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The drive-up window at the Burke Centre Library.



Paws to Read, a play on words to encourage patrons to pause to read this summer and participate in the summer reading program at Burke Centre Library.

# Summer With Books Burke Centre Library kicks off summer reading program.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO  
THE CONNECTION

**B**urke Centre Library started their summer reading program on June 20. This year each branch of the Fairfax County Public Library created its own suggested reading lists. There are reading programs for adults, as well as children.

Nancy Klein, the youth services librarian at Burke Centre Library, said that her department chose the books based on well-established authors and variety. "We offer

fiction, nonfiction, mysteries, biographies," she said.

Participants read 15 books. They do not have to read what is on the list. After completing 15 books, they can collect a prize from a coupon book from local businesses, such as SplashDown Waterpark in Manassas, Six Flags Adventure in Upper Marlboro, and Cold Stone Creamery.

The library is also having an origami contest that ties in with the summer reading program and the Read to the Dog program of the Fairfax County Public Libraries. The Read to the Dog program aims to improve

reading by encouraging children with reading challenges to read to a dog. The origami contest is open to all ages.

Burke Centre Library is the newest library in the Fairfax County Public Library system. It opened in 2008. It is the only library in the system that has a drive-up window. Linda Schlekau, the branch manager, said that it took a while for patrons to understand what it was.

"We had to put a lot of signs on it because people thought it was just another window," she said.

But it does get some use, especially in the

summer time. People walk up or drive up on their bikes," she said.

Chris Della Santina, of Clifton, parked his car near the entrance of the drive up window, got out, and went inside the library. "I'm just not used to it.

Plus, I had some book donations to drop off," he said.

Mary Mulrenan, marketing director of Fairfax County Public Library, said that the drive up window was a suggestion of an architect and that it fit the Burke Centre Library community profile—a car dependent community.

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# Cherry Run Celebrates 30 Years

School reflects on past, looks forward to renovations.

**N**ovember 13, 1983 was dedication day for Cherry Run Elementary School, located just off Fairfax County Parkway in Burke. Over thirty years later, the school is celebrating its 30th anniversary, remembering years past and celebrating those to come.

After the school's spring band concert, 30 students were each handed a balloon with a year on it. The students then read facts from each year of the school's history, ending with 2013.

Some facts from throughout the years: in 1984, the school had two head start classes. In 1988, the mascot became the cardinals. In 1998, special education preschool began, and the classes had their first spring baseball game, a tradition that still continues to this day. In 2000, Cherry Run had ten Geography Bee finalists. In 2008, Cherry Run celebrated 25 years with drawings done by students and staff. In 2010, Mark Bibbee became principal.

Now, at the end of the 30th school year, students and staff are looking forward to renovations at Cherry Run.

"This is a look at our past and where our school's been and how far it's come," Bibbee



**Mark Bibbee, principal of Cherry Run Elementary School in Burke, talks about the school's history at an event celebrating its 30 year anniversary.**

said.

Cherry Run was a state-of-the-art school in 1983, Bibbee said.

"We're in a very exciting time because we have a renovation committee, our renovation bond passed in November, and we've already have three iterations of what our new school is going to look like.

Bibbee told the crowd gathered at the celebration that the school is very excited about where it is heading.

"I firmly believe we have the best staff in all of Fairfax County," Bibbee said.

— JANELLE GERMANOS

**Students at Cherry Run Elementary School in Burke read off facts from each year of the school's 30 year history.**

PHOTOS BY  
JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION



## Retired Educators Award Scholarships Seven aspiring educators from Fairfax County receive awards.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

**A**spiring educators from across Fairfax County were honored for their accomplishments and presented with scholarships to help them begin their teaching careers at a luncheon and ceremony held by the Fairfax County Retired Educators on June 12 in Fairfax.

Every year, FCRE awards students interested in teaching careers with \$2,000 scholarships. This year, the seven students were either graduates or soon-to-be graduates of high schools throughout Fairfax County, including Robinson, Lake Braddock, West Springfield, Marshall, McLean and James Madison.

Anna Barr, recipient of one of the Bobbi Vest Memorial Scholarships, is a 2014 graduate of Robinson Secondary School. She will be attending the University of Virginia this fall.

"Education is something that I've been sure about for a long time now," Barr said.

Kimberley Drummond, who graduates this June from Lake Braddock Secondary School, is the second recipient of the Bobbie Vest Memorial Scholarship. She will be attending William and Mary in



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**The recipients of scholarships from the Fairfax County Retired Educators gather at a luncheon honoring their accomplishments on June 12. From left: Talia Schmidt, a recipient of last year's scholarship, Kimberley Drummond, Billie Johnson, president of FCRE, Sydney Kirwan, Elizabeth McCune, Phyllis Rittman, Julia Gurdak, John Dent, incoming president of FCRE, Sandra Richie, and Anna Barr. Not pictured: Scholarship recipient Emily Colon.**

the fall and hopes to return to Fairfax County.

"I hope that I have the privilege of working here like my mom does," Drummond said.

Sydney Kirwan, another 2014 graduate of Lake Braddock, is a recipient of the W. Harold Ford Scholarship and will be attending the University of Virginia.

Emily Colon, a junior at Virginia Tech, is a graduate of West Springfield High School

and the recipient of the Mary O. Ambler Scholarship.

Julia Gurdak, a graduate of Marshall High School, is the recipient of the Harriet B. Mika Memorial Scholarship and will be attending Vanderbilt University.

Sandra Richie, a graduate of James Madison High School, is the recipient of the Herbert Grady Carpenter Scholarship Award, presented by Apple Federal Credit Union. Richie attends James Madison Uni-

### 2014 FCRE Scholarship Recipients

Anna Barr, Robinson Secondary School  
Emily Colon, West Springfield High School  
Kimberley Drummond, Lake Braddock Secondary  
Julia Gurdak, Marshall High School  
Sydney Kirwan, Lake Braddock Secondary School  
Elizabeth McCune, McLean High School  
Sandra Richie, James Madison High School

versity.

Elizabeth McCune is a graduate of McLean High School and will be attending Stanford University.

"I will always continue to learn so that I am knowledgeable and masterly among my subject's contemporaries in order to provide students high caliber instruction," she said.

Karen Garza, superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, was a special guest speaker at the luncheon. Garza spoke to the future of schools in Fairfax County and current events in the county.

"It's been a busy year, but a good busy," Garza said.

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## NEWS

# What's Offensive about Redskins Pride?

**Absolutely nothing,  
if you're state Sen.  
Chap Petersen.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** lifelong Redskins fan, Fairfax state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) has had it up to here with all the talk about the need to change the name of his beloved football team.

He vented his frustration and indignation on his blog — Ox Road South — but said he was leery of tackling what he deemed the forces of political correctness in the “War Against the Redskins” until June 18, when the Federal Patent Office blocked the team’s Redskins trademarks, declaring that the name was “disparaging” to Native Americans at the time the trademarks were registered — as far back as 1967.

That action pushed Petersen off the sidelines to lead an offensive attack.

On Monday, June 23, he announced the formation of the “Redskins Pride Caucus,” a bipartisan alliance with two other state lawmakers from Northern Virginia — Republican Del. Jackson Miller (Manassas) and Republican Del. David Ramadan (Loudoun.)

The three men scheduled a news conference at the State Capitol the same day. By the time the news conference started, several other lawmakers joined the group in announcing the caucus: Sen. Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth), Sen. Frank Ruff (R-Mecklenburg), Del. Lionell Spruill (D-Chesapeake), Del. Michael Webert (R-Fauquier), Del. Michael Futrell (D-Prince William) and Sen. Bill Stanley (R-Franklin).

After the news conference in Richmond the same day, Petersen became the popular pick for making the case on news shows and sports talk shows. The story was picked up by dozens of newspapers — including USA Today and The Boston Globe — sparking heated debates by people posting on media websites.

**THE CAUCUS** gained momentum throughout the day, and by Tuesday afternoon comprised top leadership from both houses of the legislature — and from both parties — including Senate Majority Leader Tommy



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION  
**State Senator Chap Petersen (D-34)**

**“We’re not the KKK; we’re not a bunch of insensitive old white guys. People who know me may say I’m a boring old white guy ...”**

— State Senator Chap Petersen (D-34)

Norment (R-James City County), Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-Fairfax), House Majority Leader Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights) and House Majority Caucus Chairman Tim Hugo (R-Fairfax).

“I wanted to speak for fans who say ‘You know what? Enough is enough,’” Petersen said in an interview Tuesday. “(Who) has the back of a few thousand loyal Redskins fans who never did anything wrong, except to love a football franchise that united this town in way nobody did before?”

The Redskins Pride Caucus had scored, giving a voice to Redskins fans of all stripes.

“I don’t get the controversy,” said Daniel Flores, a 47-year-old Redskins fan from Burke. “The name was chosen to represent the bravery and fierce fighting abilities of Native Americans. It’s a respectful name, not insulting.”

“The government has no place in forcing [franchise owner Dan] Snyder’s hand,” said Stephanie Sullenger of Vienna. “The issue should be left to the franchise and the fans themselves as no one but Snyder can seem

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## The Redskins Pride Caucus Founding Principles

- ❖ Providing a voice for Redskins fans and season tickets holders.
- ❖ Supporting the Redskins franchise, a Virginia-based business that generates hundreds of millions of dollars in taxable revenue for schools, roads, public safety and other important public services in the Commonwealth.

- ❖ Opposing the inappropriate involvement of the United States Congress in issues surrounding the Redskins franchise and its supporters.
- ❖ Supporting commercial freedom in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the rights of businesses to their own brands and intellectual property.

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State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax – center), stands with Republican Delegates David Ramadan of Loudoun (left) and Jackson Miller (Manassas) right, during a news conference at the Capitol in Richmond Monday, June 23, announcing the formation of the “Redskins Pride Caucus.”



# What’s Offensive about Redskins Pride?

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to get Snyder to act. But in the end, shouldn’t there be a separation between Sport and State?”

One of the caucus’ stated goals is to prevent the U.S. Congress from forcing a name change upon the NFL team.

In the past six months, pressure to change the name has been mounting.

In May, 50 senators — half of the U.S. Senate — sent a letter to the NFL urging the team to change its name. Several Native American groups have declared their opposition to the name. During the NBA finals a few weeks ago, the Yocha Dehe Wintun National paid for an ad that highlighted the history of Native Americans, and took a parting shot at the Redskins.

“Look, if I felt like this was an honest complaint, I would pull it back. But I see so much misinformation about this issue,” Petersen said, adding that many Native Americans call themselves “redskins,” and that the name “Oklahoma” is based on “Choctaw Indian words which translate as “red people.”

“This is truly political correctness on steroids,” Miller said at the news conference.

The Redskins public relations team also attended the news conference, but released a statement asserting that neither the franchise nor Snyder was behind the formation of the caucus in any way.

Snyder has been stalwart in his defense of the name. In a letter he sent to season ticket holders last October, he cited the association of the name Redskins with the team’s long NFL history and its symbolic importance to himself and fans.

**DURING THE NEWS CONFERENCE**, Lucas — whose nephew is Redskins player DeAngelo Hall — said “none of us feel there is any racism and we love the name,” Lucas said.

Petersen said he wants people to know that the caucus is not the KKK. “We’re not just a bunch of insensitive old white guys,” Petersen said, “People who know me may say I’m a boring old white guy ... Seriously, I am here because I believe in the Redskins, and the name was intended to honor American Indians”.

Petersen said the response to the caucus has been overwhelming, and overwhelmingly positive. “I am

## Virginia Members of the Redskins Pride Caucus

In the first day, the following members announced they were joining the Redskins Pride Caucus:

### SENATE OF VIRGINIA

- Majority Leader Tommy Norment (R- James City County)
- Minority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-Fairfax)
- Senator Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax)
- Senator Bill Stanley (R-Franklin)
- Senator Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth)
- Senator Frank Ruff (R-Mecklenburg)
- Senator Walter Stosch (R-Henrico)
- Senator Steve Martin (R-Chesterfield)
- Senator Frank Wagner (R-Virginia Beach)
- Senator Richard Stuart (R-Spotsylvania)
- Senator Ralph Smith (R-Roanoke)

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES

- Majority Leader Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights)
- Majority Caucus Chair Tim Hugo (R-Fairfax)
- Majority Whip Jackson Miller (R-Manassas)
- Delegate David Ramadan (R-Loudoun)
- Delegate Lionell Spruill (D-Chesapeake)
- Delegate Michael Webert (R-Fauquier County)
- Delegate Michael Futrell (D-Prince William County)
- Delegate Dave Albo (R-Fairfax)
- Delegate Scott Lingamfelter (R-Prince William County)
- Delegate Lee Ware (R-Powhatan)
- Delegate Scott Taylor (R-Virginia Beach)

appreciative of all the comments I’ve received — even negative ones.”

But one letter from Karen Fettig of McLean, “really struck me as important, and perhaps offering a solution to the endless ranting. I asked her for permission to print it on my blog, and she said yes.”

“Chap: I happened to catch your bit on the news last night re: The Redskins name. I could not agree with your more. You may recall that I have a good bit of Native blood in me. It infuriates me to see all these ‘white people’ telling me that I should be offended by the name. It’s quite the opposite. Even before I moved to this area, I was a Redskins fan because of their name. It is a very proud heritage. Not one member of my family is offended either. The bottom line is that 90 percent of true Native Americans are not offended in the least. The answer is simple: take a poll of only Native Americans. Whatever that poll says should be the answer. End of story.”

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# OPINION

## Safe Fourth

Talking and planning are the best safety measures; SoberRide offers a safety net.

Independence Day is a national celebration, and for many, that celebration includes alcohol. The summer overall and July 4 in particular are times of greater risk for drinking and driving.

Make a plan. Plan to celebrate with access to public transportation. Plan to have a designated driver. Plan to celebrate in a place safe and comfortable to spend the night.

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But in case those plans go awry, here is a safe alternative.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer free taxi rides home (up to \$30) beginning 10 p.m. the night of July 4 for six hours until 4 a.m. the morning of July 5. Participants must be at least 21. Call 1-800-200-TAXI.

On July 4, 2013, nearly 300 people used WRAP's SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired.

In summer, 44 percent of all U.S. traffic deaths are caused by alcohol-impaired drivers, according to statistics provided by WRAP. SoberRide is a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

For parents of young adults who may be living at home and parents of those under 21, this is time to talk. Ask about plans, ask specifically about getting home. Remind those over 21 to take the WRAP phone number with them.

While you hope that young adults under 21 aren't drinking — because there are lots of dangers to binge drinking beyond drinking and driving — you know that many of them will be drinking. Let your younger family members know that you would much rather pay for a cab or come get them yourself than run the risk of losing them.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 60,565 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

For more information, visit [www.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.com).

—MARY KIMM,

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## Call for Pet Connection

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 23, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 16.

Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans.

We welcome short stories about how you got your pet, a noteworthy talent or anecdote about your pet, tales of the bonds between your family and your pet, plus drawings, paintings or other artwork of your pet by children or adults. Please tell us a little bit about your pet, identify everyone in the photo, give a brief description what is happening in the photo, and include address and phone number (we will not publish your address or phone number, just your town name).

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## 100K Reasons to Find People Homes

BY MAURA WILLIAMS  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/  
FACETS

Sandara was scared of her spouse so she fled and left her life and job behind. Tom suffered from an undiagnosed disease that cost him his job, home and life savings. These unfortunate events led to both becoming homeless and living in the woods of Fairfax County. That's where on a cold winter morning volunteers organized by FACETS and other local nonprofits found them while participating in the 100,000 Homes Fairfax: A Home for All Campaign, which is part of the national 100,000 Homes program, which counts, photographs, and interviews the chronically homeless in an effort to end homelessness.

Fairfax County has nearly 2,900 people who are homeless—14 percent of whom are chronically homeless. Over the course of three mornings, our volunteers met and interviewed more than 400 people who are chronically homeless. The findings were used to create profiles of people to ensure that each individual experiencing homelessness is counted and that their progress in finding housing and services can be better tracked.



Maura Williams

Supporting the County's 10-year plan to end homelessness, the 100,000 Homes Campaign is focused on building efficient local systems that target resources to individuals who are most vulnerable. Campaign partners are committed to getting half of the people most vulnerable who are chronically homeless in supportive housing in three years—which will save money and possibly lives.

Already we have seen success. With the data collected by staff and volunteers, we were able to connect Sandara and Tom with services that have helped them

regain their lives, safety, and dignity. Less than a year later, we celebrated with each of them and 16 others at a housewarming celebration, hosted by FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors by helping those who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County.

During the housewarming, we welcomed these neighbors experiencing homelessness into their own apartments through our new program called TRIUMPH II Housing, which also provides supportive services. These recent successes have propelled the community to meet our goal of 50 people

housed in a year—and we still have two years to go for this campaign with a goal of housing 50 people each year!

We also had the chance to celebrate the program's nationwide success. Last week, I attended an event in DC with Becky Kanis, the director of the national 100,000 Homes program, to announce a major milestone as the 100,000th person—a vet who has been homeless from Arlington, Va.—moved into housing through this ambitious effort. In announcing the milestone, she emphatically declared: "We can forever dispense with the Neanderthal view that people don't deserve or aren't ready for housing."

Although the "100,000" number sounds big, it's the people part that makes it special. Through this campaign, we are able to put a local face on homelessness with real stories about real people. Some are grandmothers, fathers, sons, daughters, and friends. Many work and others have protected our nation. When we met them, they lived in cars, encampments or on the streets, but they continued to smile and seemed hopeful that our caring community would help find them a home. And for 100,000 of them and counting, we have.

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An unsolicited proposal from AT&T to build a cell tower next to a pool in the Landings Community of Burke Centre Conservancy drew opposition from many residents. The proposal was rejected on June 12.

## Burke Conservancy Rejects Cell Tower Plan

The Board of Trustees of Burke Centre Conservancy voted June 12 to reject a cell phone tower proposal for the Landings Pool location. The proposal was somewhat controversial in the community, with some residents concerned over the negative effects the tower would have on Burke's quality of living. Six out of seven trustees voted in opposition to the

AT&T proposal, which would have included a 60 feet high tower near a pool in the Landings community of Burke Centre Conservancy. At the June 12 meeting, the trustees also voted to not allow further cell tower proposals at swimming pools community centers in Burke Centre Conservancy. A petition in opposition to the tower had over 500 signatures.

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The West Springfield High School Madrigals perform at the Class of 2014's graduation ceremony on June 23.



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## 'The Highest Achieving Class'

West Springfield Class of 2014 told to 'follow dreams, learn.'

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

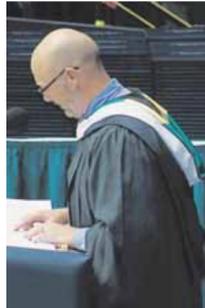
This year's graduating class from West Springfield High School is one of the most high-achieving classes in the school's history.

That's what Mark Greenfelder, principal of West Springfield High School and graduate of the school's class of 1987, said at the Class of 2014's graduation ceremony on June 23 at the Patriot Center.

"The Class of 2014 is the highest achieving class I've had the privilege to be associated with," he said.

The Class of 2014 at West Springfield has a collective grade point average of 3.3. Additionally, there are 186 students with an average of 3.7 and higher, and 102 honor graduates with an average of 4.0 or higher. They've been awarded 6.9 million dollars in scholarships and have three national merit finalists, Greenfelder said.

Greenfelder told the graduates to pursue their passion, but to remember that pursuing a passion can be difficult at times.



Duke Baird, a math teacher at West Springfield and a former officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, delivers the keynote address.

thanked the teachers and parents who have supported the Class of 2014 in their journey. He spoke about each year's story and the story they have yet to live.

"Although we complain about all these books we've been assigned, they all have important stories," he said.

"Find that intersection of what you love to do and what you're naturally good at, and be relentless in pursuing it," Greenfelder said.

Keynote speaker Duke Baird, a math teacher at West Springfield and a former officer in the Marine Corps, encouraged the students to learn from their failures, which will propel them to greatness.

"Most of you will figure out how to handle success, but it is during life's shortfalls when you must be your strongest. You must be prepared to deal with failure," he said. "Failure is often looked at as a negative thing, especially in the world of education. I completely disagree."

He also encouraged the students to stop spending so much time on their smart phones.

"Find the closest body of water and throw your smart phone in it," he said. "Life will pass you by if your head is always down looking at a screen."

Nikola Marcich delivered the honor graduate address, and



Lake Braddock AP coordinator and mathematics teacher Sharon Smothers introduces the honor graduates to the graduation guests.

## On Mission 'To Change the World'

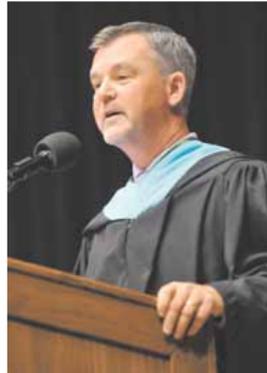
Lake Braddock Class of 2014 graduates.

BY RACHEL STONE  
THE CONNECTION

The Lake Braddock Secondary School Class of 2014 received their diplomas and threw their caps in the air, as over 650 seniors graduated on June 23. Staged in the Patriot Center at George Mason University, parents and friends cheered on the graduates from their seats in the gallery.

Honor graduate Anna Coughlin heralded the importance of kindness and taking initiative in her address to her fellow students. "Let's learn and grow and succeed, in order to be responsible for changing the world," she spoke.

A self-proclaimed "man of few words" soon followed her, guest speaker Alfred Morris of the Wash-



Lake Braddock principal David E. Thomas thanks the Class of 2014 for their gift to the school cafeteria.

ington Redskins. Welcomed with enthusiastic applause, Morris made clear his humble beginnings, in which he began his first janitorial job at age 13. But with perseverance, and a willingness to outwork everyone else, he trail blazed a

path to a rewarding life in professional football. "Whatever you do, give it 100 percent. Life's going to give you curveballs," he said, "But my name is my brand, and if I'm going to put my brand on anything, it's going to be the very best."

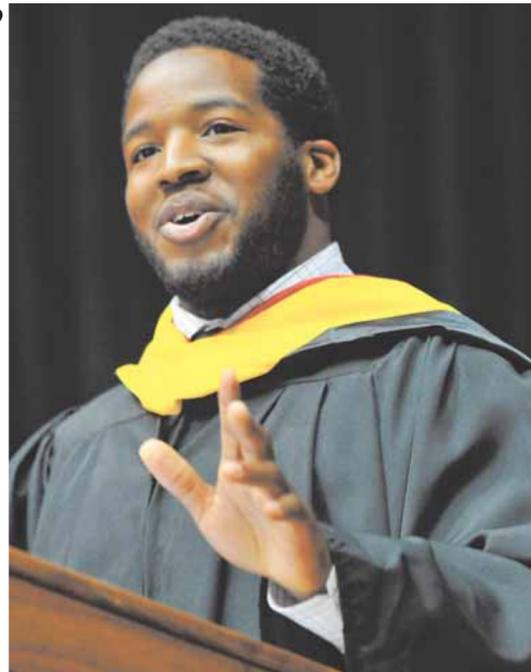
Shayla Scott, senior class vice president, presented the class gift of six microwaves to Lake Braddock, for students to use in the school's cafeteria. The faculty award was then awarded to Vincent Michael Sica, who was chosen by teachers and faculty for the highest recognition of strong academics and character.

In presenting the Class of 2014, Senior Class Administrator Peter Kelly lauded the students for their diligence, and encouraged them to always make "a positive difference" as they step into the larger world. And although a chapter of education has finished for these students, their mentors hope that they never stop learning. As Morris taught, "Life is a teacher. Let it teach you lessons."



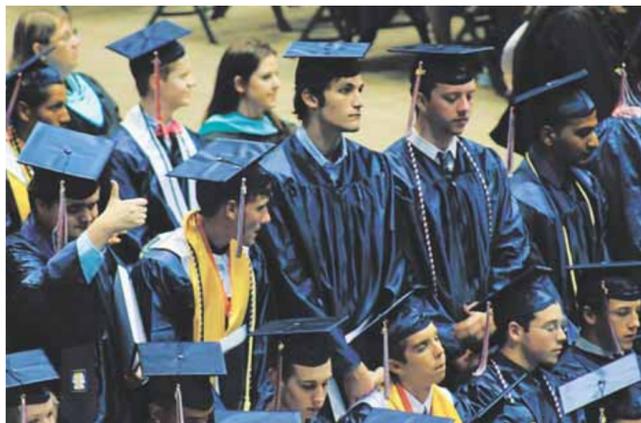
Anna Coughlin delivers the honor graduate address to her classmates.

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Washington Redskins running back Alfred Morris delivers the keynote address to the Lake Braddock Class of 2014.

Graduates of West Springfield High School prepare to throw their caps during the school's graduation ceremony on June 23.



After receiving her diploma, Saja Osama Abduljabbar is congratulated by school principal David E. Thomas.



Senior class secretary Lydia Chen and honor graduate speaker Anna Coughlin applaud at the conclusion of guest speaker Alfred Morris' remarks.

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OLLI-GMU members learn how weather is created from NBC Washington meteorologist Amelia Segal on Friday, June 13.

OLLI-GMU executive director Jennifer Disano, and member Stephanie Trachtenberg, with meteorologist Amelia Segal, middle, on Friday, June 13.

# Sunny With a Chance of Learning

OLLI-GMU offers classes and community to retired persons.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO  
THE CONNECTION

One hundred and forty-two people attended a seminar delivered by NBC Washington meteorologist Amelia Segal at the Church of Good Shepherd in Burke on Friday, June 13.

The class was called, "A Day in the Life of a Meteorologist." The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University, OLLI-GMU, organized the event at the suggestion of member Stephanie Trachtenberg, of Burke. "I have always been interested in the weather," she said. She reached out to several area meteorologists

and Segal was the only one who responded. The topic proved quite popular with the members that the event was moved to a larger venue. "We were up to 120 registered attendees when I checked this morning," said Alice Slayton Clark, OLLI-GMU communications associate and registrar.

Segal demonstrated how differ-

ent weather models can be used by meteorologists to make a forecast. She covered several weather and climate phenomena, including El Nino, derecho, teleconnection, and climate change.

An attendee asked about the number of times meteorologists predicted weather that did not happen or was delayed, especially

during forecasts of snowstorms and thunderstorms.

Segal said that improved technology and satellites that provide better data will help meteorologists make more accurate and timely weather prediction and analysis in the future.

OLLI-GMU offers its 1,200 members the opportunity to continue learning with classes and seminars. Its partnership with George Mason University in Fairfax enables access to resources and personnel that create a learning and academic environment similar to the college experience.

Skip Beale, of Centreville, has been a member of OLLI-GMU for three years. He has taken many classes since joining. "There are classes on every subject you can imagine, for any taste or any line of interest. You name it, they have it," he said.

His favorite was a Shakespeare class that compared and contrasted the play King Lear with the movie 'A Thousand Acres,' which was loosely based on Shakespeare's work. Joanne Beale, his wife, took a French conversation class. "It's been 30 years since I've spoken French so it was a bit of an adjustment but I loved it. I loved the teacher. I loved my classmates."

OLLI-GMU executive director, Jennifer Disano, said that OLLI-GMU members also get socialization in addition to education. "We have a lounge and several clubs. The photography and investment clubs are very popular. We also have a computer club," she said.

Membership is \$375 a year, which includes unlimited classes. For those interested in becoming members, there is an introductory rate option and an opportunity to sit in on a class.

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## FRIDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 29

**Braddock Nights Concert Series.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/) for location and schedule.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 27

**Tiny Tots Music.** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop your child's language skills with music, songs and play. Ages 1-2 with adult. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/> under "Events."

**Explore It with the Smithsonian's Spark! Lab.** 2-2:45 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Create a musical instrument. Ages 6-12. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rb/> under "Events."

**Read! Build! Play!** 2-2:45 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read a story, build with DUPLOs, and play with friends. Ages 3-5 with adult. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/> under "Events."

**Keeping Up with the Kids — Learn about Flickr, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Skype.** 2-3 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Learn the basics with our one-on-one technology volunteer about the social networking tools that can help you stay in touch with your kids and grandkids. 703-978-5600.

**4th Annual Bachelors and Bachelorettes for Breast Cancer Fashion Show and Auction.** 7-11 p.m. Waterford Springfield, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield. Clarke Entertainment is hosting its 4th Annual Bachelors and Bachelorettes for Breast Cancer Fashion Show and Auction. Come enjoy the evening while bidding for a date with local supporters.

## SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

**Burke Arts in the Parks.** 10-11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 28

**The Sixth Generation-Spring 1960s Sock Hop Series.** Sunday at 5 p.m., Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Award-winning rock-n-rollers The Sixth Generation will perform live in the McGuireWoods gallery, playing hits from the 1960s as well as original songs about the era. Admissions: \$10-\$15. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org). 703-584-2900.

**Workshop: DIY Painted Garden Flags.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Horticulturalist Nancy Olney leads you through this summer-fun project with dyed fabric, fabric paint, adhesive and templates provided. \$45. Register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/) or 703-642-5173.

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**Mount Vernon Nights: The Rhodes Train Troubadours.** 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The Rhodes Tavern Troubadours are a post-pop and roots group, covering songs by Mark Noone's Slickee Boys, Jake Flack's Thousand Dollar Car/Neptunes, and everything in between. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, but outside alcohol is not permitted. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org). 703-584-2900.

**Storytime and Rhyme.** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Storytelling, music and movement with Wolf Trap teaching artist Kofi Dennis. 703-644-7333.

**Classics Book Reading Group.** 12-2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Join Professor Roger Lathbury and explore classics in literature in a casual setting. This month's title: Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton. 703-451-8055.

**Teen Author Elisa Nader and Cover Art Contest.** 2:30-3:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Elisa Nader, author of teen thriller Escape from Eden and a graphic and user experience designer, discusses her book and shares design tips for creating teen book covers. Age 12-18. 703-978-5600.

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## SATURDAY/JUNE 28- AUGUST 9

**Children's Theatre: The Ice Queen.** 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This original fairytale follows the Ice Queen's search for the love of her life. Will the Ice Queen and Jack Frost make the perfect pair and live happily ever after? Admissions: \$9-\$12. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org). 703-584-2900.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 28 – WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

**Arts from the Turkic World Exhibit.** 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The exhibition will feature a collection of works from various Turkic countries and territories as well as the works of featured artists of Turkic descent.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 29

**Walkathon.** 8 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. This Walkathon benefits the INOVA Children's Hospital and BAPS Charities. BAPS Charities is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit international charity organization committed to sincerely serving the world by caring for individuals, families, and communities.

**Rufus the Dog.** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Blue Sky Puppet Theatre story of a special dog and his search for friendship. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/> under "Events."

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## MONDAY/JUNE 30

**Let's Grow Garden Club.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Every-other-Monday meetings to keep 3-8 year old minds active for hands-on gardening, crafting, natural science lessons and nature walks. \$75. Register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/) or 703-642-5173.

**Top Secret.** 7-8 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Steve Somers, The Amazing Teacher, in a reading adventure that takes you around the world! Age 8-12. 703-293-6227.

## TUESDAY/JULY 1- AUG. 19

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## THURSDAY/JULY 3

**Workhouse Farmers Market.** 3-6 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Every Thursday on the quad is a producer-only market for discerning shoppers featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry and local foods from breads to salsas and sausages. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

## FRIDAY/JULY 4

**City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, around Historic Old Town Fairfax and passing the Reviewing stand on Armstrong Street. Come see eight high school marching, large inflatable parade balloons, horses and clowns. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

**Old Fashioned Fireman's Day.** 12:30-3 p.m. Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy watching area fire companies compete. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

**Evening Show and Fireworks.** 7 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Music and dancing to rock & roll favorites; the City of Fairfax Band will play the 1812 during the fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Rain date: July 5. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

**Historic Open Houses.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Come see the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax and Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, Fairfax. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

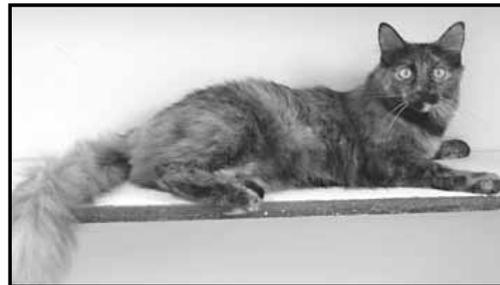
**Lorton's Fourth of July Parade.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Lorton's fourth annual Independence Day parade.

## SATURDAY/JULY 5

**Homeless Animals Rescue Team Dog Adoption.** 12-3 p.m. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Mem. Hwy., Fairfax.

**Yoga with Marilyn.** 8 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy Art of Movement classes featuring Yoga, Mat Pilates, Tai Chi and Hula. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

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- Spanish Class for Children.** 3-4 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Spanish conversation class for children. Age 7-13. 703-978-5600.

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- Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 1-4 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. 703-644-7333.
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# SPORTS

## High School Sports Season Produces Memorable Moments

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he 2013-14 high school sports season was full of memorable moments and accomplishments. The following is a look back at some of the highlights from around Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Lorton, Burke and Springfield.

### Spring Sports

The South County softball team won the program's first state championship, beating previously undefeated Cosby 4-1 in the 6A final. Stallions pitcher Rebecca Martin finished her high school career with another gem in the circle, tossing a complete-game three-hitter while striking out 10. Catcher Haylea Geer hit a momentum-swinging solo home run in the fourth inning.

"She's been clutch from Day One," South County head coach Gary Dillow said about Martin. "She came in as a freshman and won that 12-inning game against [West Potomac] for our first conference championship with this group. Nothing fazes her. She's always relaxed. She's pitched every clutch game for us the last four years and usually when we lose, it's because we don't score, it's not because she hasn't pitched well."

The Stallions finished with a 26-3 record. South County was runner-up in Conference 7, but responded by winning 6A North region and state titles. Prior to 2014, South County's last trip to the state tournament came in 2009.

The Lake Braddock softball team also had a strong season, finishing with a 25-3 record and reaching the state playoffs. The Bruins won their second straight Patriot District/Conference 7 championship and qualified for states with a 3-2 win over Langley in the region semifinals. However, Lake Braddock dropped its final two games of the season, losing to South County in the region final and Cosby in the state semis.

Lake Braddock will lose all-region pitcher Ashley Flesch to graduation, but the Bruins figure to return all but two members of this year's team.

"We're good," Lake Braddock head coach George Rumore said. "We're going to lose Ashley and we're going to lose Amanda Patterson, but we have pitching. ... We're fine. The future still looks good."

In baseball, West Springfield won its first conference/district championship since 2009. The Spartans advanced to the region semifinals, where they lost to Chantilly. West Springfield finished the season with an 18-7 record and one win shy of the state tournament.

West Springfield's conference-championship season came one year after failing to qualify for regionals with a loss to Lee in the opening round of the 2013 district tournament.

"In our locker room, we believed in each other and we knew we had a pretty good

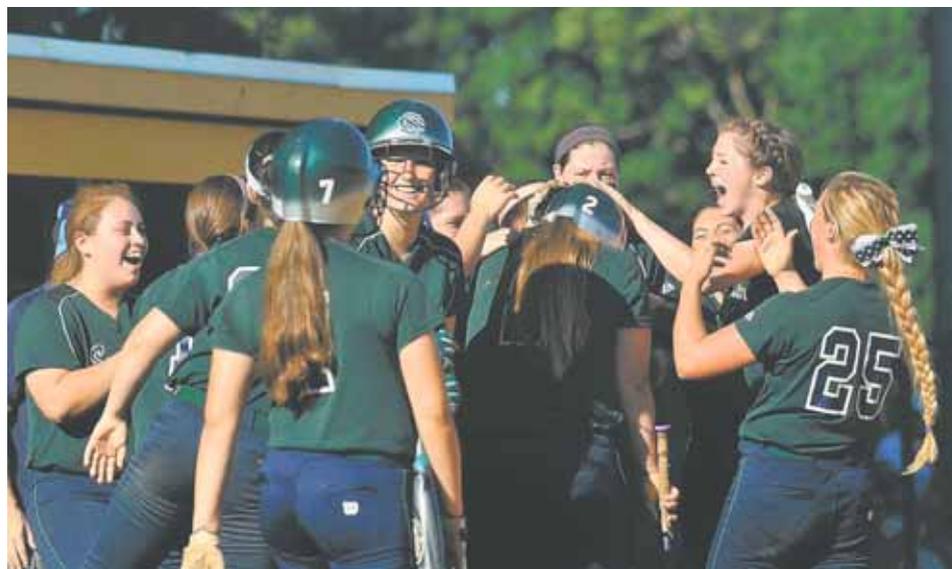


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**Members of the South County softball team celebrate with Haylea Geer (2) after the catcher hit a solo home run in the fourth inning of the 6A state final against Cosby.**



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**Members of the Woodson boys' basketball team and Cavalier fans celebrate the team winning the 6A North region championship.**

squad and we knew we had a lot of talent," West Springfield head coach Jason Olms said. "We just had to put it all together and go out and compete."

In lacrosse, the Robinson boys' team won its first state championship since 2007. The Rams started the season 1-3, but closed with 17 consecutive victories, including a 9-7 win over Langley in the state final. Robinson also won Conference 5 and 6A North region titles.

"I knew we had what it took," Robinson sophomore Johnny Daniel said about reaching the state final. "In the beginning of the year, I doubted it for a second. We definitely stepped it up after we lost to Landon. ... We promised to Coach [Matt] Curran that we wouldn't lose any more games, because that's the worst feeling you can possibly have. We just stuck to our word and did the best that we could."

In tennis, the Lake Braddock boys' team won the 6A state title, defeating Langley in

the state final and wrapping up an undefeated season. Lake Braddock's Jacob Daugherty and Long Huynh won the boys' doubles title.

The South County girls' track and field team finished state runner-up, and the Lake Braddock girls' soccer team reached the region semifinals.

### Winter Sports

Members of the W.T. Woodson boys' basketball team dealt with the death of two classmates during the 2014 6A North region tournament. While the tragedies affected the emotions of several Cavaliers, the team found a way to continue winning and eventually captured the program's second consecutive region title.

Woodson secured a berth in the Virginia state tournament by defeating Herndon 63-62 in overtime in the region semifinals. The following evening, Woodson defeated Lake

Braddock 66-56 in the region final. The Cavaliers had lost their previous three matchups with Lake Braddock by a combined eight points.

"[I'm] really happy for our kids, really happy for our school community," Woodson head coach Doug Craig said. "This was a very difficult week. The fact that our Cavalry (student section) was out in such great numbers says a lot about the school community. To give them an hour-and-a-half, hour-and-45-minute distraction tonight, something to feel good about, that's what sports is supposed to be about at the high school level."

The Lake Braddock boys' basketball team repeated as Patriot District/Conference 7 champions. The Edison girls' team won the 5A North region championship, the Eagles' second consecutive region title. The West Springfield girls' team won the Conference 7 title and reached the state tournament for the fourth time in five years.

The Paul VI boys' and girls' basketball teams each won WCAC and VISAA championships.

In wrestling, Robinson won its third state championship in four years. Rams' heavy-weight Jake Pinkston won his fourth consecutive region championship, reached the state final for the fourth straight year and won his second state title. Lake Braddock finished third in the state and had three individuals reach their respective state finals, with Darius Wiles winning the 113-pound title. South County's Hunter Manley won the 132-pound state championship.

In gymnastics, South County's Collea Burgess won the 6A North region all-around title. Hayfield's Molly Overstreet won the individual bars state championship.

In swimming, the Robinson boys' team took home a state championship.

### Fall Sports

The Lake Braddock football team won its first 12 games of the 2013 season, winning the Conference 7 championship along the way. But the Bruins failed to hold a 13-point fourth-quarter lead against Westfield in the 6A North region semifinals, and ended their season with a 19-16 loss.

The South County and Robinson football teams reached the region quarterfinals.

In field hockey, Fairfax and South County reached the 6A North region semifinals.

In cross country, West Springfield senior Caroline Alcorta won the 6A girls' individual state title with a meet-record time of 17 minutes, 13 seconds at Great Meadow.

"I was just hoping to win," Alcorta said. "I didn't expect to get the course record."

Lake Braddock's Hannah Christen placed second and Katy Kunc was third, leading the girls' team to a third-place finish. The boys' team finished state runner-up, led by Alex Corbett's second-place finish.

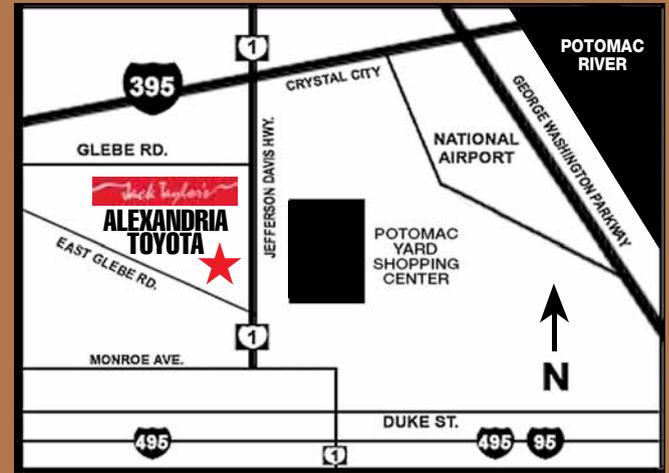
In volleyball, South County reached the region semifinals before losing to eventual state champion Langley.

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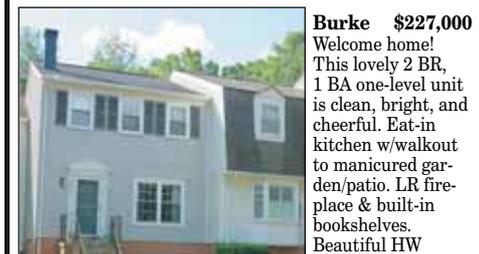
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