"A Chorus Line." 2:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. A musical about aspiring Broadway performers, by Fairfax Academy Dance and Musical Theater students. 703-219-2270 or dsaunders@fcps.edu.

TUESDAY/JAN. 17

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227. SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 15

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ENTERTAINMENT



The cast of Robinson's "Pirates of the Amazon: The Treasure of Mystery Island" poses in character.

Two Children's Plays on Tap

Robinson offers Robin Hood and pirates doubleheader.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Mixing comedy and adventure in two plays geared for children, Robinson Secondary School presents "The Very Unmerry Adventures of Robin Hood" and "Pirates of the Amazon: The Treasure of Mystery Island."

Show times are Saturday, Jan. 21, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$6 online via www.Robinsondrama.org or www.brownpapertickets.com/event/215579.

Featuring a cast and crew of 33 total in both plays, the event is put on by RoProCo's, the Robinson Production Co. class, and most of the actors have roles in both shows.

"They're like fairytales and stories kids read," said Meg Connors, who plays a poor woman in "Robin Hood" and is assistant director of the "Pirates" show. "They're make-believe and really fun because of the energy, passion and hard work we've put into these shows."

She said both plays will keep the children interested and entertained. "There's a swordfight in 'Pirates' and a cool tap dance in 'Robin Hood,'" said Connors. "And I choreographed 'Robin Hood.'"

The "Pirates" set includes a ship with two sets of stairs leading up to its deck. "Robin Hood's" scenes take place mostly in Sherwood Forest and also at an inn and in front of a castle. Students in all grades comprise the crew, but the actors are all freshmen.

'Pirates'

In "Pirates," Jenny Silver – the smart and beautiful daughter of Long John Silver – is captain of the Amazon, a pirate ship staffed almost exclusively by women. While trying to learn what happened to her long-lost father, she encounters her runaway niece Amelia, a devious first mate named I-Patch and a feisty sea creature named Ethel Mermaid.

She also falls for the handsome Sir Roderick. Soon, everyone's on Mystery Island, searching for treasure and answers – unaware of the monster and secrets awaiting them.

Portraying Silver is Andie Matten. "She's independent and busy getting things done and has no time for romance, but she falls in love," said Matten. "I normally play children or childish parts, so this is a nice break from that. I get to play an adult and yell."

She said the audience will like the characters, especially the sea creatures, who are "interesting and fun to watch. And the set will look cool; the pirate ship instantly changes into an island."

Leo Herrera plays Pegleg, a pirate-in-training who injured his leg. "He's always



PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

(From left) Jessica Israel and P.J. Johnson play Robin Hood and Little John, respectively, in Robinson's "The Very Unmerry Adventures of Robin Hood."

looking for adventure and wants to find Mystery Island, but he's not very bright," said Herrera. "It's fun because I feel like the character reflects my humor and how I'm always looking to help people."

He said children will enjoy the connections between the characters, and he advises others to become involved in theater. Said Herrera: "It's been a great experience for my life because it's all about teamwork."

Playing I-Patch, a mean pirate with an eye patch, is Kelly Thomas. "He's rude and obnoxious and hates everything, especially men," she said. "It's my first main role, so I love it a lot. We have a good cast and it's a great opportunity to get acting experience."

Thomas said there's more interaction between the actors and audience in a children's show. "It's less serious and more playful than other shows," she said. "In this one, the audience will like that we're all girls on the ship; and near the end, it's a little like a pirate soap opera."

Portraying Lady Betterton in "Pirates" is Sarah Marksteiner. "She's an English royal with a deceased husband, so she goes to Mystery Island to find her long-lost love," said Marksteiner. "She's a hopeless romantic, but also very proper, I love playing her because she's very dramatic and she wears a black-lace top with pearls over a white-lace wedding dress."

'Robin Hood'

In "Robin Hood," the forest is in danger of being destroyed and it's up to Robin and his band of dimwitted, merry men to save the day. When the sheriff challenges them to a contest to determine the rightful owner, they must vie in archery, a talent show and a beauty contest.

Sporting a maroon vest, boots and a green hat with a red feather, Jessica Israel plays

Robin Hood. "He's a man who acts like a kid, in many ways," she said. "Sherwood Forest is the only home he's ever known, and he feels like he needs to guard and protect it. He's also mischievous and sometimes clueless."

Israel's having a great time acting with her friends and she's delighted with her role. "Being the hero, he's the one kids will connect with and say, 'He's Robin Hood – he's so cool,'" she said. "Parents will enjoy the sarcasm that Robin Hood and the kids won't get, and the kids will like the dancing and the show's fast pace and high energy. They'll also like how the story unfolds before their eyes."

Matten and Kate Poms both play merry men. "They're kind of dumb and follow Robin Hood around in all his adventures and rescues," said Matten. "They say things 5-year-old boys would say. I have to carry myself differently to play a man, and I also play with my facial expressions. Almost all my lines make people laugh, and the show has lots of humor and comedic timing."

Marksteiner directs it and is enjoying directing as much as acting. "It's fun to tweak my vision for 'Robin Hood' to make it perfect," she explained. "The actors are my friends, so I know their strengths and talents. But I have to balance those friendships with being in charge."

Portraying the Sheriff of Nottingham is Chris Mayhew. "He's not very happy; he's always angry and fighting with Robin Hood," said Mayhew. "He's a clever trickster who [devises] a scheme to win the forest back from Robin Hood."

It's fun playing this part, said Mayhew, because "He's a villain with a big personality and does outrageous things. He's the character the audience laughs at." Calling this play family-oriented, he said it contains jokes "for kids, teens and adults. It's a silly, funny show that kids will like."

CALENDAR

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Evening Book Discussion.

7:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. House of Mirth by Edith Wharton. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Book Discussion Group.

1:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Inca Gold by Clive Cussler. Adults. 703-978-5600.

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6:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Tinkers by

Paul Harding. 703-978-5600.

Stories for Fours and Fives:

Brrry Good Stories. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Join us for stories, songs and other early literacy activities to celebrate the season. Age 4-5 with adult. 703-644-7333.

Evening Book Discussion

Group. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War by Gary Paulsen. Adults. 703-644-7333.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 18

International Guitar Night.

8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Acoustic guitarists Adrian Legg, Lulo Reinhardt, Marco Pereira, and Brian Gore. \$25. 1-877-965-3872 or www.wolftrap.org.

Student Volunteer Training

Session. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Students receive training from library staff and sign up for volunteer hours. Age 12-15. 703-293-6227.

District Schedule Heating Up

Following holiday tournaments, local teams begin the New Year with intense league games.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Despite a couple of close Liberty District losses last week, the Fairfax High boys' basketball team is continuing to show some steady progress under new head coach Mike Barbee this winter.

The Rebels, who won two of their three games over the Christmas winter break at the Bulldog Bash Tournament at Westfield High School, opened the New Year with close game district setbacks last week to three-time defending district champion Langley, 68-49, on Tuesday, Jan. 3 and South Lakes, 63-60, last Friday night, Jan. 6. The home game setbacks left Fairfax with a 4-7 overall record and 2-2 district mark going into this week's play.

"I am pretty positive about the direction we are heading," said Barbee.

Prior to the holidays, Fairfax had opened its district schedule with road wins over Marshall, 54-50, on Dec. 13, and Jefferson, 43-27, on Dec. 20. But in their first district contests since the Dec. 20 win over the Colonials, the Rebels fell just short in their outings last week.

This week, Fairfax was scheduled for three road games - a district contest at Stone Bridge on Tuesday, Jan. 10; a non-district outing at Heritage (Leesburg) on Wednesday, Jan. 11; and a district game at McLean this Friday night, Jan. 13.

THE SOUTH COUNTY GIRLS' basketball team, under new head coach Noel Klippenstein, spent part of the holidays competing at a three-day tournament in Blacksburg (Dec. 27-29) where the Stallions won two of their three games. They opened with a 36-24 win over host Blacksburg High on Dec. 27, then won the following day as well, 56-49, over Pulaski County. The Stallions closed their three days of holiday play with a close 46-41 loss to Christiansburg High.

In the low-scoring win over Blacksburg (River Ridge District), South County received solid scoring outings from sophomores Gillian Gerton (11 points) and April Henson (10), and senior Angela Banks (8).

In the win over Pulaski, the scoring picked up for the Stallions, who built a 26-22 lead after one quarter and a 44-34 advantage following three quarters on way to the victory. Banks and Henson were in double digits with 19 and 12 points, respectively, and other contributions came from junior Kim Levinstein (9 points), Gerton (6), and freshmen Kennedy Sparks (4) and Cara Yates (4).

Klippenstein said South County's strong late-game defense was a key to the win. In particular, Henson did a nice job late in the contest defending the versatile Anderson.

"April Henson came up big, matching up against her late in the game defensively," said the coach.

The Stallions' final game of the holiday trip was

the five-point loss to Christiansburg on Dec. 29. South County led 31-28 through three quarters before being outscored 18-10 in the fourth.

Henson was high scorer for County with 18 points. South County opened the New Year with a couple of Patriot District games last week - losses to visiting West Springfield, 64-24, on Jan. 3, and home team Lake Braddock, 43-27, on Jan. 6.

In district games this week, South County (4-8) was scheduled to play at T.C. Williams on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and will host Annandale this Friday night at 7:30.

THE LAKE BRADDOCK GIRLS team, a young squad this season, showed good progress in winning a game in three outings at the Cassel's Sports Cougar Holiday Classic at Oakton High School Dec. 27-29. All of the Bruins' three games at Oakton were close with two being decided in overtime.

"The holiday tournament was a great experience for the Lady Bruins," said Lake Braddock head coach Leigh Janis. "We played three good teams and continued to improve each game."

The Bruins opened with a 54-50 overtime win over Loudoun County on Dec. 27. Lake Braddock's leading scorers in the win were junior forward Natalie Butler (18 points) and guard Marcia Altman (15). Argy Kosmakos, a freshman guard, added seven points and junior guard Hayley Strawderman five.

The following day we saw the Bruins play another overtime affair, this one a 37-32 loss to private school opponent Stone Ridge (Md.). Butler tallied 10 points to lead Lake Braddock.

The Bruins wrapped up their holiday tournament play on Dec. 29, losing to McLean High 51-46. Again, Butler was the Bruins' big scorer with 23 points. Kosmakos contributed seven points while Altman, sophomore guard Betsy Gallier, and McKenzie Hunter each added four points.

Lake Braddock played good overall basketball at the tournament.

Lake Braddock, following the winter break, won both of its games last week - Patriot District victories over W.T. Woodson, 58-46, on Jan. 3, and South County, 43-27, last Friday night.

In the road win over Woodson, Butler scored 25 points and Altman 14. Hunter and Kosmakos both scored six points and Christine McGrath, a freshman guard, had five. For the Cavaliers, who trailed 30-22 at the half, Keara Finnerty matched Butler with 25 points.

In Friday's home win over South County, Butler scored a career-high 30 points. Altman was Lake Braddock's next leading scorer with eight points. Cara Yates scored eight points for South County and Angela Banks had six.

In games this week, Lake Braddock (4-7) was scheduled to play road contests at Annandale on Tuesday, Jan. 10, and T.C. Williams on Friday.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock forward Natalie Butler goes up for a shot in the Bruins' Patriot District basketball game at Woodson on Jan. 3. Butler scored 25 points in the Lake Braddock win.

Robinson's Green: I Just Want to Win

Senior guard is a scorer, ball-handler and standout defender for Rams.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

During the first half of a Jan. 10 home game against Westfield, Robinson senior Megan Green hustled over to disrupt a Bulldogs pass, sending the ball out of bounds. Green quickly reacted as if the ball had bounced off a Westfield player, but the official standing near the play awarded possession to the Bulldogs.

Westfield fans jokingly praised Green for her effort, and after the game the Rams guard confessed she was probably the last one to touch the ball.

"It's the little things," Green said in regard to her attempt to earn her team an extra possession.

Green is a high-energy point guard who does a little bit of everything for the Robinson girls basketball team. Through 11 games, the 5-foot-7 Green was the team leader in assists, steals and deflections and was second in scoring and 3-pointers made.

While Green's skills are wide-ranging, her focus is narrow.

"I just look to do whatever I can and kind of help the team," Green said. "If that's passing, if that's scoring, if that's playing defense on their best player, I just kind of do what I can. I just want to win."

Against Westfield, Green scored 11 points as Robinson won 53-43 to improve to 9-3 overall, including 2-0 in the Concorde District. The Rams have won five consecutive games heading into a showdown with undefeated Oakton at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13 at Robinson.

The Rams are loaded with talent and it's Green that makes them go.

"She's our floor general," Robinson head coach T.J. Dade said.

"She makes sure we're set up properly offensively [and] she triggers our offense. She's a great defensive player. She leads the team in deflections



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Robinson senior point guard Megan Green (14) is seen during a Dec. 6 game at South County.

and steals. She's just so energetic sometimes it's hard to get her to turn it down a couple of notches. At times she can get a little too antsy."

While Green has the ability to score — she knocked down four perimeter shots, including a 3-pointer against Westfield — she said she prefers distributing the ball to others. Tyler Hansen, Brigitte Kuter, Christy Michals and Jenna Lamb are among those who benefit from Green's ball distribution. Hansen scored a team-high 12 points against Westfield and Lamb added 11. Michals scored seven points and Kuter added six.

"She's our leader," Kuter said. "However she's [running], that's the tempo of the game. ... She's energetic, competitive, she doesn't like to lose. She's always about the team. Instead of points, she likes getting assists."

As Green has gotten older, Dade said she has matured as a leader. Green, in her final high school season, said the game carries more meaning.

"I cherish every possession more and more," she said. "Coach Dade said this is it. After this, you're done. So every game kind of means a little more."

With a talented roster and a desire to win, Green and the Rams have the potential for a memorable season.

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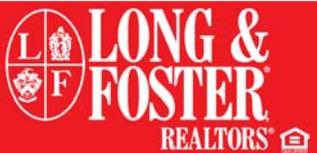
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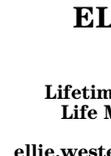


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