

News

County Board Objects to 'Transit Funding Game'

he Fairfax County
Board of Supervisors
strongly criticized a
McDonnell administration plan to overhaul the way
it handles transportation funding,
calling the move politically-motivated "funding games."

At its board meeting on Tuesday, June 19, supervisors joined other

Local leaders say policy shift disruptive, costly.

Northern Virginia localities in signing a regional letter condemning the state's Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) policy shift that abruptly changes the way the Commonwealth directs distribution of its financial

assistance for transit to Northern Virginia localities.

The signers of the letter include Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-Atlarge); Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) Chairman Jay Fisette; Arlington Board Chairman Mary Hynes; Falls Church Mayor Nader Baroukh; Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille; and City of Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer.

According to the letter, the DRPT – which forwarded \$117 million

in transit funding to Northern Virginia in fiscal year 2012 - threatened to cut off all of the state funding for the coming year unless the jurisdictions immediately agreed to the change.

In a statement released Tuesday, county supervisors said the McDonnell administration is attempting "to circumvent Northern Virginia's efficient transit funding system."

Currently, the state's Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) forwards money to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), which allocates it based on the decadesold Subsidy Allocation Model (SAM).

According to the letter, failure to allocate state assistance to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) using the subsidy allocation model - as DRPT is attempting to do - would violate state law. SAM has been used by NVTC since 1974, and no state representative has ever voted against it.

"This move is being done in the name of transparency but, as the authors of the letter lay out, it only complicates the process that Northern Virginia uses to fund transit and could undermine vital services like Metro and the Connector," Bulova said in the statement released Tuesday. "Unfortunately, this unexpected (DRPT) action occurred without any consultation, which would have quickly identified some serious concerns."

The letter's authors say that the current funding model helps "cushion the impact" of unexpected changes in state transit aid, especially for smaller jurisdictions. The mayors and chairs also decry the short notice for this change.

"It is not reasonable to change NVTC's successful and long-standing process with only 10 days' notice after FY2013 local budgets have been adopted and after NVTC had complete applications for the state aid [at issue]," they write.

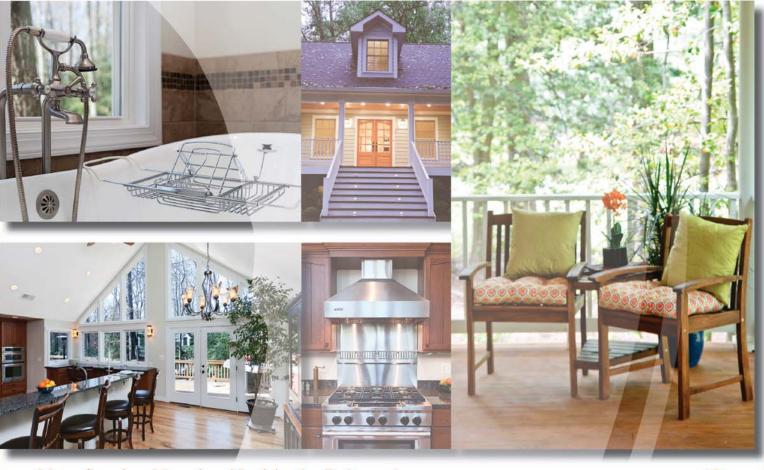
"The new policy will create local winners and losers with no time to identify other workable solutions to achieve DRPT's objectives. NVTC is not aware of any factor that necessitates a rush to action."

The letter and background information can be found at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/2012/draft-agenda-june19.pdf

— Victoria Ross



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Newly-minted graduates of Lake
Braddock Secondary School's Class of
2012 throw their mortar boards in the
air at their graduation ceremony June
15 at the Patriot Center.



'Rocking It Out' at Lake Braddock

Sen. Webb delivers an inspirational speech to his granddaughter's graduating class.

By Victoria Ross The Connection

eing a vice president of the Student Government Association has its perks. Brianna Hogan, a Lake Braddock Secondary School senior, had the honor of introducing the guest speaker at the school's graduation ceremony on Friday, June 15 at the Patriot Center.

"Our guest speaker is the former Secretary of the Navy, and a highly-decorated Vietnam War combat veteran. You all know him as your senior United States Senator from Virginia, Jim Webb. I know him as my pop-pop, my grandfather," Hogan said, giving her grandfather a big hug as Webb took the podium to give the Bruins' Class of 2012 commencement address.

"I'll begin by saying I was coming anyway, whether I was the guest speaker or not," Webb quipped.

He pointed out members of his blended family sitting in the audience - which includes four grown children, as well as a young child with his current wife Hong Le, and stepfather to Le's daughter Emily - as "kind of like that show 'Modern Family'...We're all here for Brianna, because we love each other."

The author of several novels, Webb, a Democratic power-player whose first legislative act in 2006 was to introduce expanded benefits for military families, announced this February that he will not seek reelection in 2012.

THE PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT captivated the audience with a rousing patriotic speech, telling the 800-plus graduation candidates to find something in life they care about and "make it possible." He asked veterans in the audience to stand up, and told the audience of a t-shirt that struck him during a Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery: "It said 'If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read this in English, thank a veteran."

He related one of the most "inspirational" moments of his life, saying, "When I was a senior in high school, my dad graduated from college at the University of

Omaha. My dad was a military pilot, and when he got his diploma, he broke out of line and strode to where I was sitting, and stuck the diploma in my face. I'll never forget that," Webb said.

"My dad said 'Son, you can get anything you want in this country, and don't forget it... This is the American Way," Webb said, as the audience gave him a round of thunderous applause. "You have been blessed to live, work and play in the United States of America."

Webb's speech was one of the highlights of the ceremony, which included the Presentation of the Colors by the LBSS Junior ROTC, and special guests Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41); Ilryong Moon, Vice Chairman of the Fairfax County School Board; Megan McLaughlin (Braddock) and Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield), members of the school board; and FCPS superintendent Jack Dale.

After the Pomp and Circumstance processional, Principal David F. Thomas opened the ceremony with some statistics about the graduating class. He noted that the Class of 2012 will be known for its commitment to community service.

"You have donated more than 6,000 hours of service this year. You have fully embraced President Kennedy's declaration to 'ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

THE SCHOOL, with more than 4,000 students, is known for its rigorous academic program and winning athletic teams. Nearly 90 percent of the Class of 2012 is headed to a two or four-year college, and 105 students are honor graduates.

Emily Petruzzelli Schell received the Faculty Award for her launching "Promise for Preschool," a program for at-risk children.

Senior Kelsey Carpenter gave an original, sometimes sardonic, amusing Honor Graduate address to her classmates, telling them "our sass sets up apart."

"It so nice to see all of you here again, since I haven't seen you since May." She frequently compared the Bruins to the Honey Badger, known as the most fearless creature in the animal kingdom, and a recent YouTube phenomenon that spawned the popular "Honey Badger Don't Care" book.

"We have a record-breaking number of Honey Badgers here. We know we're the best and we rock it out...What you call insanity, I call inspiration," Carpenter said, eliciting cheers and laughter from her classmates.

VIEWPOINTS

Lake Braddock Graduates Respond to the Question: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

— Victoria Ross



Left to right: sister Isabella Rios; graduate Sarah Rios; cousin Gaby Rios.

"I'd like to be in New York City in fashion design, something in the business end or styling. I think that would be cool."

— Sarah Rebecca Rios



Left to right: friends Loraine Margesson and Isabella Margesson, 8; mom Sue Engelhardt; graduate James Engelhardt; dad Dean Engelhardt.

"I'm going to the Coast Guard Academy, so I expect to still be serving in the Coast Guard in 10 years."

James Dean
 Engelhardt



Left to right: mom Lailoma Rakin; graduate Nadia Rakin; dad Abdul Hadi Rakin.

"In 10 years, I hope to be making a difference for women in Afghanistan, giving women's rights a voice in some way."

 Nadia Rakin, a Senior Class Representative



Left to right: dad Seungho Choi; graduate Hye Min Choi; mom Jeong Min Choi and sister Young Min Choi.

"In 10 years, I'm think I'd like to be working at a hospital, helping sick children."

— Hye Min Choi



Left to right: uncle John Vaught; graduate Josh Bosley; and dad Brian Bosley.

"In 10 years, I'm going to be very rich and successful... in business."

— Joshua Keith Bosley

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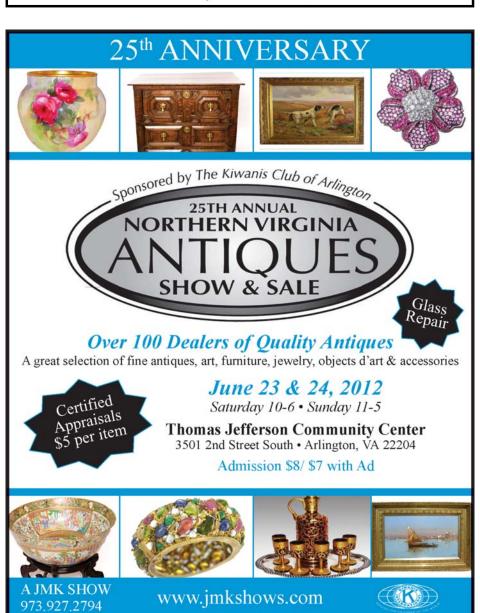


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THIS WEEK IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

People, Places and Programs

Virginia Transit Association Names Bulova 'Public Official of the Year'

The Virginia Transit Association (VTA) awarded Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, "Public Official of the Year" at its annual awards ceremony in Fairfax on June 13. The VTA recognized Bulova's "extensive and dedicated service to advance and develop public transportation in Fairfax County and throughout the region, and in particular, her role in making the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) the success that it is today," according to the news release. Bulova is one of the founders of the VRE commuter rail system, and currently serves as Chairman of the VRE Operations Board. She was also recognized for her leadership in promoting public transportation service in Fairfax County and the region, including extending the new Metrorail Silver Line through Tysons to Reston; guiding the transformation of Tysons Corner into a successful mixed-use, transit-oriented livable community; providing express bus service on the new Beltway HOT/Express lanes; and expanding the availability and efficiency of service on the Fairfax Connector, Metro bus routes and the I-66 corridor.

The ReBuild Warehouse Rebuilds in New Location

Springfield's ReBuild Warehouse - where discarded building materials are recycled rather than trashed - is back. The warehouse lost its lease last November, but found a new site in the Fullerton Road Industrial Park near the mixing bowl. ReBuild takes in materials from house deconstruction projects and offers them for sale to the public at prices below what customers would pay for new products. In addition to keeping usable materials out of the landfill, ReBuild also trains workers for green collar jobs and presents workshops on sustainability to the general public. The new space opened by appointment starting June 1. To make an appointment, call 703-280-1719. Volunteers are also sought to staff the warehouse, extending the warehouse. For more information on ReBuild, visit www.rebuildwarehouse.org.

Free Home Repair for Seniors

Fairfax County provides minor home repairs to eligible low and moderate income elderly homeowners as well as accessibility modifications for homeowners with disabilities. The benefit includes labor and up to \$500 in materials to complete necessary repairs or maintenance. Eligible residents must be homeowners 62 or older or have a disability, or have a family member with a



Bulova

disability. Eligibility is also based on income requirements. Repairs generally fall in the following categories:

- Interior and exterior painting
- * Minor electrical repair and replacement
- Window and door repair
- Minor plumbing repair and replacement
- Screen replacement for windows / doors
 - **❖** Gutter
- ❖ Installation of grab bars, railings and other accessibility devices to assist the elderly and disabled.

To find out more about this program, visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/seniorhousing/hrep.htm

Summer Camps for Kids

Need a fun camp for your child during the summer? Fairfax County's School-Age Child Care (SACC) program offers options that appeal to the artist, performer and athlete in every child through 24 Variety Camps, two Focus Camps and Camp Discovery. SACC's experienced teachers guide children through adventures designed to develop their talents, enhance their skills, and nurture their creativity. Outdoor play, special events, swimming and field trips will make this a summer to remember. SACC programs are from 7:15 a.m. until 6:15 p.m. and are for children in kindergarten to sixth grade. To enroll your child, call SACC Registration at 703-449-8989, TTY 711 between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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ENGAGEMENT



Photo contributed

Ann Wilson and Cory Maxwell

Dr. Cory D. Maxwell, Dr. Ann Miller Wilson Engaged

Dan and Kerry Maxwell of Springfield are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Dr. Cory D. Maxwell to Dr. Ann Miller Wilson, daughter of James and Ann Wilson of Richmond. Cory graduated from the University of Virginia's Medical School and is finishing his residency in Anesthesiology at Duke Medical Center in Durham, N.C. Ann Miller graduated from the Medical College of Virginia. She is finishing her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Carolinas Rehabilitation in Charlotte, N.C. The happy couple will be married Sept. 15, 2012 at Kings Family Vineyard in Crozet, Va.



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OPINION Summer Projects

Reader input needed for /www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/ 2012/feb/23/pet-connection/. community guides, Pet Connection.

he summer is in full swing at the Connection, with many interns and staff members focused on some light and some more serious summer projects.

At the end of July, we'll print our summer "Pet Connection," and we invite readers to send in stories and photos of your pets, and any story ideas you might have. We love to have photos of you or other family members Editorial with your pets. Please include your name, pet's name, town name and contact phone number, and identify the people in any photos.

You can see some of the photos we've received for past Pet Connections at Vienna http:/

Email editors@connectionnewspapers.com. Through July we will be working on our annual Insider's Edition: Newcomers and Community Guide, which will publish Aug. 22. We need input from our readers on many aspects of this guide.

Through narrative, tips from readers, listings, viewpoints and photographs, we endeavor to capture what it means to live here. We'll compile highlights of places to visit and things to do, a snapshot of local history, help finding community resources and tips on lesser known wonders in our communities.

As a local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to bring the news you need about your community,

to give you the information you need to enjoy the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones and events in community and people's lives.

We invite newcomers to the area and longtime residents alike to be a part of providing more reader input.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or something you have a question about, give us a call, or drop us a line. If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, let us know.

For our Insider's Guide, we are looking for your tips. What is one place you think is a "must see" for newcomers? What's your suggestion for ways to get involved in the community?

What are you most concerned about in your community? What do you think the top news stories will be in the coming months?

We also need input from community organizations to update listings and upcoming events. Send information by Aug. editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

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Minds Wide Open for Arts

Arts play a vital role in educating children and preparing them for the future.

BY ELIZABETH MURPHY President/CEO, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

s we all know, reading, writing and

arithmetic are building blocks of childhood education. However, what is less widely acknowledged is the role that the arts play in educating children and preparing them for the future.

Knowledge of the arts benefits every child, whether the child grows up to be a scientist, artist or baseball player. Youngsters' exposure to the arts supports the work of classroom educators by enhancing academic performance, nurturing a passion for learning, and providing an outlet for expression and creativity. A report from the National Governors' Association states that children who study the arts are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement and three times more likely to win an award for school attendance. The findings also note that the benefits of a solid arts education are even more dramatic for atrisk youngsters. In recognition of how children and communities positively benefit, more than 200 not-for-profit arts organizations and hundreds of individual artists across Virginia, including the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, provide arts education activities for children in school, after school, and during the summer.

Virginia is fortunate that Minds Wide Open, a public/private partnership, was developed to recognize and celebrate the positive impact of artists, arts organizations and cultural institutions across the commonwealth. All ten living First Ladies of Virginia serve as Honorary Chairs, and the high-profile initiative involves state government, business corporations, individuals and not-for-profit cultural organizations who understand the value of the arts in relation to our children's education, as well as the community and economic welfare. In 2010, Minds Wide Open: Women in the Arts presented an unparalleled succession of plays, dances, musical programs, exhibitions, films and literature focusing on women in the arts. This year's collaboration, Minds Wide Open: Children and the Arts, showcases impressive statewide events and cultural activities spotlighting programs on, by, and about children.

Here in Fairfax, the Fairfax Symphony's May 12 concert fell under the Minds Wide Open umbrella. Prior to the concert, the orchestra held a family reception and instrument petting zoo for the members of its Student Passport Club, students ages 6-18 who receive \$5 tickets to every concert. Over 200 people attended, while in the lobby of George Mason University's Center for the Arts, the FSO displayed artwork created by fourth grade students at Woodburn Elementary School in Falls Church. The artwork was created as a collaborative project — students listened to recordings of the music on the program during class time in school, and made art that reflected their feelings about the music. They were invited to attend the concert, not only to be recognized for their hard work, but so they could hear the

In McLean, the McLean Project for the Arts held several celebrations around Minds Wide Open, for Youth Art Month in March. The first featured the colorful and exuberant artwork of students from nine McLean-area elementary schools: Chesterbrook, Churchill Road, Franklin Sherman, Haycock, Kent Gardens, Lemon Road, Spring Hill, Timber Lane and Westgate. The second displayed art from McLean middle and high school art students. The opening night reception attracted over 500 people.

Minds Wide Open (www.ArtsVA.com) clearly demonstrates Virginia's commitment to the arts for the wellbeing of our children, citizens and communities. I join my colleagues in recognizing and thanking all who contributed to another Minds Wide Open success.

– Letters to the Editor -

Right-to-Work Violated

To the Editor:

Let me get this straight. Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors will pony up \$4 mil-supposedly violated Virginia's right-hour laborers is a greater threat keep Washington Redskins training facilities in Virginia. But wait, these same public officials balked at funding the Silver Line extension of Metro Rail because a project labor agreement included in the plan

lion and \$2 million, respectively, to to-work laws. Last time I checked, to the Commonwealth than a pro football's agreement with the NFL Players Association requires that all players be members of the players' union, a clear violation of right-to-work requirements. I guess collective bargaining with \$12 an

union where beginning salaries are denominated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

> **Rob Abbot** Arlington

SCHOOLS

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

Jessica Marsh has been named to the spring 2012 dean's list at Montana State University.

Cole Mitchell has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy. He is the son of Taylor and Sue Mitchell of Springfield.

Kayla Magaha, a student from Hayfield Secondary School, won a third place award at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership conference. Magaha won in the career health day category.

Heather Flint of Robinson Secondary School, Nikki Paculan of Lee High School and Kailee Tangen of West Springfield High School won a fourth place awards at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership

Sarah Elizabeth Davis of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 honor roll at Gardner-Webb University of Boiling Springs, N.C. Davis is majoring in elementary education.

Rebecca Brandt of Springfield was named to the fall 2011 dean's list with honors at Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minn. Brandt is pursuing a degree in urban studies. She is the daughter of Randy and Julie Brandt.

Asheq Imran of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology of Atlanta, Ga.

Lindsey Gregg of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Mansfield University of Mansfield, Pa.

Monica Renee Laux of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 president's list at Clemson University of Clemson, S.C.

Brittany Bullard of Springfield was named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Mary Baldwin College of Staunton, Va.

Mary Brophy of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, Ill. She is the daughter of Barbette and William Brophy.

Air Force Airman Minchul Chun graduated from basic military

training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He completed training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Chun is the son of Sungyong Chun and brother of Amy Chun, both of Tyrolean Way, Springfield, and is a 2011 graduate of West Springfield High School.

Matthew Ward Helvey of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Clemson University of Clemson, S.C. Helvey is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Macy Louise Warren of Springfield has received a fall 2011 dean's award at Colgate University of Hamilton, N.Y. She is the daughter of Harry A. Warren and Helga S. Warren.

Christian W. Yow of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Hampden-Sydney College. He is the son of Scott and Suzan Yow.





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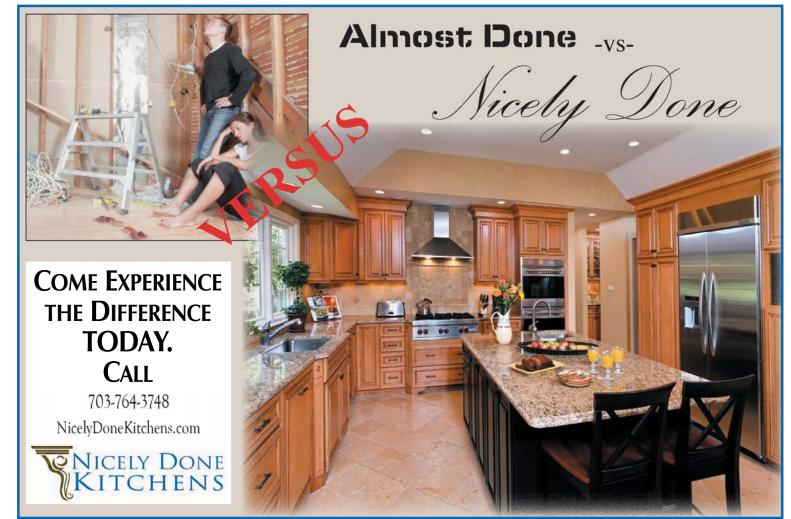
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Education Learning Fun

Middle school science teacher Robert Davis teaches campers during a "Physics is Fun" camp at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School's SummerTimes program. "Specialty camps provide an opportunity for campers to explore particular areas of interest and foster discovery, adventure and learning," said Jim Supple, director of summer programs.



Photo courtesy of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School

Making the Most of Summer

Advice for planning warm weather activities for children.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

'm bored, there's nothing to do," is a phrase often uttered by children during the summer. The end of the school year leaves many parents scrambling for activities to keep their young ones active and stimulated. Experts say it is important to plan activities to keep children safe and out of trouble.

"Adult supervision is important, especially for the younger age groups. Make sure there is a good balance between fun and learning in the activities chosen," said Chantilly resident Maria Londono, a mental health therapist for Fairfax County Community Health Care Network and Molina Health Care in Falls Church, Alexandria and Reston. "Children should also have some down time, so don't kill yourself trying to fill every minute of the day with activities."

WHEN IT COMES TO CAMPS,

think outside the box. While traditional day camps often fill as soon as registration opens, specialty camps such as cooking camps, yoga camps, sports camps and art camps frequently offer more availability.

"With specialty camps you can have a clear idea of what your child will be doing and your child will know what to expect," said Linda Feldman, director of Budding Yogis camp. "Like traditional camps, specialty camps usually include crafts and outdoor activities."

"Specialty camps provide an opportunity for campers to explore particular areas of interest and foster discovery, adventure and learning," said Jim Supple, director of summer programs at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria.

George Mason University's Summer Camps and Youth Programs 2012 offers a variety of activities ranging from sports to academics.

"Each of [our] camps is run individually and all of the camps are listed on our website," said Angelique LeBlanc, an event coordinator at the school's office of University Information. "One of the most popular of our camps is the George Mason University Forensics Camp. Also popular are all of the camps that are held at the aquatics center, and our performing arts and music camps."

KEEP LEARNING IN THE MIX.

The National Summer Learning Association reports that most students fall more than two months behind in math skills during the summer. Ron Fairchild, the association's chief executive officer, encourages parents to "make sure kids have access to high-quality programs that help them keep learning during the summer."

Susan Goldberg, principal of Potomac Elementary School in Potomac, says that educational tools are all around. "Make math a part of everyday experiences. There are interesting and fun websites, games and problem solving activities that can insure that your child continues their love of learning," she said.



Photo by Marilyn Campbell/The Connection

Instructor Linda Feldman leads a group of yoga campers in a downward dog tunnel at Budding Yogis. Specialty camps could be an option for parents still searching for summer activities for their children.

"Keep in mind that summer is a time for fun and a break from the routine. Whatever activities parents plan for their children, they should be enjoyable and stress-free."

— Susan DeLaurentis

Don't forget literature. Experts say that children should read every day. "If you take time to read alongside or to your children, they will make it a life-long habit, and they'll enrich their lives at the same time," said Goldberg.

Take advantage of summer programs at local libraries. "Check your local libraries for story times and arts-and-crafts-related activities. Most libraries and community recreational centers have programs full of stimulating and ageappropriate activities for children and their families during the summer," said Londono.

LEAVE TIME FOR FAMILY AC- TIVITIES. "Keep in mind that summer is a time for fun and a break from the routine," said Susan DeLaurentis, director of counseling at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. "Whatever activities par-

ents plan for their children, they should be enjoyable and stress-free. When it's too hot outside, or on a rainy day, pitch a tent in the living room and go 'camping' indoors. Have a bag ready, filled with new board games and books."

Summer fun doesn't have to be expensive. "There are always low cost or free activities for children during the summer," said Londono. "[Many] area museums are free of cost. [Planning] a picnic at a park and having children involved in the preparation of the picnic basket can be fun. A family bike ride, fishing, camping can be all fun family-oriented activities that don't necessarily involve a lot of spending. Including children in the preparation of meals can be a fun and helpful activity year-round because it gets them interested in

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sor John Cook (right) and friend Lindsey Smith enjoy **Braddock Summer Con-**

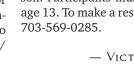
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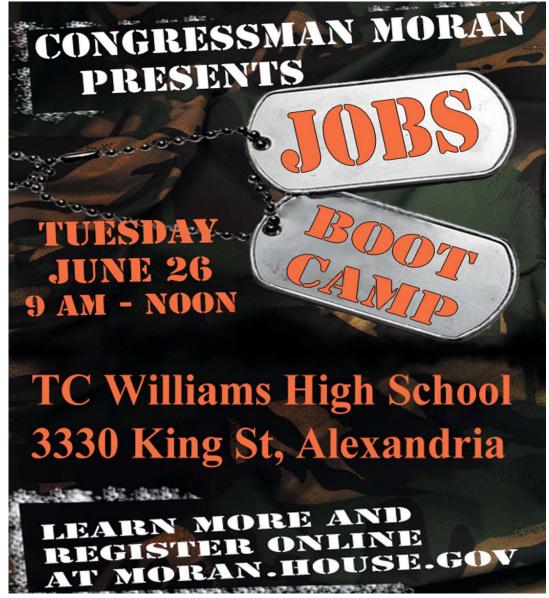
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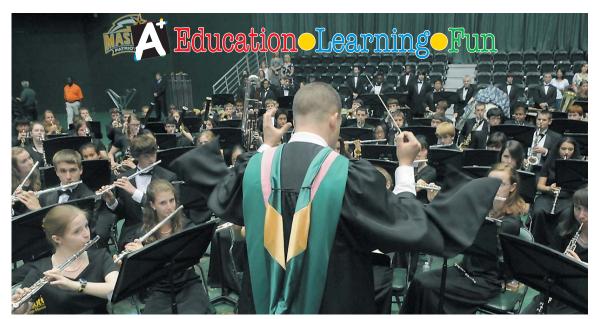
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Associate director of bands, Kurt R. Holscher, directs his students to conclude the performance of "Pomp and Circumstance," after the graduating class has been seated.

Spartans Reach for the Stars

West Sprigfield High's alumnus Patrick Forrester, NASA astronaut, delivers a keynote speech.

By Victoria Ross The Connection

est Springfield High School Principal Mark Greenfelder launched the school's 45th commencement ceremony at the Patriot Center with an inspiring message: "Spartans should always reach for the stars."

Greenfelder said fellow Spartan, retired Army Colonel Patrick G. Forrester, was a perfect example of someone who "reached for the stars." A 1975 graduate of WSHS and a NASA astronaut, Forrester "shows that anything is possible," Greenfelder said.

HONOR GRADUATE Jacob Martin introduced Forrester, a fellow Eagle Scout, citing his many accomplishments as an astronaut and pilot who "logged more than 950 hours in space."

Forrester graduated from West Point in June 1979 and entered the U.S. Army Aviation School the same year. After completing a Master of Science degree at the University of Virginia in 1989, he was assigned as a flight test engineer at Edwards Air Force Base in California. In 1992, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and was designated an experimental test pilot.

"This is joyous reunion for me. It brings back great memories," Forrester told the class of seniors who filled the Patriot Center on Tuesday, June 19.

Forrester delivered a thoughtful message about character, emphasizing that "habit is the daily battle-ground of character." Instead of sharing flight stories, he shared philosophy, and challenged the graduating seniors to learn to embrace the uncomfortable "wilderness" in life.

"Take a deep breath and lean into it," Forrester said. "The wilderness comes when we leave something familiar and haven't grasped what's new. It's Linus when his blanket is in the dryer. Living in the place between the trapezes is where you will learn the most about yourself."

The two-hour ceremony began with a moving rendition of "I Believe I Can Fly" performed by the



Class president Chung Sham welcomes all to the commencement exercises and introduces the WSHS Madrigals who sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

award-winning WSHS Madrigals.

Greenfelder, who took over as principal earlier this year after Paul Wardinski retired, said this year's graduates have been recognized at the state and national level for successes in academics, fine arts and athletics.

He noted that West Springfield High School's Class of 2012 includes 180 Spartan Scholars, and 96 honor graduates; 94 percent of the class plans to attend a two or four-year college, and graduates accepted more than \$5 million in scholarship offers.

"But what impresses me the most is not numbers, but the way you conduct yourself with pride and dignity," Greenfelder said. "You've done an impressive job representing West Springfield High School."

Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity, who gave the keynote address last year, said "it was my pleasure an honor to be there to recognize the many accomplishments of the Class of 2012."

MARTIN INJECTED HUMOR into his address, ending his remarks with a quote from comedian Ellen DeGeneres: "Follow your passion. Stay true to yourself. Never follow someone else's path unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path. By all means, you should follow that."

The ceremony ended when the Class of 2012 Senior Class Officers – Cham Sham, Edward Bae, Isabelle White and Nathaniel Kelley - took the podium and together told the graduates to "turn your tassels!"



West Springfield director of bands, Larry Einuis, leads his musicians in the performing of "America the Beautiful" as a prelude to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance."



Faculty awardee Elizabeth Anne Garcia leaves the stage after being presented with the tribute and honor.

VIEWPOINTS

West Springfield Graduates Respond to the Question: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

— Victoria Ros



Manuel Zaragoza and Anthony Velasquez

"I'm going in the Marine Corps... I'd like to be an air traffic controller in 10 years."

- Manuel Zaragoza



From left, Lloyd Stephenson, Colin Lloyd Stephenson and Craig Stephenson

"Hopefully, with a job.
I'm going to Virginia
Tech, and I'd like to be
an engineer."

— Colin Lloyd Stephenson, an honor graduate



From left, Paige Lemons, Ally Lother, Maddie Lother and Victoria Kennedy

"I'd like to be a speech pathologist."

- Maddie Lother



From left, Chad Hargrove, Sara Sylvia and Zack Cordova

"I'll be studying psychology at Northern Virginia Community College, so I'd like to be doing something in that field in 10 years."

— Sara Nicole Sylvia

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News



The Kings Glen fifth grade chorus waves American flags as the sixth grade All District Chorus sings a National Anthem medley.



Done with their performance, the Kings Glen fifth grade chorus waits while the sixth grade chorus performs.



The entire **Kings Glen** Chorus performs "Count on Me," by Bruno Mars.

Saying Goodbye at Kings Glen

BY HOPE RACINE The Connection

n June 6, family and friends of the fifth and sixth grade classes at Kings Glen Elementary gathered for an American themed choral concert: Nearly 200 students sang American music that included styles such as folk, ragtime, and popular hits.

Students present an American themed choral concert.

According to music teacher Alisa Kieffer, Chorus is a big tradition at Kings Glen and the students were excited to sing for their families and friends.

Kieffer, along with fellow music teacher Heather Huling, arranged the concert and the songs that the students sang. The fifth grade chorus performed first, with songs ranging from a catchy tune about the fifty states, to an upbeat ragtime number. Sixth grader Abby Park accompanied the songs on the violin.

After the fifth grade chorus performed, the sixth grade All County Chorus sang a national Anthem Medley. The girls in this chorus also sing in a selective county

In their last performance before moving onto junior high, the King's Glen sixth grade class performed next, with songs including "You Can't Stop the Beat" from the Hit Broadway musical Hairspray, and "Bridge Over Troubled Water," by Paul Simon. Student Daphne Hoskins accompanied, as well as school principal Sam Elson on

Last, but not least, the entire Kings Glen Chorus sang the popular Bruno Mars song "Count on Me" as a special goodbye to their elementary school. Sixth grader Daniel Niedringhaus joined his principal on percussion for the final number.

The biggest surprise of the night, however, came from a reworked version of "Pachelbel's Canon"instead of a song typically played at weddings and formal events, the students put words to the tune, and created a catchy homage to Taco Bell that students and parents alike will be hard-pressed to get out of their heads.

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English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults and improve your skills. 703-249-1520.

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

Lorton Library Book Club. 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand. Adults. 703-339-7385.

Springfield Writers' Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults. 703-451-8055.

FRIDAY/JUNE 22

Nothin' Fancy. 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria, Bluegrass, Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

Folsom Prisoners. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Classic country. Free. 703-324-7469.

Friday Friends Book Group. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke, Scat by Carl Hiaasen. Age 8-12. 703-249-1520.

Shabbat Under the Stars with Congregation Adat Reyim. 6:30 p.m. 6500 Westbury Oaks Court,



The L.L.Bean Bootmobile, 13' high, which will set foot in Occoquan Regional Park on Saturday, June 23, in honor of L.L.Bean's Outdoor Discovery Day where visitors will learn and try new outdoor activities.

Springfield. Bring your own picnicstyle dairy/parve meal to the Synagogue. www.adatreyim.org/

SATURDAY/JUNE 23

L.L.Bean's Outdoor Discovery

Day. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Occoquan Regional Park, 9751 Ox Road, Lorton. Visitors will learn about and try new outdoor activities.

"Rapunzel." 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Studio 3 Theatre for Young

Audiences, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A lost prince, a two-headed monster, an unscrupulous baker, a lonely witch and a flaxen-tressed maiden. \$8-\$12. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Ruthie & the Wranglers. 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road Lorton Roots/rock Free 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/performances.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900

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SUNDAY/JUNE 24

Unmentionables: 19th Century

Undergarments. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Display and discussion of 19th century female undergarments. Age 13 and up. Full English tea available. \$10-\$30. Reserve at 703-941-7987

Evening Stroll. 8 p.m. Huntley Meadows Park, Harrison Lane and Lockheed Blvd. in Alexandria. See fireflies, owls and bats. Age 6 and up. \$6. Register at 703-768-2525.

Dragonflies. 9 a.m. Huntley Meadows Park, Harrison Lane and Lockheed Blvd. in Alexandria. Dragonflies' life cycle, behavior and identification. \$6. Register at 703-768-2525.

MONDAY/JUNE 25

Upcycle Your Clothes. 2:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bring jeans, t-shirt, high tops or similar clothing and embellish. Bring two items of clothing per teen. Presented by

Shannyn Snyder of Whispering Eden. Age 13-18. 703-249-1520.

Dream Big and Read. 2:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Magician Mike Klee leads a magical adventure. Age 6-12. 703-339-4610.

TUESDAY/JUNE 26

Tuesday Night Book Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. The Academie by Amy Joy. Goodreads reviewers give it four stars. Ages 15-18. 703-249-1520.

Things That Go Boom. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Sound effects, colorful chemistry and good vibrations with Mad Science. Age 6-12. 703-971-0010.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 27

Hangover Royale. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Swing.

Free. 703-324-7469. **Learning English.** 10:15 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610. **Daytime Book Discussion.** 12:15

p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. The Pilot's Wife by Anita Shreve. Adults. 703-339-4610.

Travel Club. 1 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Bring lunch and enjoy a lively discussion. Adults. 703-451

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SATURDAY/JUNE 23

Fairfax County Women in the **NAACP Luncheon.** 1 p.m. Fort Belvoir's Officers Club, 5500 Schulz Circle #20, Fort Belvoir. Celebration of Lillie Morarity for her leadership, dedication to WIN and the NAACP and commitment to community service. \$40. 703-470-2137 or

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 27

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Evolution of Fairfax Series. 7:30 p.m. The Mason Inn and Conference Center, George Mason University, Fairfax. Last of a three part series on where we were, where we are, and where we want to be. Presented by Chairman Sharon Bulova in partnership with the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. Free and open to the public. Reserve at

THURSDAY/JUNE 28 Colonial Republican Women.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church/ Sharon Chapel, 3421 Franconia Rd., Alexandria www.sharonchapel.org

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The Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is developing the "Residences at Mondloch" in partnership with the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, New Hope Housing, and other community partners.



The original four-bedroom farmhouse that became Mondloch House was dedicated in December 1978 as the first shelter in Fairfax County. In 1979, the shelter was named in honor of Bob Mondloch, a founding member of the Route One Task Force for Human Services, who died shortly after the shelter opened.

Shelter Becoming 'Residences at Mondloch'

Mondloch House undergoes renovation, will include 20 affordable housing units.

By Victoria Ross The Connection

airfax County's focus on ending homelessness took a step forward this month when the county began renovating its first ever homeless shelter - Mondloch House - to increase housing opportunities for single adults.

"This is a huge opportunity to house formerly homeless singles in our community," said Dean Klein, director of the county's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH).

When the renovation is complete in June 2013, the Residences at Mondloch will include the creation of 20 affordable efficiency units for formerly homeless adults. The project, estimated to cost \$3,353,204, will expand the 8,463 square foot building and add 2,953 square feet of new floor space.

The housing will provide homeless singles with the rare opportunity to be safely housed while receiving services – substance abuse, medical services, and education necessary to remain independent in the community. According to Klein, residents will be required to pay 30 percent of their income in rent. The units have been designed for persons with disability or employment income that will not support market rents.

"By renovating Mondloch House, we are moving the community another step towards reaching the goal of preventing and ending homelessness by dedicating critical housing and service resources," Klein said.

Mondloch is currently operated by New Hope Housing under contract with OPEH. Klein said Fairfax County's Housing and Community Development (HCD), New Hope Housing and OPEH expressed an interest in upgrading the building to provide the fully-furnished efficiency units after officials determined Mondloch lacked acces-

sibility and needed substantial rehabilitation.

As Fairfax County enters its fifth year of the 10-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, local homeless advocates are sharpening the focus on Housing First and various proven housing strategies to get the homeless housed as quickly as possible. Housing First is a nationwide approach that provides people who are homeless permanent housing first, along with supportive services, instead of placing them into shelters. This means housing becomes the first step in moving out of homelessness, not the last

Through this exciting effort we are able to provide housing opportunities for singles through this new facility. We are also able to implement an innovative approach to serving homeless families who would have been referred to the shelter," said Klein.

Next Steps, a new program operated by New Hope Housing in partnership with OPEH and others, has been launched this year in serving homeless families and families who have experienced domestic violence in 18 scattered site apartments. This program focuses on rapidly moving these families to permanent housing.

"The most pressing issue we have is safe, affordable and accessible housing, "said Michael O'Reilly, Governing Board Chairman of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. "We've been working towards a goal of 2,650 housing units to be made available over the 10-year period in order to end homelessness in our community."

During O'Reilly's annual presentation to the Board of Supervisors in May, he noted that there has been a decrease in the number of people in Fairfax County experiencing homeless for the first time, down from 1,639 in fiscal year 2010 to 1,376 in fiscal year 2011.

Mondloch House – Then & Now

Before there was a Mondloch House, there was - and still is - a Route One Task Force for Human Services. In the mid-1970s, housing was the task force's top priority, and sheltering those who were houses and living in run-down motels along the Route One corridor was the most critical need.

In the early 1970s, Eleanor Kennedy, a task force chair, went before the Fairfax County Redevelop-

ment and Housing Authority and asked for \$10,000 for a shelter. "Naturally, the commissioners wanted to know if I had a plan. The answer was 'no,' but I assumed by the time they gave the money we would have a plan," Kennedy said. I guess they believed me because they gave us \$9,000. In October 1977, we incorporated a new nonprofit agency, Route One Corridor Housing, Inc."

Mondloch House - Then

Route One Corridor Housing's first priority was to locate a shelter facility. Fortunately, a farmhouse was located for \$8,000 down with an option to purchase in 18 months for an additional \$65,000. This was just the opportunity that the new nonprofit needed. In December 1978 the four-bedroom house was dedicated as the first shelter in Fairfax County, and it opened for use in January 1979. Later that year, the shelter was named in honor of Bob Mondloch, a founding task force member and its first treasurer, who died shortly after the shelter opened.

In 1983, Fairfax County built a second facility on the same site, which was named Mondloch II Shelter, in response to the growing need for family shelter. Eight years later a large addition was built using state and county funds. The expanded facility could serve 45 people plus infants, an average of 17 families every night.

In 1999 the original farmhouse was replaced with a handicapped- accessible, more functional facility to serve a changing population of vulnerable single homeless adults. This state-of-the-art facility, still called Mondloch House I, opened in April 2000.

Mondloch House - Now

Under the leadership of Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and other community partners, Mondloch II is being rehabilitated into The Residences at Mondloch, a building of 20 fully-furnished efficiency units.

New Hope Housing, based in Alexandria, has designed and begun implementation of the Next Steps Family Program. The program is an innovative new model for serving families who experience homelessness by utilizing apartments rather than a congregate living facility. The apartment model allows families greater autonomy and provides staff an opportunity to assess daily living skills such as cooking, budgeting, basic home maintenance and parenting. The Next Steps Family Program (which maintains existing shelter capacity) will enable families experiencing homelessness to move more rapidly into permanent housing. The pioneering strategy behind the development of the Next Steps Family Program is its use of tiered service levels that quickly identify and address barriers to housing, enabling the movement of families more rapidly into safe, appropriate and affordable permanent housing.

Information provided by Fairfax County's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness

"This is the first time the partnership has had a baseline to compare against," O'Reilly said

He also noted that during the same period, more homeless were able to move into permanent housing, up from 482 in fiscal year 2010 to 714 in fiscal year 2011.

He cited affordable housing as one of the partnership's biggest challenges. "Creating affordable, appropriate and safe housing options for those at the lowest income levels has to be a top priority. For many of our elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors, long-term affordability is one of the most critical concerns," O'Reilly said.

Nan Roman, president of the National Alliance to End homelessness, said housingcentered solutions are key in order to prevent a rise in homelessness in the future.

In the NAEH's second annual State of the Homelessness report, released in 2012, Roman noted that funds from a \$1.5 billion federal stimulus initiative focused on preventing a recession-related increase in homelessness are nearly gone. Roman said a combination of factors, including persistent unemployment, rising housing cost burden, and an increase in doubled up households, suggest heightened risk of homelessness for more and more Americans.

"In order to prevent a rise in homelessness in the future, we need to prioritize a safety net for the most vulnerable, and to ramp up investment in proven, housing-centered solutions," Roman said.

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Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register at 703-451-5320.

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Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There will be a Terry Hall Concert on Saturday, April 14 at 4 p.m. with old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites and more. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org www.franconiaumc.org

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Church. A group meets at 7:30 p.m. on July 6 and 20 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A group will begin meeting every Wednesday starting September. Sessions are in the Old Parish Hall. All are welcome. Contact Carolyn 703-273-5369 carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

Metropolitan Community Church of Northern Virginia, 10383 Democracy Lane in Fairfax, presents worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and choir practice (open to all) on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. www.mccnova.com or

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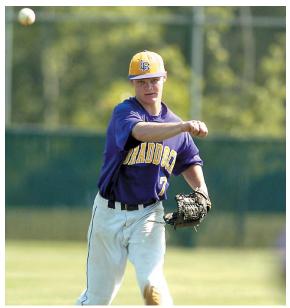
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SPORTS



Lake Braddock's Matt Spruill earned **Second Team All-Northern Region honors** as a second baseman this season.



West Springfield's Taylor Boyd earned All-Patriot District accolades at shortstop.

All-District, All-Region Athletes

were among those to earn special postseason All-District or All-Region accolades this past spring season.

In girls' lacrosse, several Robinson Rams made All-Concorde District. Those players are: Katie McHugh (First Team Attack); Campbell Collier (First Team Midfield); Megan Barlow (First Team Midfield); Maggie Hyland (Second Team Attack); Kate Moody (Second Team Midfield); Devon Schricliffe (Second Team Midfield); Shannon Picard (Honorable Mention Attack); Lauren Rauch (Honorable Mention Goalie).

In boys' lacrosse, Robinson players named to the All-Concorde District team were: Alex Barber (First Team Attack); Clarke Pietruszka (First Team Midfield); Brady George (First Team Defense); Hunter Jasien (Second Team Midfield); Sean McShea (Second Team Midfield); Jack Rowlett (Second Team Defense); Brandon Natsuhara (Second Team long/ short stick); Cullen Kevan (Honorable Mention Attack); Sam Shaw (Honorable Mention Attack); Chapman Jasien (Honorable Mention Attack); Drew Carinci (Honorable Mention Attack); Jack Hamrick (Honorable Mention Attack); Pat Goulding (Honorable Mention Attack); Connor Lloyd (Honorable Mention Midfield); Jude Buckholtz (Honorable Mention Defense); Edriss Sayed (Honorable Mention long/short stick); Taylor Jones (Honorable Mention long/short stick); Nick Kondracki (Honorable Mention Goalie); Louis Lucaczyk (Honorable Mention

Brady George of Robinson was the Concorde District Defensive Player of the Year. The District's Assistant Coach of the Year was Robinson's Eric Ruffer.

In boys' soccer, the following local players earned All-Northern Region accolades: Robinson's Ryan Harmouche (First Team Forward); Woodson's Michael Cherry (First Team Forward); West Springfield's Patrick Burns (First Team Midfield); West Springfield's Jannick Eckenrode (Second Team Forward); Robinson's Sam Yardley (Second Team Forward); Hayfield's Kevin Jimenez (Second Team Midfield); Robinson's Evan Christian (Second Team Defense); Lake Braddock's Tyler Durbin (Second Team Defense); West Springfield's Braden Horton (Second Team Goalkeeper); Woodson's Carlos Canas (Second Team Goalkeeper); Robinson's Mickey Be-

he following local high school athletes lay (Honorable Mention Forward); Robinson's Ben Ferrell (Honorable Mention Midfield); Woodson's Scotty Patterson (Honorable Mention Midfield); Lake Braddock's Reynaldo Pastor (Honorable Mention Midfield); Fairfax High's Peter Lam (Honorable Mention Defense); Robinson's Josh Penn (Honorable Mention Goalkeeper); Fairfax's Joe Rice (Honorable Mention Goalkeeper).

> In baseball, local players to earn All-Northern Region recognition were: South County's Kyle Fairbanks (First Team First Baseman); Lake Braddock's Alex Gransback (First Team Outfield); Robinson's Chase Bailey (First Team Designated Hitter); Robinson's Denis Mikush (First Team Utility); Lake Braddock's Matt Spruill (Second Team Second Base); Edison's Nick Ameen (Second Team Second Base); Fairfax's Sean Ranson (Second Team Third Base); South County's Blake Thompson (Second Team Outfield).

> Lake Braddock's Michael Church was named the Northern Region Pitcher of the Year. Bruins' head coach Jody Rutherford, who led Lake Braddock to the state AAA crown, was named the Region Coach

> In Concorde District baseball, three Robinson Rams earned First Team honors: Patrick Baker (second base); Chase Bailey (Designated hitter); Denis Mikush (both pitcher and utility).

RICH SANDERS



Kelli Stockton and Cory Bowersox - Olympic Trials Divers.

Olympic Hopefuls

Two Area Divers Qualify for 2012 **USA Diving Olympic Trials**

ominion Dive Club, a top six nationally ranked USA Diving club, announced that two of its divers - current and former have qualified for the 2012 USA Diving Olympic Trials.

Cory Bowersox, of Burke, and Kelli Stockton, of Fairfax, plan to compete in the USA Diving Olympic Trials June 19-24 in Federal Way, Wash. at the Weverhaeuser King County Aquatic Center, located just outside of Seattle. Bowersox will be participating in the Men's 3meter springboard event and Stockton will be participating in the Women's 10-meter platform

Bowersox is a graduating senior from James W. Robinson Secondary School and will be attending the University of Texas in Austin in the fall as a member of their dive team. Bowersox is a multiple Virgina State High School Champion, USA Diving Junior National Champion, and USA Diving Senior National Finalist.

Stockton just finished her freshman year at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) under Ron Piemonte. At Olympic Trials, she is representing Dominion Dive Club and head coach John Appleman due to the fact that she qualified for the event while still a member of the team in 2011. Stockton won a Virginia State Championship during her time at Fairfax High School and was also a finalist at multiple USA Diving Junior and Senior National Championships.

Dominion Dive Club was founded in 2007 under Head Coach John Appleman. The team consists of over 140 local area divers ranging from ages 5-18. Since 2007, Dominion Dive Club has produced 12 National Champions, two Olympic Trials Qualifiers, two medalists in International Competition and 23 National Finalists. Dominion Dive Club is currently ranked as a top six USA Diving Club in the entire United Sates.

Waters Named New Paul VI Lax Coach

Served as assistant at powerhouse Chantilly program.

aul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax has announced that Bob Waters is the new boys' lacrosse head coach. Waters has been coaching in Northern Virginia since 1990 and most recently served as the assistant varsity head coach at Chantilly High School where, over the last six years, he helped lead the Chargers to four VHSL state finals appearances, a state championship in 2008, and an overall record of 86-14. Coach Waters played collegiately at the University of Delaware, where he was named All-Con-



Bob Waters.

occasions and served as the team captain for the Blue Hens. Waters recently took early he was employed in a variety of management and lead-

ership roles. He is also the Executive Director of the FuZe Lacrosse Club and has

ference on three successfully helped numerous studentathletes with the college recruiting process for over seven years.

"We are extremely excited about having Coach Waters lead our program to the next level," remarked Paul VI Athletic retirement from Director Billy Emerson. "We were look-N o r t h r o p ing for someone with a strong back-Grumman, where ground in lacrosse, leadership and management. He has all three. Coach Waters' belief in multisport athletes, his knowledge of the game and his track record of success made him the perfect fit for our program."

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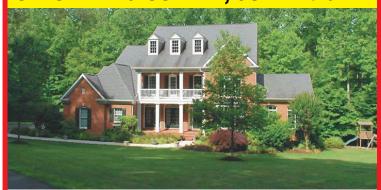
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Stunning Antebellum estate sited on park-like 5 acres offers 6 BRs, 6.5 BAs, 4 fireplaces, and a luxurious main level MBR and MBA. A private guest suite complete with Kit, BA and laundry on the walk-out lower level and a sparkling

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Beautifully landscaped 1.32-acre wooded lot offers utmost privacy! Finished walkout lower level to deck w/hot tub. Huge 2-level deck. Refinished hardwood floors. Freshly painted interior

Brand new carpeting. King-size master suite with sitting room & luxury bath. Fantastic neighborhood. Robinson schools.

Mickie Shea 703-503-1817



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All-stone waterfront home. 4 bedroom 3 bath home in Overton Fork. 2 finished levels, main level master, inlaw suite, 3 separate garages. New boathouse, private beach, ramp, covered pavilion with fireplace. Bulkheaded waterfront. **Douglas Hough 540-846-5844**



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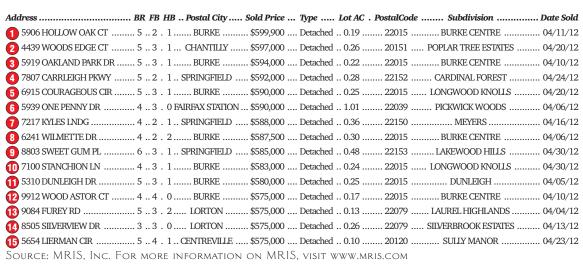
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