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**Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-11) and Cathy Connolly ride in the Ride of the Patriots parade in Fairfax on Sunday, May 26.**

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**Nellie the beagle sits in her sidecar awaiting the start of the 15th Ride of the Patriots on Sunday, May 26. Nellie hails from North Carolina and has tens of thousands of miles under her belt with her family, Mary and Jack Lewis. This is Nellie's eighth Ride of the Patriots.**

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The event is sponsored by Patriot Harley-Davidson and the Fairfax VA Chapter, Harley Owners Group.



**City of Fairfax Mayor R. Scott Silverthorne speaks at the opening ceremony of the 15th Ride of the Patriots at Patriot Harley-Davidson on May 26.**



**Danny Lee, of Richmond, sits in a motorcycle sidecar awaiting the start of the 15th Ride of the Patriots on Sunday, May 26. Lee is a Vietnam veteran whose health has been severely impacted by Agent Orange poisoning. He has always wanted to do the ride.**



**The Armed Forces Color Guard leads the parade that is the start of the 15th Ride of the Patriots on Sunday, May 26 in the City of Fairfax. An estimated 4,000 bikers participated in the ride that starts at Patriot Harley-Davidson and ends at Rolling Thunder's Ride for Freedom.**



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Cuervo and Hamilton are public servants who are already recognized for their work as liaisons to Prince William, Arlington and Fairfax counties, and for their strong hold on VDOT's construction, planning and investment management programs in Northern Virginia, said VDOT Commissioner Greg Whirley.

Helen L. Cuervo, PE. will lead the transportation program for state-maintained roads in Fairfax, Arlington, Loudoun and Prince William counties, and support highways in nine cities and towns. She replaces Garrett Moore, PE., who was promoted to VDOT chief engineer earlier this year.

Cuervo brings 30 years of diverse transportation experience to the job, including 26 years with VDOT. She began her career in the structural design consultant industry and joined VDOT in the Fairfax Residency in 1987. She has managed the preliminary engineering, permits, construction, land development and maintenance programs in Prince William County and later was the government li-



**Helen L. Cuervo**



**Renée N. Hamilton**

aison for Prince William County. She was most recently the district construction engineer, responsible for the delivery of VDOT's \$700 million construction program in Northern Virginia.

Cuervo is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and has held a professional engineer's license in Virginia since 1990. She lives in Prince William County with her husband and four children.

Renée N. Hamilton has more than 25 years of transportation experience. She began her career with VDOT in 1988 as an engineer trainee in VDOT's Central Office and has since served in

several district leadership roles for preliminary engineering, construction and maintenance in the Northern Virginia and Culpeper districts, and as transportation manager for Arlington and Fairfax counties. Most recently she was assistant district administrator for planning and investment management in Northern Virginia.

Hamilton has a Master's in engineering management from Old Dominion University and an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from South Carolina State University. She lives in Fairfax with her husband and two children.

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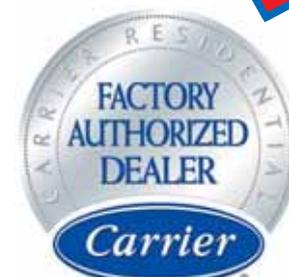


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Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout is sponsored by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County in partnership with local businesses and in collaboration with Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) and the following Fairfax County government departments: Police, Health, Public and Private Partnerships, Neighborhood and Community Services, Public Works and Environmental Services, and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

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Kevin Cao, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School, receives the Tony Griffin Partnership Leader award at the 2013 Celebrate Partnerships Award Ceremony on May 21 at the Mason Inn and Conference Center. Former County Executive Tony Griffin and Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, applaud Cao's initiative in co-founding GIVE, Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education, a tutoring program.



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## Celebrating Partnerships

Fairfax County, FCPS honor 12 public-private partners during awards ceremony.

In the summer of 2012 when most high school seniors are working on their college essays or lounging by the pool, Kevin Cao, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, decided to do something different.

He envisioned a service project, contacted Fairfax County Public Library staff to gauge interest and put the wheels in motion to create a program where older students offer tutoring to younger students in communities where there is a significant need.

He co-founded Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education (GIVE), which encourages and supports "participation in community organizations and other activities that address community needs and opportunities." Through GIVE, he began tutoring, seeking volunteer tutors, reserving rooms at five library branches and publicizing the new service in English and Spanish.

Between October 2012 and February 2013 his partnership with the library served more than 300 students through 1,450 tutoring sessions. If the library or Kevin were to charge even \$15 per session, the value would equal more than \$21,000.

Cao was recognized for his giving with the Tony Griffin Partnership Leader Award at this year's Celebrate Partnerships Awards Ceremony on May 21. The event is hosted by Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools.

"Even at his young age, Kevin Cao exemplifies what we all seek in a community leader, someone with vision, compassion and the wherewithal to take an idea and make it happen for the benefit of people, not just our family or our friends or even ourselves, but to create partnerships that benefit the community as a whole," said Tony Griffin, former Fairfax County Executive.

Cao was one of 12 individuals and groups honored at the event, held at the Mason Inn and Conference Center.

More than 55 businesses and community groups were nominated for these annual awards, which focus on individuals and groups who partner with Fairfax County and FCPS to give back to the community in which they work and live.

The event was attended by more than 380 people who heard from Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County School Board Chair Ilryong Moon, Deputy Division Superintendent Richard



Frost Middle School's Advanced Women's Ensemble sang the National Anthem at the 2013 Celebrate Partnerships Award Ceremony on May 21 at the Mason Inn and Conference Center.

### Winners

- ❖ **OP3 Award Winners**  
Small Business Resource Champion: Comstock Partners  
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Community Resource Connector: A Way Forward  
Media/Communications Partnership: Univision  
Large Business Resource Champion: Target  
Tony Griffin Partnership Leader: Kevin Cao, Thomas Jefferson High School
- ❖ **Fairfax County Public Schools Award Winners**  
Blue Ribbon Mentoring: Providence Elementary School
- ❖ **Blue Ribbon Outstanding Event:** Exxon Mobil Corporation, Micron Technology, Northrop Grumman Information Systems, Noblis, SRC Inc.
- ❖ **Blue Ribbon Workforce Development:** DoD CIO & IT/TM
- ❖ **Community Partner of the Year:** Fairfax Symphony Orchestra
- ❖ **Business Partner of the Year:** Time Warner Cable
- ❖ **Bruce Oliver Leadership Award (Business):** Judy Hubka, Exxon Mobil Corporation
- ❖ **Bruce Oliver Leadership Award (Community):** Evan Glazer, FCPS Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Moniuszko and Fairfax County Director Rob Staltzer.

"Hundreds of our local business and individuals are giving their time, talent and resources as partners in the community. When businesses, the County, FCPS and the local nonprofits team up everybody is a winner," said Patricia Stevens, Executive Director, Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships.

"Together with Fairfax County, we are continually amazed at the generosity and talent our partners provide on a daily basis. These partnerships positively impact our community's youth, which I predict will create a better tomorrow," said Jay Garant, Coordinator, Business and Community Partnerships, Fairfax County Public Schools.

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**Alex Horvath** of Fairfax Station, a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School, won a scholarship from the US state department to study in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia for the summer.

**Maria Larrazabal**, a freshman at Iowa State University, is ranked in the top 2 percent in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The following local students were among about 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students who received degrees from the University of Northern Colorado during spring 2013 graduation ceremonies May 10-11.

The students, degrees, areas of study, honors and hometowns are: **Manal Alanazy**, Doctor of Philosophy, educational technology; and **Raed Tashkandi**, Master of Arts, communication.

**William Ballard**, of Fairfax, son of Aissa and Christopher Ballard, is on the Furman University dean's list for the 2013 spring semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

**Paige Britton**, a freshman at Annandale High School is the "Offensive Player of the Patriot District" and **Christina Nagel**, a junior at West Springfield High School, is the "Defensive Player of the District." Both were recognized on May 10 at the Patriot District Championship game between Woodson and Lake Braddock, along with the First Team All-District Nominees.

**Andrew Poirier** of Springfield graduated from Radford University on May 11, 2013 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing and a Bachelor of Science degree in information science and systems. He also was named



**Alex Horvath**

to the Dean's List for the spring 2013 semester.

**Amitabh Joshi**, of Clifton, is a regional finalist for the 40th Student Academy Awards. A graduate of the New School of Northern Virginia and Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, Amitabh is currently in the MFA program for social documentary film at SVA. His film, "Wonder Workshop," was chosen for contention in the documentary category of the Student Academy Awards. The film was screened in Los Angeles at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater on Tuesday, May 7, if notified that he has been chosen as a National Finalist, Amitabh will return to Los Angeles where on Saturday, June 8, the winners in each of the four categories (Narrative, Documentary, Alternative and Animation) will be announced at the Student Academy Awards ceremony.



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# OPINION

## Don't Be Among the Missing

Last time Virginia elected a governor, 1.7 million voters failed to vote after voting the previous year.

In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

It's a mistake for people offended by the inflammatory and derogatory rhetoric by the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, E.W. Jackson, to think that he is unelectable in Virginia or that his negatives will make Ken Cuccinelli, Republican nominee for governor, unelectable.

It all depends on who turns out to vote. As an example, in November 2007, incum-

bent state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won reelection by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election. Imagine what might be different today if that race had gone differently. Cuccinelli was first elected to the Virginia Senate in 2002 in a special election.

### Primary June 11

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 11, with absentee voting currently underway.

Voters in the Democratic primary will choose between Ralph S. Northam and Aneesh Chopra for lieutenant governor; and between Mark R. Herring and Justin E. Fairfax for attorney general.

In Fairfax County, there is also Democratic primary for District 86, between Jennifer Boysko and Herb Kemp, with the winner facing incumbent Tom Rust (R).

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

on June 11.

Good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, [www.sbe.virginia.gov/](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/),

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City of Fairfax Board of Elections, [www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp).

### Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 16, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com).

— MARY KIMM

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### COMMENTARY

## Reform the Reforms

Reform would re-direct education expectations to ensure that every child becomes a successful learner.

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Anyone with a sibling or with two or more children knows how different children are. Within the same family there are differences in interests, aptitude, personality and temperament. These differences are among the things that make young children unique and special. That is, until they get into the public education stream. Standards set by local, state and now federal officials create a mold each child is expected to fit into. Not unlike a raw material fed into one end of the school factory, the children are expected to come out the other end as a defined product. Teach-

ers are the assembly-line workers with strict product specifications their students are expected to meet with the teacher's rate of pay increasingly dependent upon the students' performance. Quality control is the high stakes, standardized testing that has increasingly been encroaching on instructional time. Too often lost in the process are the special qualities of children that allow them to sing and dance with great success; to use their hands and minds to create, repair and assemble; or to ponder, write and imagine. These skills simply do not fit onto a fill-in-the-bubbles answer sheet.

Schools virtually close down instruction this time of year for the annual standardized tests. Anxiety

rises for children who can no doubt sense it from their parents and the school staff. The race is on to prove the impossible of having everyone be above average. No space is left for the individual child for under the current system every child as an individual is left behind.

I am not alone in my beliefs. Diane Ravitch, a former assistant secretary of education who helped put together the No Child Left Behind program has written a book titled, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education*. Richard Rothstein's new book, *Grading Education: Getting Accountability Right* argues that the current focus on basic skills is narrowing the curriculum allowing schools to get higher test scores without supplying better education. Linda Darling-Hammond in her book *The Flat World and Education: How America's Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future* reviews what the top-performing school systems around the world do to get results. She concludes it



is building a strong, experienced staff with an emphasis on a rich, well-balanced curriculum in the arts and sciences. Finland, the highest performing nation, does not rely on testing.

Increasingly testing has been a relatively cheap and quick way for politicians to say they are working for better schools, but the system they have built is faulty and does not encourage future learning or creativity. Reforming many of the past reforms would not lower our expectations; it would re-direct them to ensuring that every child was a successful learner who would be able to succeed in a changing world.

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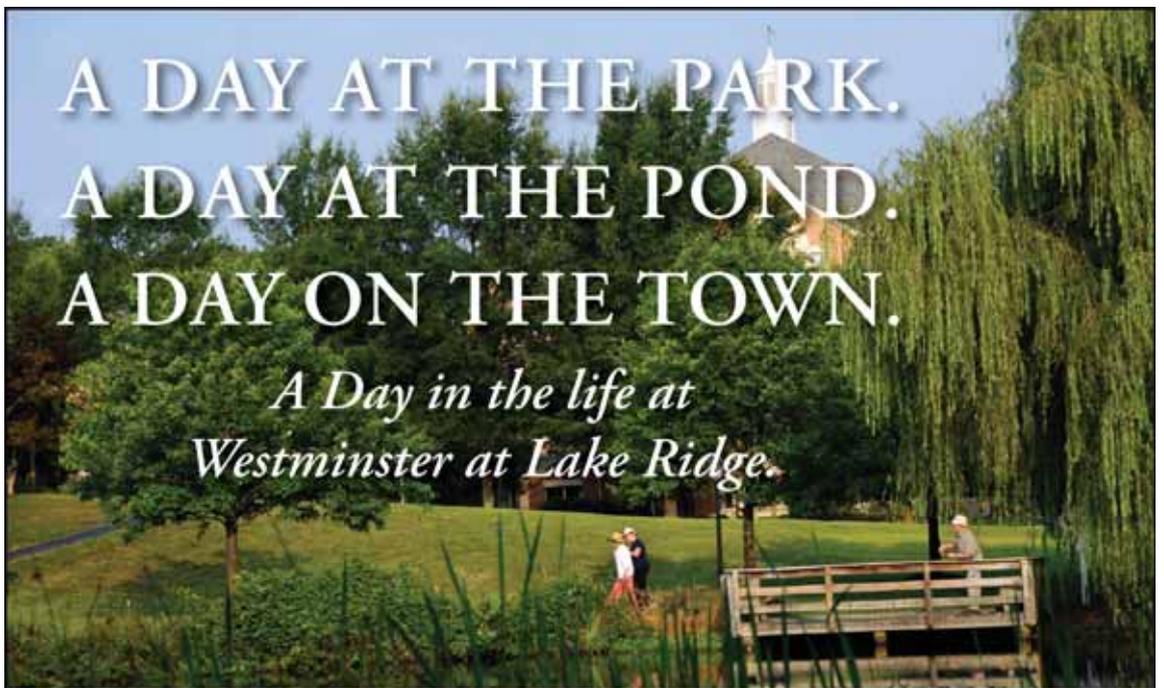


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Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that takes place the weekend after Memorial Day each year. This year it will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, with multiple events on each day. Springfield Days includes many different types of events and activities that provide fun and entertainment to all ages. Visit <http://www.springfielddays.com/> for more information.

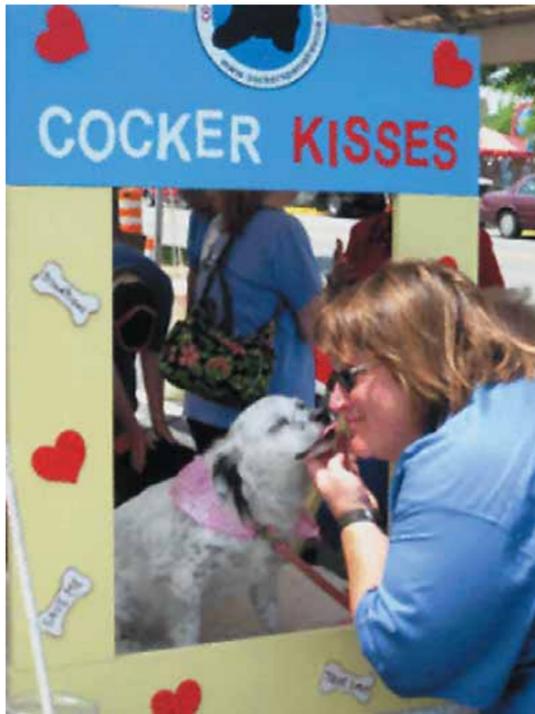
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The pet kisses booth is always a popular attraction during Springfield Days.



Carnival rides and cotton candy—a FamilyFest tradition—will be at Springfield Days 2013 during June 1 and 2.

## SUMMER FUN

# Workhouse Arts Center Rolls Out 'Robust' Summer Schedule

Free concerts, fireworks, urban art and more make the former prison a Lorton community center.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Since opening in 2008 as the Workhouse Arts Center, the staff within the stately red bricks of what was originally a Progressive Era prison has worked to develop the site as a central fixture of the Lorton community. To that end, the Workhouse campus supports a year-round bench of over 100 artists in six studio buildings, a Youth Arts Center, arts education program and theater, music, film and dance performances.

The regular programming of exhibitions and art walks every second Saturday evening of the month heats up this summer, with an impressive slate of special events including a multi-night run of "Fame: The Musical" (Aug. 23, 24, 25, 29 and 30) and "360 Degrees of Post-Traumatic Stress," an exhibition of work from veterans in therapeutic art programs at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (June 2 through August 16).

"IT'S A MUCH MORE ROBUST PROGRAM than in previous years," said Camela Speer, director of marketing for the Workhouse and Fairfax Station resident. Each summer, she said, they have been "tweaking it, trying to find something that will really interest the community."

When the Workhouse first opened its doors, there was an immediate and unforeseen need for arts education in the South County area. There was also no real "center" for Lorton as a whole. Now, education is one of the largest program focuses at the Workhouse—their themed summer camps for ages 6-15 include graphic design affiliated with George Mason University, visual arts, dance, theatre and music.

The challenge is tying everything together.

"We would like to see ourselves becoming a community center," continued Speer, "one that educates and involves the community in all forms of art. How do we present something where they can experience visuals, performances and arts education—which you don't necessarily find in one ball of wax, anywhere."

They aren't there yet, she admitted, but by continuing to program larger and more diverse activities, as well as partnering with other community organizations, the Workhouse is engaging more local residents than ever before. Joining forces with Fairfax County for the all-things-green SpringFest 2013 in April drew more than 3,000 people to campus in a single day.

They have similarly linked up with the Fairfax County Park Authority to host a summer-long "Mount Vernon Nights



"Pleasures Ruined," by Drew Storm Graham, airbrush on wood, is an example of the "low-brow" art on display as part of the exhibition "Urban Decay 4."

Fireworks light up the summer sky above the Progressive Era brick structure.



This summer, the Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series takes place on the Rizer Pavilion Stage in the Workhouse quad.

Concert Series" of free performances each Saturday night. The partnership should help boost exposure and bring more of the community together.

"Becoming a place for people to be,"

said Speer, "is key to our success."

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING of performances, exhibitions, events and camps, visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).



### When and where

Urban Decay 4, Workhouse Arts Center McGuireWoods Gallery, June 1-July 28  
Opening reception Saturday, June 8, 6-11 p.m.; artist panel 5 p.m.

For the fourth year, the Workhouse, in collaboration with Urban Art Syndicate (UAS), presents an exhibition of artists from around the country who are part of the populist movement described as "low-brow urban art." The multi-media work is influenced by punk music, graphic novels, tattoo culture and street art, and is "seen by many in the art world as 'delinquent art' or 'deviant art,'" said Debra Yarrington, UAS curator. The reception event on June 8 will feature live graffiti in the Workhouse quad, tattooing in the exhibition space and live music from the local band Lightspeed Rescue and Thrive.

Fireworks & Bluegrass, Workhouse Arts Center Quad, July 6, 7 p.m.

All summer long, the Workhouse will host a weekly free concert series each Saturday night, programmed by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Genres range from jazz and folk to tango and Celtic. Among the most noteworthy performances on the bill are the service ensembles, including the US Navy's "Commodores" (jazz) and Air Force's "Strolling Strings" ("light classics"). For the near-Fourth of July fireworks on July 6, the bluegrass group Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen provide a patriotic aural backdrop.

Summer Art Party on the Quad, Workhouse Arts Center Quad, June 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (Fitness walk at 9:30 a.m.)

A three-mile fitness walk into Occoquan Regional Park and back, led by the Workhouse Movement Director Lesley Spalding, sets up a day filled with a myriad of artistic and interactive activities. From a Chinese Brush Painting demonstration and "Art to Wear" fashion show by the Workhouse Fiber Artists, to a kite-making workshop and community pillow fight, there's a lot of party packed into one quad.

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Scouts salute the monuments of Generals Isaac Stevens and Philip Kearny in Ox Hill Battlefield Park.

# A Time of Remembrance

Memorial Day ceremony held at Ox Hill Battlefield Park.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

The Battle of Ox Hill was fought Sept. 1, 1862 in a torrential thunderstorm. When it ended, two key Union generals were dead and more than 1,500 soldiers had been killed or wounded.

It's the only major Civil War battle that occurred in Fairfax County. But, said historian John P. Murphy, "Since it happened two days after the Battle of Second Manassas and 16 days before Antietam, not many people know about it. It appears as a footnote in history."

However, Fairfax County preserved almost 5 acres of the 500-acre battlefield and, each Memorial Day, a ceremony there honors the fallen soldiers of the Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly. The 18th annual ceremony was held Monday afternoon, May 27, on the historic site at the corner of West Ox Road and Monument Drive in Fair Lakes.

**THE CEREMONY** at Ox Hill Battlefield Park included music, a description of the battle and presentation of the colors and two wreaths at the Ox Hill monuments. Presenting the event were the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Father William Corby Division) and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Murphy, a member of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable and the Father William Corby Division, explained why the fray is sometimes called the Battle of Chantilly. He said the Northern Army named battles after the nearest towns and the Southern Army named them after prominent, geographic points.

"Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee thought Maj. Gen. [John] Pope was going to make a stand in Centreville," said Murphy. "So he sent [Maj. Gen. Stonewall] Jackson's troops up to Northern Virginia to hold Pope's army until Lee got there to destroy it."

However, Union Army Maj. Gen. John Pope sent two brigades under the command of Maj. Gen. Isaac Stevens to block Jackson, and Maj. Gen. Philip Kearny's division joined them. By the time Jackson's army reached Ox Hill, they were tired, hungry and battle-weary—and Stevens' men attacked them immediately.

The battle ultimately ended in a draw, but, said Murphy, "If Lee had sent Maj. Gen. [James] Longstreet, instead of Jackson, it might have turned out differently. He had more men and they were in better shape. And if events were different at Ox Hill, it may have changed events later in Antietam or in



Residents sing "America the Beautiful" to close the ceremony.

the war."

Ox Hill Battlefield Park contains monuments to both Stevens and Kearny, and during Monday's ceremony, a Boy Scout plus Girl Scouts from St. Leo the Great Catholic School in Fairfax placed wreaths between the monuments. The Father William Corby Division presented the colors, and Kate Kane and Jenee Lindner sang while musician Stevie Morris accompanied them on the fiddle and guitar.

Ed Wenzel of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable is a trustee of the monuments, and he told those attending the event of future plans for the battlefield park. "We're going to plant corn, and we have some rail fences to improve and lengthen," he said. "We also want to place six markers along the offsite walking trail that crosses the battlefield to give additional information about what happened here."

**PLANNED, AS WELL**, are markers for four Union and four Confederate soldiers who fought at the Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly. "We also plan future Union and Confederate soldier monuments with their regiments and units inscribed on obelisks," said Wenzel. "We've got two generals commemorated here, but we never commemorated the soldiers, so we're going to do that."

Noting that 516 Confederate soldiers and at least 1,000 Union soldiers were either killed or wounded during the battle, he said the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Ox Hill Battlefield Park is important and meaningful.

"Memorial Day is a day when we remember our war dead," explained Wenzel. "It started in May 1865 when women and young girls laid flowers on the graves of the soldiers on both sides of the war, and now Memorial Day is for all the dead. But it was originally called Decoration Day because they were decorating the soldiers' graves."



The Father William Corby Division of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians presents the colors.

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(From left) Jenee Lindner, Kate Kane and Stevie Morris perform Stephen Foster's "Hard Times."

## GMU President Named Honorary Member of Rotary Club of Fairfax

The Rotary Club of Fairfax inducted Dr. Angel Cabrera, the newly-inaugurated president of George Mason University, as an honorary member on April 29. According to Laura Hills, the club's president, "It is our tradition to make the George Mason University president an honorary member of our club. We were thrilled to bestow this honor upon Dr. Cabrera."

Dr. Cabrera, the sixth GMU president, received a standing ovation upon his induction as an honorary member of The Rotary Club of Fairfax. He then shared his vision for George Mason University with the Rotarians and guests. Notably, he explained an acronym that he referred to as The Mason IDEA. According to Dr. Cabrera, the "I" in IDEA stands for innovation. Many new ideas are promoted in the classrooms each day at George Mason University, he said, in all aspects of education. The "d," for diversity, is an apt description of George Mason University, Dr. Cabrera suggested, as the institution has one of the highest diversity rates of any university in the country. The "e," for entrepreneurship, is highly encouraged and taught at GMU, Dr. Cabrera told the Rotarians and guests. And the "a," for accessibility, describes GMU's commitment to providing accessible education, in both face-



**Laura Hills, president of The Rotary Club of Fairfax, pins a Rotary pin on GMU President Dr. Cabrera's lapel. The pin, a symbol of Rotary, was given to Dr. Cabrera during his induction as an honorary member of the club.**



**Dr. Angel Cabrera was inducted as an honorary member of The Rotary Club of Fairfax on April 29. From left: Rotary club President Laura Hills, Dr. Cabrera, club Vice President Paula Kelley, and club President Elect Sean O'Connell.**

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to-face and online learning environments, Dr. Cabrera said.

Dr. Cabrera further explained to the Rotarians and guests the construction of the new tunnel below Chain Bridge Road that will make access to facilities much easier for students, faculty, and campus visitors. He urged the Fairfax Rotarians, who represent business owners, public servants, attorneys, educators, and medical professionals in the Fairfax community, to regard George Mason as "their" university. GMU is home to the Center for the Arts, he said, which features theater and entertainment all year. In addition, residents may enjoy GMU sports and take classes at the university and at the Osher Life Long Learning Institute. In closing, Dr. Cabrera said that George Mason

University may not focus on being "the best university in the world, but the best for the world."

According to Paula Kelley, vice president of The Rotary Club of Fairfax, "Knowing how extremely busy Dr. Cabrera is, we especially appreciate the time he spent with us. It was a proud day for all of our Rotarians to have him with us and to make him an honorary member of our club."

The Rotary Club of Fairfax meets on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Street in Fairfax City. For more information about the Rotary Club of Fairfax, visit the club's website at [www.fairfaxrotary.org](http://www.fairfaxrotary.org) or email Rotary Club of Fairfax's Executive Director Irby N. Hollans, Jr., at [ihollans@earthlink.net](mailto:ihollans@earthlink.net).

## Sundog Productions Expands in Fairfax

### Sundog hosts grand opening of new 40,000-square-foot facility on June 1.

Sundog Productions, which has been creating custom tie-dye and screen-printed "wearable art" for more than 20 years in the City of Fairfax, announced Tuesday, May 28, the grand opening of its new 40,000-square-foot facility on Saturday, June 1, 2013, 11 a.m. at 3850 Jermantown Road.

The facility is the only manufacturing plant in the region using green energy to power its production process and eco-friendly dye to produce its t-shirts.

"As part of our commitment to the environment, focusing on green and sustainable solutions, our new facility in the City of Fairfax will reduce its carbon footprint through the use of geo-thermal and solar energy systems and eco-friendly dyes," said CAS Shiver, Sundog Productions founder.

"The benefits from our green energy efforts have improved core manufacturing processes without compromising product quality," Shiver said.

The new plant includes a diverse clothing factory with sewing, screen printing, embroidery and custom dyeing capabilities, all under one roof. It is the only factory of its kind on the East Coast.

In the new space, the company will continue to develop several popular niche brands, including IMAGINE Greenwear, SportScience, Sewell, Not Fade Away, Metaware, Tie Dye Doodle and Sunpup. Two of Sundog's newest creations are Sundog SeaInk and Sundog Sunburn printing. Sundog SeaInk is considered the most eco-friendly printing system for natural fibers on the market today.

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—VICTORIA ROSS

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Friends of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew's holds a **Service of Contemplation and Prayer** in the Style of Taizé on Sunday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The service combines meditative music, readings, prayers and silence to allow the participant to quiet his or her soul and encounter the divine. Child care will be provided for younger children; older children and teens are encouraged to participate in the service.

**Fairfax Baptist Temple**, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a Bible Study Fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and Children's Church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or [www.fbtministries.org](http://www.fbtministries.org).

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**First Baptist Church of Springfield** offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or [www.fbcspRINGfield.org](http://www.fbcspRINGfield.org).

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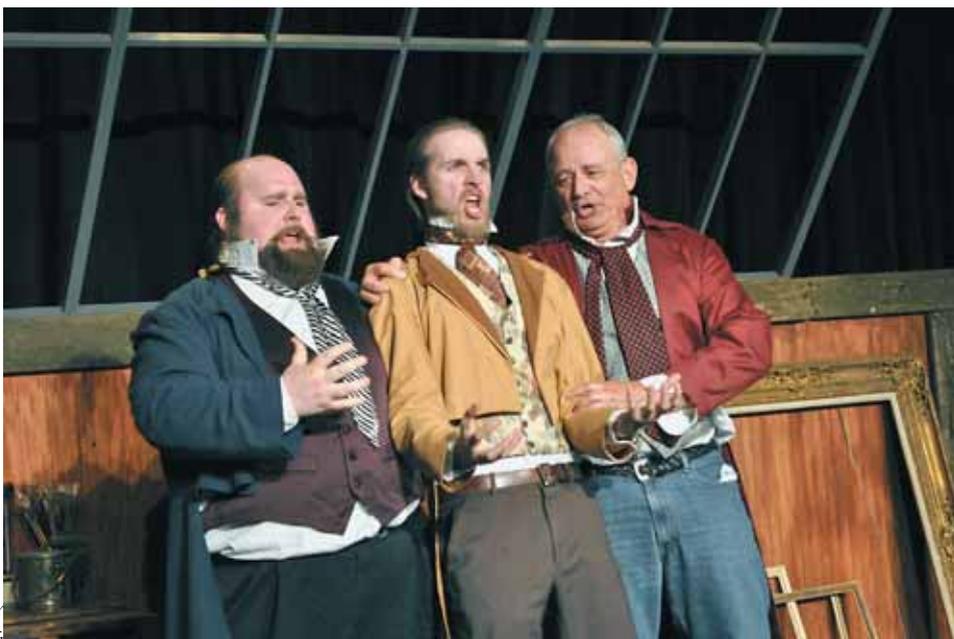
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## SUMMER FUN

From left: Thane Tuttle (Dutchy), Christopher Schwartz (O'Shaunessy), and Craig Geoffrion (Chicago) rehearse a scene from PPF's production of the Mark Twain/David Ives comedy "Is He Dead?"



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CHIP GERTZOG

## Bringing to Life 'Is He Dead?'

Providence Players present recently unearthed Mark Twain comedy.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

It is rare that a play written by one of America's iconic writers is found and produced a century after it was written. But the Providence Players are bringing to life "Is He Dead?" written by Mark Twain in 1898 and first published in print in 2003.

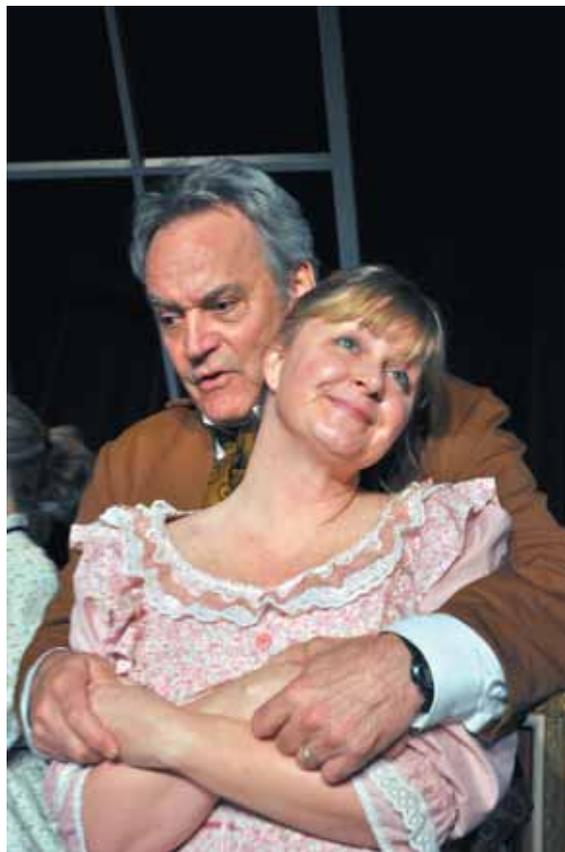
Playwright David Ives, whose works have been seen at the Shakespeare's Theatre and Studio Theater in D.C., adapted the play for contemporary audiences in 2007 and it had a Broadway run.

"Is He Dead?" is a fictionalized account of a real-life mid-19th century French painter, Jean-Francoise Millet. In the Twain play the painter struggles to be recognized; his paintings are not selling. He is peniless. What should he do? With scenes reminiscent of the Carol Burnett Show with Harvey Korman and Tim Conway in their full-out lunacy along with some Marx Brothers thrown in, an idea is hatched. The male painter will stage his own fake death. He will return dressed as a quite flamboyant woman to fool people and help his artwork climb in value.

"Is He Dead" is full of deceptions, its share of physical comedy and a good bit of cross-dressing, according to veteran director Beth Hughes-Brown. The audience is in for "the time of their lives with this modern, snappy comedy." There will be plenty of winks and nods ala Monty Python with a full-of-life 16-member cast. There is even can can.

The lead role of Jean-Francoise Millett is played by Patrick David, who has appeared in many Providence Players productions. In an interview, David was all grins and twinkling eyes as he described his multi-character roles, calling the play "a timeless, broad comedy." When asked about his favorite lines, he broke out into a huge smile thinking about just which line to mention. "There are so many great lines and physical humor that go along with them," including when he is decked-out in a full fashion statement in his feminine character.

The Providence Players even enlisted the painterly



Patrick David (Millet) and Liz Mykietyn (Marie) in the Providence Players comedy production of Mark Twain's "Is He Dead?"

### Where and When

Providence Players of Fairfax present "Is He Dead?" at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Performances May 31-June 15. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m. June 2 & 9. Tickets: \$15-\$18. Call 703-425-6782 or visit: [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org).

skill of local professional painter Paul Hennesy. Hennesy painted the various works shown throughout the production that are attributed to Jean-Francoise Millet.

So, get ready for some out-right outrageousness with the Providence Players. Be ready to take in some delightful silliness along the way with the sightings of some unexpected, unlikely characters including one bigger than life "peerless Goddess."

Alex Nicopoulos and Doug Klain as Dolly and Horace in Fairfax High's "Hello, Dolly."



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## Wild Night of Romantic Love

Fairfax High's production of "Hello, Dolly!"

BY DARYL BRIGHT  
DUKE ELLINGTON SCHOOL OF  
THE ARTS

Ostentatious hand-made hats, slap-on-the-knee antics and a fast-talking matchmaker all made for a wild night of romantic love and unexpected surprises in Fairfax High School's production of "Hello, Dolly."

Based on Thornton Wilder's "The Matchmaker," this classic musical was written by Michael Stewart with lyrics by Jerry Herman. The beloved show has earned great acclaim, winning 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical for its 1964 original production, and was even made

into a film of the same name in 1969. "Hello, Dolly" tells the story of matchmaker/dance instructor/music teacher or rather "meddler," Dolly Levi, who is hired to find a wife for the grumpy half-millionaire Horace Vandergelder. But little does Horace know that Dolly really intends on having him for herself. However, an adventurous trip to New York City ending in chaos and an unjust court-trial results in an unexpected romantic happily-ever-after for all.

Many characters stood out in the show. Dolly Levi (Alexandra Nicopoulous) wowed the audience whenever she was on stage. Not only did her impressive character choices shine through when she spoke, but her royal Broadway-worthy voice continuously raptured the audience, as well. Not to mention, the magnetic chemistry of the two friends and co-workers, Cornelius (Will Park) and Barnaby (Derek Yost). These two immature boys never ceased to have the audience crying from laughter. In the beginning of the show, slapstick physical acts were at times sloppy, some of the cast lacked energy and some actors lacked character depth; however, these three weaknesses steadily disappeared as the show progressed.

CAPPIES  
REVIEW

Fairfax High's performance of "Hello, Dolly" was successfully led by its solid orchestra. From its upbeat tunes dominated by the trumpets to its passionate moments guided by its melodious woodwinds, the pit orchestra consistently blended well with the cast. A few untidy scene transitions took a bit away from the performance, however the vivacious lights added lustre to the show.

By the end of the show, audience members were "aww"ing because Dolly and Horace's big kiss was the cherry on top. Fairfax High School proved to its audience that it truly does "take a woman."

# CALENDAR

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## FRIDAY/MAY 31

**Alice in Wonderland Jr.** 7:30 p.m., at Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Northern Virginia Players present Alice's madcap adventures with the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts. Performances are dedicated to Bobby Collar, a member of the players who died unexpectedly Feb. 14; part of ticket proceeds will go to the Bobby Collar Memorial Fund. NVPlayers.com.

**Macbeth.** 7:30 p.m., at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9109 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of "Macbeth" will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 1

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**Arlington Rose Foundation's 57th Rose Show.** 1-6 p.m., at Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks, 2101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Rose Show includes over 50 categories of rose material including photography, fragrance and a silent auction. 703-371-9351 or [pam1powers@aol.com](mailto:pam1powers@aol.com).

**Springfield Days.** 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park Reservation Dr, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a pool party, "Pet Fest" and many more fun activities. <http://www.springfielddays.com/>.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 2

**Arlington Rose Foundation's 57th Rose Show.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks, 2101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Rose Show includes over 50 categories of rose material including photography, fragrance and a silent auction. 703-371-9351 or [pam1powers@aol.com](mailto:pam1powers@aol.com).

**Cardboard Boat Regatta.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Rd, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline. 703-569-0285 or [julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Macbeth.** 4:30 p.m., at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., McLean. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of Macbeth will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

## MONDAY/JUNE 3

**2013 Charity Golf Tournament.** 12:30 p.m. at the Westfields Gold Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) of Northern Virginia is hosting the tournament for the benefit of The Shepherd's Centers of Northern Virginia. Reservation required. \$150. [naifanova@gmail.com](mailto:naifanova@gmail.com) or [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org).



An annual display of drawings and paintings of Burke Centre Art Instructor Carol Zeitlin's art students is up through May 30 at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Raod, Burke.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 7

**Summerland Tour.** 7:15 p.m., at the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Centre, 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax. Come and enjoy the alternative music starring Everclear, Live and Filter & Sponge; advance tickets go on sale on May 7 at Wegmans in Fairfax, Dulles, and Gainesville. \$4-\$12. [www.celebratefairfax.com](http://www.celebratefairfax.com).

Additional cards \$1 per card per game. 703-426-2828 or [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org).

**The B-52s Concert.** 8 p.m., at the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Centre, 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax. Rock band The B-52s play, with 35 years of musical experience; advance tickets go on sale on May 7 at Wegmans in Fairfax, Dulles, and Gainesville. \$4-\$12. [www.celebratefairfax.com](http://www.celebratefairfax.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 8

**Bingo Fundraiser for the Family.** 1-3 p.m., at the Parish Center Gym, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. All the proceeds benefits from the bingo will go to the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) and its work for area seniors; refreshments provided. \$12 each, which includes two Bingo Cards for the entire event.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 9

**Spin Doctors Concert.** 4:30 p.m., at the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Centre, 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax. Spin Doctors, formed in 1988 in New York City, plays hits from "Full of Kryptonite," which sold over five million copies in the US. \$4-\$12. [www.celebratefairfax.com](http://www.celebratefairfax.com).

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# Lake Braddock Baseball Returns to Region Semifinals

## Bruins beat Madison, will face Marshall.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock baseball coach Jody Rutherford didn't want to play the underdog card, feeling his players wouldn't approve. As it turned out, Rutherford's big-game pitcher already felt the Bruins had something to prove.

Senior left-hander Thomas Rogers, who threw a four-hit shutout in last season's AAA state championship game before undergoing off-season Tommy John surgery, took the mound for the Bruins on Monday night in the Northern Region quarterfinals. His opponent was the Liberty District champion Madison Warhawks, winners of 22 in a row prior to Monday's matchup. Lake Braddock had lost to South County in the Patriot District championship game on May 20 and dealt with injuries early in the season. Despite being the defending state champ, Lake Braddock, on paper, was an underdog.

With the Bruins' season on the line Monday, Rogers was on a pitch limit of 75 as he continues working his way back from off-season surgery.

He made them count.

Rogers kept Lake Braddock in the game, allowing one earned run in four-and-one-third innings, and the Bruins beat the Warhawks 9-6 at Madison High School. Rogers surrendered four runs—one earned—on four hits while walking three and striking out six. He threw 74 pitches before being pulled with one on and one out in the bottom of the fifth inning, with Lake Braddock leading 6

"This is an ultra-competitive game and not being out there all the time all year long and being thrown out into a really ultra-competitive game is tough on a kid," Rutherford said. "[Rogers] competed his [butt] off. He just probably needed to control his emotions a little bit more early on. When he's on the mound, our team has the utmost confidence in him."

Lake Braddock earned a trip to the re-



Lake Braddock pitcher Thomas Rogers earned the victory against Madison in the Northern Region quarterfinals on Monday, May 27.

gion semifinals, where the Bruins faced Marshall, the Liberty District's No. 4 seed, on Wednesday, May 29, after The Connection's deadline. The winner earned a berth in the state tournament.

Did Rutherford play the "underdog" card prior to Monday's game?

"I didn't really play the underdog card because I think if I would have said that to my guys, they would have looked at me like, are you crazy coach? Where's coach Ruth-

erford? That type of deal," he said after the Bruins beat Madison. "I just approached it [as] if we're the better team, then it will be decided on the field."

How would Rogers have reacted if Rutherford said the Bruins were underdogs?

"I probably would have thought since we were the champions last year and nobody was giving us any credit with all our injuries and everything, and it seemed like ev-

erybody was overlooking us," Rogers said. "We felt like we had something to prove today and I feel like we proved that."

Lake Braddock struck first with three runs in the top of the first inning. Senior catcher Garrett Driscoll ripped a two-run double and Rogers added a sacrifice fly.

Madison responded with two in the bottom half and tied the score at 3-all with a run in the third.

Lake Braddock took the lead for good when sophomore second baseman Nick Neville drove in a run with a single in the fourth. The Bruins would extend their lead to 6-3.

Neville, who joined Lake Braddock this season after moving from Arizona, went 3 for 4 with two RBIs, including a two-out RBI single in the seventh, which gave the Bruins a 9-5 advantage.

"Lefty-lefty, I was just trying to stay back, just trying to drive the ball up the middle," Neville said of his seventh-inning at-bat. "[The pitcher] hung a curveball and [I] just hit it back up the middle."

Madison brought the tying run to the plate in the bottom of the seventh, but Lake Braddock reliever Nick McIntyre ended the game with a strikeout.

Driscoll went 2 for 3. Third baseman Alex Lewis finished 2 for 4 with two RBIs. Center fielder Alex Gransback was 1 for 3 with an RBI.

Logan Claybrook and John Defazio each had two hits for Madison, and Michael Nielson went 1 for 4 with a double and two RBIs.

**"We felt like we had something to prove today and I feel like we proved that."**

**—Lake Braddock senior Thomas Rogers**

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### AREA ROUNDUPS

## Madison Boys' Lax Wins Region Championship

The Madison boys' lacrosse team defeated Chantilly 7-6 on May 24 to capture the Northern Region championship at Chantilly High School.

The victory improved Madison's record to 16-5 and assured the Warhawks of a home game in the AAA state quarterfinals.

Madison also took home the Liberty District championship this season, beating Langley 10-2 in the district final on May 10.

The Warhawks will host the West Central runner-up in the state quarterfinals either May 31 or June 1.



The Madison boys' lacrosse teams celebrates after winning the Northern Region championship with a 7-6 victory against Chantilly on May 24.

## Madison Softball Beats Oakton

The Madison softball team defeated Oakton 5-0 on Monday in the Northern Region quarterfinals at Falls Church High School.

The Warhawks will face McLean in the semifinals at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29 at Falls Church. The winner secures a berth in the state tournament.

Oakton's season ended with the loss. The Cougars won the Concorde District championship with a 2-0 victory over Chantilly on May 20.

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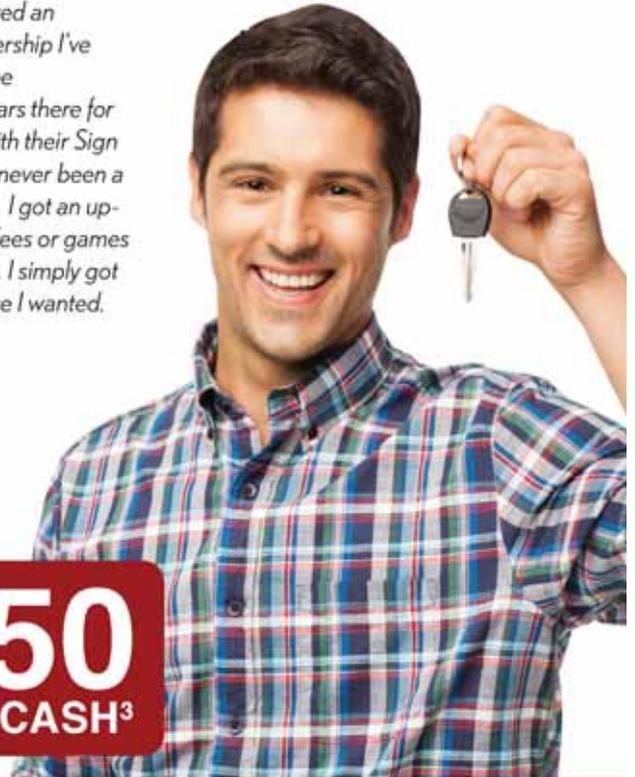


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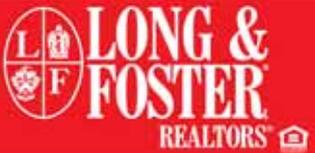
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