

Surovell Kicks Off Senate Campaign



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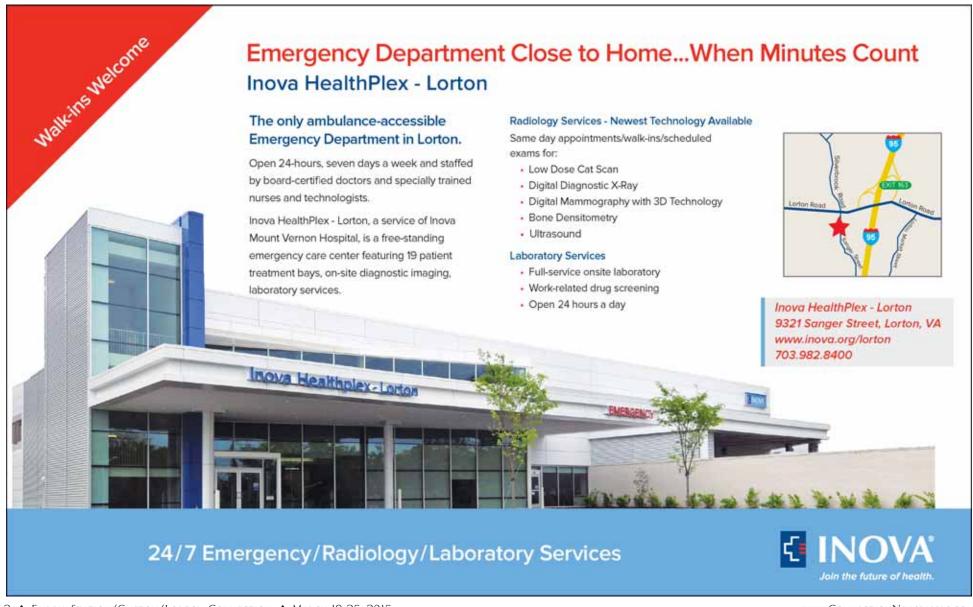
#### Opportunity Expo and Job Fair. 1-

p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Supervisor Pat Herrity and West Springfield High School PTSA to host a job fair for local job seekers. Although the job fair is not strictly for students and young job seekers, area high schools are making a push for students and parents to take advantage of this event to line up after-school employment, an internship, volunteer opportunities or a seasonal position for the summer.

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Student leaders and promoters of nonviolence were recognized March 15 at the Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County, held at Mountain View Alternative High School in Centreville.

Nicolas Martin (center) a junior at Lake Braddock Secondary School, founded the Compassion in Action anti-bullying and positivity-spreading organization after he was a victim of cyberbullying.

## Agents of Change

### Students from around Fairfax County recognized for promoting peace.

BY TIM PETERSON The Connection

fter a friend of South County High School senior Sakira Coleman was sexually assaulted while running on a local public path, Coleman decided to take action and started the "Fight for Your Right to Run at Night" program.

"I don't like feeling helpless," Coleman said. "This is about raising awareness."

The senior has also served as president of the school service club "Stallions Lend a Hand" and volunteered at Greenspring Retirement Community, a workload that in addition to actual schoolwork requires "no sleep ever" to maintain.

Coleman and 22 other peace-promoting students and student organizations were recognized March 15 at the Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County, held at Mountain View Alternative High School in Centreville. From anti-bullying event organizers to student association presidents and volunteers in the community, the student leaders were chosen for exhibiting high moral and civic

"The number of ways to peace is limited only by the human imagination," said Dr. Margaret Fisher with the Peace Awards coalition as she opened the program. "Seemingly endless suffering in the world can give way when we join our strengths together."

The peace awards started in 2006 with one high school and faith-based sponsorship. The event has grown such that now each public high school and three private schools in Fairfax County may select students for the awards and there are 14 faithbased and secular sponsors.

This year schools were also able to select organizations to honor, including: the Anti-Bullying Committee of Cedar Lane School in Vienna, the Dare to Care anti-bullying group of Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria and The Peer Mediation Program of J.E.B. Stuart High School in Falls Church.

As students were called to the stage in the Mountain View auditorium, they received a copy of Mark Andreas' book "Sweet Fruits from a Bitter Tree." Along with a monetary award, each student also chose a charitable organization to which \$100 would be donated in their name.

Guest speaker Vickie Shoap, restorative justice specialist for Fairfax County Public Schools, addressed the audience once the students were recognized.

"When I looked at what these students have done," said Shoap, "I was humbled and lifted. There is hope for the future."

Shoap referenced the nonviolence and civil disobedience that characterized the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, commenting that "We're all fighting for human rights.

"We're change agents," she continued. "It's hard to talk about things that are difficult in their communities." But, Shoap said, "You're connected to a growing global community of peacemakers."

Though mostly upperclassmen were recognized with peace awards, Seungmin Lee of Rocky Run Middle School represented the next wave of peacemakers. His artwork was featured on the back of the event's program **recognized at the** and won first place in the Fairfax Lions Club 2014 Peace Poster Contest.

Lee used colored pencils to depict a red, white and blue dove flying over a globe and a peace sign, with hands of various skin tones reaching towards it.



Emily Borkowski (left), a junior at Robert E. Lee High School, is congratulated by Vickie Shoap (center) and school board member Pat Hynes (right) at the Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County. Borkowski has been a leader in peer mediation classes and helped set up antibullying events at Lee.



Sakira Coleman, a senior a South County **High School**, was **Student Peace Awards** of Fairfax County.



Alex Cady, a senior at West Springfield High School, is a student ambassador for new students, a peer media- when she was 4 years tor, teacher's assistant old. The class is meant in the Adaptive Physical Education class and understanding and member of the Buddies tolerance in the town. Club, working with special needs students.



Natalia Micheli, a junior at Robinson Secondary School, started a Western Culture class in the culture center of the small Polish village of Ropzcyce, from which her family moved to the United States to help promote

### News



Del. Scott Surovell (D-44), left, kicked off his campaign for 36th district senate representative on March 14, with help from current Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36), right.

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ount Vernon residents
Lyn Snodgrass, Alan
Edelstein and Jim
Seeley engaged Del. Scott Surovell
(D-44) in a banquet room of The
Landing restaurant in
Woodbridge.

"He's been trying to do things down in Richmond," said Seeley, who came to The Landing to support Surovell kicking off his campaign for state senator representing the 36th district. "He's thoughtful and he's a winner," Seeley added.

Surovell, a longtime Mount Vernon resident and graduate of Mount Vernon High School, first announced his intention to run shortly after the current 36th district Sen. Linda "Toddy" Puller (D) announced she would not seek reelection. This event on March 14 marked the official campaign kickoff.

"When you lose somebody like that, those are huge shoes to fill," said Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), and Surovell "understands the history of the Commonwealth."

Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49) spoke to the 33 percent of the 36th district who speak a language other than English at home. "This community is forgotten far too often," he said, adding that he believes Surovell has been a great advocate for that population.

Puller also gave Surovell her full endorsement. "He really is a product of Mount Vernon," she said. "I'm thrilled to have Scott running for my seat."

Surovell followed Puller at the podium and was quick to praise her work representing the 22,000 veterans living in the 36th district. "They've had no fiercer advocate than Sen. Puller," he said. "And she's been a tremendous advocate for the Route 1 corridor."

The current delegate went on to outline some of the bedrocks of his campaign platform, highlighting working for transportation upgrades and redevelopment of the Route 1 corridor, getting better funding back to students in the area, striving for economic fairness and expansion of Medicaid, and taking steps forward on environmental issues such as solar energy and stormwater management.

"There are 200,000 people in this senate seat," Surovell said, "and only about 100,000 are registered to vote." Many of the rest, being children and adolescents too young to vote, Surovell confirmed his dedication to represent all of them

When he first got to Richmond as a delegate, he recalled, and walked into the state capitol with the aged statue of George Washington, "the reality of it all hits you in the face. It's not about politics, it's about real people."

The first few days, he said, you wonder: "How did I get here. After a few days, you ask how did all these other people get here?"

—Tim Peterson



State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) endorses Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) for the 36th district senate seat.

### NEWS

## Herrity To Run Again for Springfield Supervisor

upervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) chose to align himself with the luck of the Irish, using his annual St. Patrick's Day get together at the Springfield Golf and Country Club to announce his bid to seek re-election to represent the Springfield District.

"I am proud of my accomplishments to date and want to continue to be a leader on the Board of Supervisors on the critical issues that face residents of Fairfax County," Herrity said in a statement. "With your help I will continue to work to get spending under control, stop the ever-

increasing homeowner taxes, fix the government regulation that hinders economic growth and high quality jobs from coming to Fairfax County. Help me implement common sense solutions to our ever-increasing traffic congestion and to promote transparency in our local government."

The 1978 graduate of West Springfield



Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) announces his campaign for re-election, joined (from left) by his daughter Valeria, wife Nancy and mother Justine.

High School was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in November 2007. He currently lives in Little Rocky Run with wife Nancy, son Sean and daughter Valeria. In addition to his work on the board, Herrity is chief operating officer for Herndon-based Delex Systems.

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## **OPINION**

## On Police Information and Secrecy

### Time for change in public access to police information.

he first meeting of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission will take place next Monday, March 23, and it comes with hope for real change.

Police could take one step that would signal that they are serious about regaining public trust.

EDITORIAL Police departments in Northern Virginia should let go of their relentless pursuit of secrecy. Police departments all over the country routinely allow access to police reports, incident reports, dashboard video and many other sources of information without harm, all things that police here refuse to allow the public to see.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in 1968, states that all public records "shall be presumed open." But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold "complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and

Police officials in Fairfax (and also in Arlington and Alexandria) have adopted what they call a "blanket" approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any document they can without any analysis of whether they should, whether the case is open or closed, whether they are about a "police-involved shooting" or information requested by a family about a homicide victim.

It is only because of legal action by the fam-

ily of John Geer, shot dead by a Fairfax County police officer in the doorway to his own home in August 2013, and the resulting court order that we know

details of what happened that day. And what we now know confirms that the information released by police was incomplete and misleading at best.

We've learned that we cannot trust the leadership at the Fairfax County Police Department to tell the truth voluntarily on these matters. (See Editorial: "Not the First or Only Time," Connection, Feb. 11, 2015.)

Repeating what we have said in this space many times: Police wield power unlike any other entity — the power to detain and question, the power to arrest, the power to respond with force when necessary, sometimes deadly

With that power, comes responsibility — the responsibility to operate openly and with transparency, the responsibility to make available the greatest possible amount of information, especially the responsibility to provide the public with a full picture of what happened when something goes wrong.

Most Northern Virginia residents think very highly of their police. We are very safe here. People understand that sometimes mistakes happen, that sometimes force is needed, and that sometimes police will exercise deadly force. What they are unlikely to accept is secrecy that shrouds mistakes, and failure to take responsibility for explaining events of deadly

It's clear that discretion about when to withhold information cannot be left up to the police department.

#### —Mary Kimm, Editor and Publisher

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Mary Kimm is a member of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission; news coverage of police issues will continue to be the responsibility of reporters

## Investing in Families Strengthens Communities

By Mary Agee President and CEO Northern Virginia Family SERVICE AND NICHELLE A. MITCHEM, JD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR United Community Ministries And Kerrie Wilson CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Cornerstones

he Fairfax County proposed \$7.13 billion budget for fiscal year 2016 comes at devastating cost for the most vulnerable families in our community. Included in the budget is the complete elimination of Healthy Families, a nationally recognized, evidence-based child abuse and neglect prevention program that serves hundreds of atrisk families. By eliminating this program, the total "savings" to the county would equal approximately \$1.6 million now, but could amount to unforeseen future costs for schools, human services, public safety and more.

Established in 1991, the Healthy Families Fairfax program provides \$3,473 per family per year. Last comprehensive and intensive—year, Healthy Families Fairfax home visiting services to expect- served 613 at-risk Fairfax County ant and new parents whose chilfamilies. Of these 613 at-risk famidren may be at risk for poor childhood outcomes. As an accredited affiliate of the national Healthy

program promotes positive parenting skills and optimal child health and development as a means of preventing child abuse and neglect among fragile families living in Fairfax County.

In Healthy Families, home visits allow Family Support Workers to establish a trusting relationship with young parents, with the goal of helping the family move toward greater self-reliance. Along the way, staff ensures that the child's medical needs and developmental benchmarks are being met, and that parents are learning age-appropriate activities to encourage learning and growth. Many Family Support Workers are also able to identify other needed services for their families, and are able to leverage additional community resources that parents might not be able to obtain otherwise.

For the past 23 years, Healthy Families Fairfax has proven to be a wise investment of taxpayer's money. Since its inception, the program has met or exceeded all state mandated goals, an excellent return on an investment of only

❖ 97 percent of the children Families America network, the were born at normal birth weight.

Healthy Families services provide better birth outcomes including a 50 percent reduction in the number of babies born at low birth weight, saving an average of \$15,000 in hospitalization costs for each preterm/low birth weight

- ❖ 82 percent of the children were up to date on immunizations, a higher rate than both state (70.4 percent) and national (69.2 percent) levels. Healthy Families services ensure children are connected with a regular medical provider and support families in their efforts to maintain a healthy lifestyle which, in turn, helps prevent chronic problems and keeps health care costs in check.
- ❖ 100 percent of children with suspected developmental delays were referred to therapeutic early intervention services. Healthy Families services provide early detection of developmental delays, helping to decrease the number of children in need of special education services — a savings of \$12,900 a year per child.
- ❖ 94 percent of the families demonstrated healthy parent-child interactions based on nationally validated assessments. Healthy Families services enhance parentchild interactions and increase

protective factors associated with the prevention of child maltreatment and neglect in the homes of disadvantaged families, potentially saving \$78,658 per year for one child in foster care.

❖ 99.4 percent of families had no substantiated case of child abuse or neglect based on Virginia Department of Social Service reports. Healthy Families services reduce the incidence of child and abuse and neglect by half, a tremendous saving given that child maltreatment costs between \$210,012 and \$1,272,900 over the lifetime of each victim.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors faces many difficult decisions when deciding upon budget priorities in the coming year, but we urge our legislators not to make budget reductions at the expense of our most vulnerable families and children. As University of Chicago Professor and Nobel Laureate in economics James Heckman said in regard to early childhood, "The question is not where to cut. The question is where to invest, and in what." We believe that it is in all of our best interests to continue investing in Healthy Families Fairfax.

The writers are three executive directors of the nonprofits that administer Healthy Families in Fairfax

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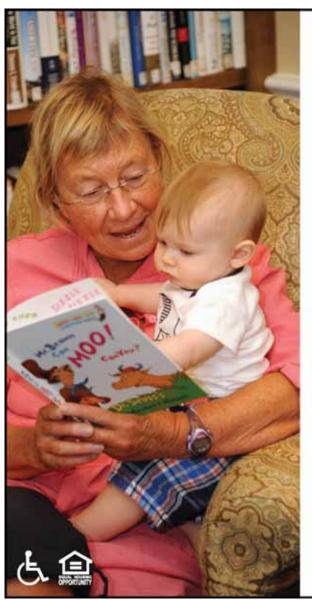
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## The Right Fit: Choosing a Summer Camp

How parents can ensure positive summer experiences for their children

on the minds of many, Janelle needs to feel like this is not school Wright, a Potomac, Md., mother of where they are struggling to learn two, has already mapped out the a new activity.' summer for her children.

Wright did research before sign- parents to do their research. ing up her 13-year-old daughter, glish composition skills, and enrolla camp for children whose needs is good to have a mix of both." fall just outside the norm.

Indeed, experts say social interactions, a chance to have fun and to make sure the camp understands an opportunity to fill the time be- the needs of special needs chiltween family trips are just some of dren," said McCabe. "You don't the benefits of summer camps.

There are camps for every child, no matter their needs.

"I spoke to the camp and shared with them up front that my son groups understand your child." might need help socializing with other kids," said Wright. "He might need directions repeated to him. I did that so I could drive away in peace knowing that he'd be fine. It's different for my daughter because she doesn't have any challenges. I don't have to call the camp and talk to them like I do with my son."

### WHETHER A CHILD is typical or falls slightly outside the norm, doing a bit of research and exercising forethought are good ideas when selecting summer programs. In fact, advanced planning and registration for summer camp is essential in the Washington, D.C., re-

gion, say educators. "It's important to find an activity that kids already like to do. It's summer so kids should have fun," said Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington.

won't feel lonely. It helps to sign during the day," said Susan J. hands-on learning activities." them up with a buddy, especially Johnson, Ph. D., of Commonwealth people at camp they already know. ity." That really does matter."

By Marilyn Campbell ever. "Summer camps may not be THE CONNECTION a time to have kids do something completely new," she said. "For hough the official start example, if a child has never played of spring is still days golf, you might not want to invest away and the frigidity money in a golf camp if you aren't of winter is still recent sure your child will enjoy it. A child

The most important thing is for

"Interview the camp director, Corrine, in an academic camp said Lois McCabe, head of school geared toward boosting her En- for The Diener School in Potomac. "What does the day look like? How ing her 12-year-old son, Teddy, in structured or unstructured is it? It

> This is particularly true for children with special needs. "You want want to throw them in this big unstructured environment with other kids and hope for the best. You want to make sure your child's peer



**Campers at Kiddie Country Summer Camp in Burke take** field trips as part of their summer experience. Camp is a time when children have fun while building social skills.

"Schedule afternoon camp for children who naturally sleep late in the mornings, for example.

INFORM THE CAMP'S STAFF if a child has allergies, medical needs or phobias. For special needs children, Johnson says camp counselors and directors should be Potomac for her daughter. "aware of a child's specific learning disabilities, and trained in how compass academics for credit or

to teach children with learning dis-

sports and technology camps. Campers who attend Summer at

SOME DAY CAMPS are structured to allow parents to choose the week their child will attend camp based on the camper's interests.

"We have a theme for every week that is packed with field trips and special events" said Fred Lowery, owner of Kiddie Country in Burke, which is running 11 weeks of camp this summer. "All of the camp ac-There are field trips to the Maryland Science Center, a Washington Mystics game, Reptiles Alive and

Johnson advises that parents try campus or building. "This will ease Traditional camp experiences, If choosing a specialty camp, coordinating their child's attention first day anxiety and give the like opportunities for socializing summer might not be the time for span with the camp's schedule. camper self confidence that he or with peers, are still found in spe-

clock of the child," she said. said. "Meet the counselors if pos-

There are also options if parents want their children to enjoy typical camp activities like swimming and arts and crafts combined with academics. For example, Wright chose an English program at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in

"[Our] summer programs enenrichment and the arts [including] visual, performing and culinary," said Monique McMillan-Jackson, director of summer programs. St. Andrews also offers

Norwood in Potomac can expect to 'camp outside the lines," said Kevin Rechen, director of auxiliary programs at Norwood School. The school's camps run the gamut from art, science, technology and adventure to academics, dance, sports and theater.

good problem to have."

Most of the student contestants were drawn to the academy program as a way of wet-Pungello hopes to one day at- salad with sesame seeds. tend The Culinary Institute of America, following in the foot-putting students in a position to steps of chefs like Anthony provide solutions for their Bourdain and Duff Goldman. peers," said Bonnie Moore Grace Zirkel of Lake Braddock founding member of Real Food on the Edison team has already for Kids, "to use skills they have been accepted to Johnson & learned to solve real problems. Wales and credits the academy It's that experience that makes program for really piquing her this invaluable."

Marshall High Wins

Culinary Challenge

Edison and Chantilly culinary

academies take part in contest.

BY VALERIE

he tables have

been set and

the contestants

wait eagerly as the judg-

ing begins, each judge

moving carefully be-

tween courses, sampling

and chewing and making

notes. There's sweetness

in the mix for the win-

ner, a monetary prize

and a chance to have

their dish installed as a

permanent fixture. It

could be Top Chef, but

it's the third annual

Feeding Academic Suc-

cess Culinary Challenge

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Marshall HS, and Chantilly HS

met Tuesday evening to prepare

skills they honed in the county's

entree had to fit into the FCPS

lunch program profile in terms

of cost and caloric guidelines so

that the winning entree could be

considered for inclusion into the

county lunch program. Under

the tutelage of their professional

chef mentors, the students pre-

pared every ingredient from

scratch, in the professional

grade kitchens on premises at

"We had to really pay atten-

tion to the caloric guidelines,"

said Stephen Pungello of Lan-

gley HS on the Marshall team.

"We ended up having to add

more chicken to get the num-

bers up. We were a little

healthier than the guidelines

Marshall HS.

dents, one each from Edison HS, interest

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When choosing a summer camp, parents should consider signing up their children with friends to decrease the chance of loneliness.

that taps into their child's "Choose a camp where they strengths, the size of the groupings

"Parents should consider a camp abilities, present directions, teach multiple strategies for learning tivities are related to the theme. new skills and always incorporate

For children who are prone to in late elementary and middle Academy in Alexandria. "Consider feeling anxious about going to Hershey Park. On site, we have school so they'll have one or two the length of time for each activ-camp, Johnson suggests parents do everything from mad science to a practice run to camp and visit the jugglers to swimming."

embarking on a new activity, how- "Match camp schedule with body she knows his way around," she cialty camps.

Once all the votes were in, it required, but I think that's a was Marshall, the home team, who tasted sweet victory with their oriental grilled chicken salad with sesame ginger sauce ting their feet for future careers. and their soba noodle vegetable

Valerie Lapointe/The (

and Kathy Park all from the

their grab-and-go entree.

grab-and-go lunch items using program," said Zirkel. "They

academy class program. Their ployees in a restaurant and that

Edison culinary team prepare

is really motivating."

Andrew Snellings, Grace Zirkel,

"Working with a real chef was

definitely the best part of the

treat us like we are actual em-

The camaraderie between the

chefs and students is palpable

as the chefs stand behind their

students offering helpful sugges-

tions but generally letting them

run the show. Clay Doubleday

is the chef instructor for the

Chantilly team and also one of

"The reason I became a

teacher was so I could be for

them someone I didn't have.

Kids have an idea of what they

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Rep. Gerry Connolly recognizing the many elected officials that attended his St. Patrick's Day fete.



Members of Fairfax County Firefighter Local 2068 prepare to take their volunteer places. From left: John Niemiec, Ron Kuley, Jenna Jackson, Marc Straubinger (all of Fairfax), and Pat Morrison, Falls Church

## Connolly's 'Holiest Day of the Year'

or 20 years Gerry Connolly has hosted an annual St. Patrick's Day event. What started in his home has now become one of the biggest fundraising events in Northern Virginia.

As John Wittman from Fairfax Station said, "Throw in some great Irish fare and I'm there!"

Volunteers helped serve food and beverages to over 1,100 elected officials, candidates and party faithful with traditional Irish fare of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and salmon. Throw in cups of Harp beer and the mood was festive across the Kena Temple ballroom.

Each year Connolly conducts a Democratic presidential straw poll. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton took 48 percent of the vote while former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb garnered 15 percent, followed by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren at 10 percent, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders with 7 percent, and Vice President Joe

or 20 years Gerry Biden and former Maryland Gov-Connolly has hosted an ernor Martin O'Malley, each with annual St. Patrick's Day 6 percent.

> Lt. Governor Ralph Northam, Congressman Don Beyer, Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and dozens of state and local officeholders from across Northern Virginia joined Connolly on stage. In his remarks, Connolly recognized the array of elected officials and candidates and said they represented the strength of Democratic principles and values in the region. "I am proud of our values to offer opportunity to everyone. Let talent be the ceiling, not your gender, color of your skin, or sexual orientation", said Rep. Connolly.

> Dozens of volunteers planned the annual event, decorated the ballroom, and prepared and served. Some volunteers and attendees have participated in all 21 of Connolly's St. Patrick Day's events, held on what he jokingly calls his "holiest day of the year."



Eileen and Mike Bliss of Annandale brought their children (from left) Ciaren, Maeve, and Brendan to show their support.



Volunteers (right to left) Tim Brown, Fairfax City, Devita Soehar, Arlington, Erich Steinbeck, Fairfax City, and Jerrod Pollard of Arlington, taking a bow for their hard work.



From left: Evie Ifantides, Bob Cattell, David Hackshaw and Kathy Hackshaw from Fairfax City relaxing after dinner.

Ms. Hackshaw is the chair of the Democratic Committee.

### Calendar

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

#### THROUGH SUNDAY/APRIL 5

Reference, W-16 - Vulcan Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Reference is a multimedia exploration of the various modes of influence that inform visual artists in both content and process. In Reference, participating artists incorporate performance, sound, process, and imagery to address the strong influence of other artists, visual and otherwise, upon their creative output as well as their deepest philosophical and spiritual understandings. No ticket required. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

#### FRIDAY/MARCH 20

Rita's 23rd Annual First Day of Spring Free Italian Ice Giveaway. 12-9 p.m. Rita's of Fairfax, 10726 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax. Receive a complimentary limited-edition first day of Spring cup of Rita's Italian Ice to celebrate the new season.

#### SATURDAY/MARCH 21

Civil War Historic Tour. 8:30
a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fairfax
Station Railroad Museum,
11200 Fairfax Station Road.
The Friends of the Fairfax
Station will sponsor a guided
Civil War Tour to include the
site of the Battle of Sangster's
Station, Historic St. Mary's
Church and sites where the
famous Mosby's Raiders
fought. Tour cost \$30 per
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hiking. Lunch at a local
restaurant or bring your own.
Space is limited. Contact the

#### Station at events@fairfaxstation.org or 703-425-9225. **Opportunity Expo and Job**

Fair. 1-5 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Supervisor Pat Herrity and West Springfield High School PTSA to host a job fair for local job seekers. Although the job fair is not strictly for students and young job seekers, area high schools are making a push for students and parents to take advantage of this event to line up afterschool employment, an internship, volunteer opportunities or a seasonal position for the summer.

Appraisal Event. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Find out what your items are worth, come get your items appraised by professionals. \$5 admission, \$5 for each appraisal. Limit 3 items. Proceeds go to City of Fairfax Senior Center.

#### Decorating Birdhouse Gourds Workshop. 10-

11:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Turn a gourd into a beautiful, crafted

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birdhouse for your feathered friends. Susan Eggerton shows you a stencil, wood burning, and ink dye technique to free your decorative imagination and turn a plain gourd into a work of art. \$35 plus \$25 supply fee. Register in advance for both the program and supply fee at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/greenspring using code 290 201 5801 for the program and code 290 201 5802 for the supply fee or

call 703-642-5173. **Paws to Read.** 11, 11:15, 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice reading aloud to a trained therapy dog. 15-minute sessions available. Age 6-12. To register visit http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/

Date Night: Chef's Table. 7-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Anyone can go out for dinner and a movie so why not make your night something special to be remembered? Date Night cooking classes are designed to be fun, relaxing and an escape from the daily grind. They are great way to learn some basic cooking techniques while enjoying your company and making new friends. The menu items will be prepared by participants working together at each of the cooking islands. Participants will be served a tasting portion of all the entrees and a pre-chef-selected drink of choice. No one will leave hungry. Every month you will prepare a new dish ranging from ethnic cuisines like Japanese, Thai and Spanish High Cuisine to Vegetarian and much more.

Neighborhood Summit. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. The seminar will offer homeowners and community leaders practical advice on how to deal with common neighborhood problems.

### **SUNDAY/MARCH 22**

Hands On Modeling Day at The Fairfax Station Railroad

Museum, 1-4 p.m. Visitors will be able to participate in hands on modeling activities and in the basics of artifact restoration. In addition, they will see demonstrations of common office items used at the Station in the early 1900s. 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Admission is free to Museum Members and children 4 and under; \$2 children 5-15 and \$4 adults 16 and over. www.fairfax-station.org 703-425-9225.

Fashion Show: Kyoto Costume Institute. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, Travel to Japan with our slideshow showcasing the fabulous collection of one of the world's leading repositories of Western haute couture, the Kyoto Costume Institute.

and accessories and provide cultural exchange through international exhibits. Traditional English tea after. 13 to adults. \$32. Call 703-941-7987 to reserve a space

What Buddhists, Hindus and Sikhs Believe. 2 p.m. Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax. The Interfaith Communities for Dialogue will have a panel of speakers host a discussion of the Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh religions. All attendees will have an opportunity to share similarities, differences and misconceptions of their religions through facilitated dialogue. RSVP at https:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ EReg/Registration.aspx?groupID=26.

#### **TUESDAY/MARCH 24**

Tales to Tails. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Need practice reading? Read aloud to a friendly, trained therapy dog. Age 6-12. To register visit http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/fx/.

#### TUESDAY-THURSDAY/MARCH 24-26

**Peter Pan Jr.** 7 p.m. Kings Glen Elementary, 5401 Danbury Forest Dr, Springfield. Tickets cost \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. So, join Peter, Wendy, and Captain Hook, and call 703-239-4000 to reserve your tickets today.

#### THURSDAY/MARCH 26

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Build your child's early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. To register visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/fx/.

**Alphabet Soup.** 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join us for stories and activities about letters in the alphabet. Ages 3-5 with adult. To register visit http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/bc/.

Walk for Wishes. 6-8 p.m. Mosaic District, 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic invites the local community to participate in the inaugural northern Virginia Walk For Wishes. Join Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic wish kids, friends, families and supporters to help grant the wishes of local children with life-threatening medical conditions. Register and create fundraising teams online at www.WalkForWishesNOVA.org.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 25

### First Meeting Scheduled for Ad Hoc Police Commission

ith endorsement, albeit non-unanimous, from the Board of Supervisors, the ad hoc commission organized by Board Chairman Sharon Bulova to review Fairfax County Police Department practices will hold its first meeting March 23.

A statement from Bulova's office said, "The Commission will recommend changes, consistent with Virginia law, which would help Fairfax County achieve its goal of maintaining a safe community, ensuring a culture of public trust and making sure our policies provide for the fair and timely resolution of police-involved incidents."

The 34-member commission comprises zero citizens, nine police representatives, five legal authorities, three academics and consultants, five members of the media and two county staff members, not including commission Chairman Michael Hershman and Bulova.

Though not on the original list presented by Bulova, a recent addition to the commission membership is Salvatore Culosi whose son Dr. Salvatore "Sal" Culosi, Jr. was killed by a Fairfax County Police officer Jan. 24, 2006 outside his Fair Oaks townhouse.

The public meeting is scheduled to take place March 23 at the Fairfax County Government Center, rooms 9 and 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The government center is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway

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## Sports



Senior point guard Eric Bowles led Woodson with 20 points during the Cavaliers' 59-51 loss to Colonial Forge during the 6A boys' basketball state semifinals on March 13 at VCU's Siegel Center.



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The W.T. Woodson "Cavalry" cheer on the Cavaliers during the 6A boys' basketball state semifinals on March 13 at VCU's Siegel Center.

## Woodson Boys' Basketball Falls in State Semis

Cavaliers can't get over hump against defending 6A champ Colonial Forge.

> By Jon Roetman The Connection

he Woodson boys' basketball team trailed by 14 points in the first half of Friday's state semifinal matchup with Colonial Forge and was out-rebounded by a 2-to-1 ratio.

The Cavaliers, however, have never been ones to shrink in the face of adversity.

Woodson battled back, generating multiple fourth-quarter opportunities to tie or take the lead against the defending state champion. But despite their valiant effort, the Cavaliers couldn't get over the hump.

Woodson pulled to within one with 2:30 remaining, but Colonial Forge closed the contest on an 8-1 run and secured a return trip to the state final with a 59-51 victory on March 13 at VCU's Siegel Center.

Colonial Forge will face 6A North region champion Westfield in the state championship game at 7:15 p.m. today.

Jackson Boehman twice pulled Woodson within two, burying a 3-pointer and dropping in a putback early in the fourth quarter

A Tyler Wilson bucket cut the Woodson deficit to 47-45. With 2:30 left in the fourth quarter, Eric Bowles converted a three-point play, bringing the Cavaliers within one at 51-50.

With 1:06 remaining, Woodson had possession, trailing 53-51.

Each time, Woodson failed to capitalize. "If you get open shots, you get free throws, you've got to put them down," Woodson head coach Doug Craig said. "...



Woodson senior Tyler Wilson, right, goes up against Colonial Forge's Marco Haskins during the 6A state semifinals on March 13 at VCU's Siegel Center.

I thought we got open looks, we got to the free-throw line with the guys we wanted there. [A] couple rolled out on us, [a] couple [were] halfway down and popped out. That's basketball."

Woodson trailed 23-9 early in the second quarter. The Cavaliers cut the deficit to eight at halftime, 30-22, and trailed 43-38 entering the fourth quarter.

The Cavaliers had a chance to win despite being out-rebounded 45-22.

"We're smaller than everybody we play against, it seems like," Craig said. "We're kind of a guard-oriented team. That's kind of who we've been the last couple years. ... What are you going to do? You're outsized by 2 or 3 inches at every position, you're going to give up some rebounds. But with that being said, we put ourselves in position to have a chance to win. Give [the

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- Woodson boys' basketball coach Doug Craig

Eagles] credit: they made their free throws down the stretch, they made a couple shots, we missed a couple, that's the difference."

Bowles, the 6A North region Player of the Year, led Woodson with 20 points, but shot just 6-of-18. Junior guard Matt Ayoub, a second-team all-region selection, finished with six points on 2-of-12 shooting, including 2-of-9 from 3-point range.

"I thought my teammates got me open to get the shots that I needed," Ayoub said. "I was open, I just couldn't hit them."

Tyler Wilson scored 17 points for Woodson, shooting 6-of-8 from the field. The senior forward scored 10 of the Cavaliers' first 13 points.

Woodson shot 12-of-19 (63 percent) from the free-throw line. Colonial Forge shot 16-of-22 (73 percent).

Senior guard Marco Haskins led Colonial Forge with 20 points and 15 rebounds. Junior guard Cario Eaton scored 19 points for the Eagles, including 17 in the second half. He went 3-of-3 from 3-point range and 10-of-12 from the free-throw line.

Woodson lost in the state semifinals for a third consecutive season. Each year, the Cavaliers responded to a loss in the district/conference tournament by making a run to

the region championship game.

"This one hurts the most," Bowles said, "because it was our last run."

Woodson won the 2013 AAA Northern Region title, overcoming a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Wakefield in overtime. The Cavaliers beat Battlefield in the state quarterfinals before losing to Henrico.

The Cavaliers won the 2014 6A North region championship, beating Lake Braddock in the final after losing their three previous matchups with the Bruins during the season. With a new playoff format, Woodson advanced directly to the state semifinals,

where the Cavaliers lost to Landstown.

This year, Woodson lost to Westfield in the region final before falling to Colonial Forge.

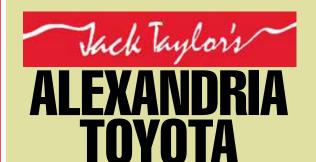
"I'm proud to have been a part of all this," said Wilson, a three-year varsity contributor. "... I'm glad to have done it with the guys that we did it with."

Woodson finished the season with a 19-10 record, including a 91-86 triple-overtime loss to South County in the Conference 7 championship game.

"I think for us, even though we didn't win a state title last year, we've been a team that's had a target," Craig said. "I think these guys have really battled through that."

The Cavaliers played Friday's game in front of yet another large student crowd. Ten charter buses transported Woodson students to Richmond, Craig said.

"Our community, everybody knows, has been through some difficult things the last few years and I think boys' basketball is one of the things that's kind of uplifted not only the school and the kids, [but] the whole community," Craig said. "Our student support, our fan support I think is second to none. I don't know if anyone else down here will bring 10 busloads of kids."



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Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 31 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Acacia Lodge Hall, 7135 Main Street Clifton, VA 20124 to consider the amendment of the special use permit of Clifton General Store / Main Street Pub, located at 7140 Main Street, to include and authorize an increase in number of seats, an increase in parking onsite and off-site for the public and employees. The application for the proposed amendment to Clifton General Store / Main Street Pub's special use permit, is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.clifton-va.com and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the requested amendment to the Clifton General Store / Main Street Pub's special use permit.

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Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Ashburn \$244,900

Large sunny 2 BD, 2 BA condo. SS appliances, fire place, huge balcony walk-in closets and full size W/D. Across from Brambleton Town Center, walk and enjoy movies, shops, and Betsv Rutkowski



Fairfax/Kings Park West

Charming 4-level updated split on corner lot in sought-after Kings Park West. Spacious home includes Kitchen w/custom cabinetry, fully updated bathrooms, built-ins & more. Newer systems, replaced windows, vinyl siding. Enjoy your morning coffee on the scr porch. Walk to Top-rated schools; nearby metrobus stop & VRE.

Mary Hovland 703-946-1775 Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Brecon Ridge Charmer! A must see! Charming Colonial on 41,200 sq ft lot. Huge remodeled kitchen with all the bells & whistles, wall to wall windows accent the sunny Breakfast Room, cozy Family Room with brick fireplace, Master BR suite w/gorgeous remodeled bath, finished daylight LL w/walk-up, slate roof, expanded two car garage
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Walk to soon-to-be built Metro Station! This condo located in Worldgate features a quiet location with a pleasant view of the pool and adjacent to the Worldgate Club House with exercise room, party room and management office. Hardwood floors, garage space, and a

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Lake Anna Beautiful hardwood floors & open floor plan for gathering. 3 bedrooms & full bath on one end of house. MBR suite with full bath & additional sitting room/office allows for privacy. Private lot. Short distance to gated common area with tot lot, pavilion, boat launch & slips. Doug Hough 540-846-5844



Prime Location! Charming, expanded center-hall colonial, 1/2 acre. Grand foyer. Living room with fireplace. Main level den, bedroom, sunroom, full bath. Remodeled kitchen with granite, stainless steel appliances, separate mud room, MBR with full bath & Wall-in closet. Gorgeous hdwds. Updates thruout. 2-car garage + storage Minutes to shopping, major routes, downtown Fairfax City. Jim Fox 703-503-1800



**Fairfax** \$349,900

Lovely 3 finished leve al townhome with 2 fireplaces, walkout rec room w/wet bar, updated kitchen, 3 bedrms, 3.5 baths, 2 assigned parking spaces. Located in the Glen Cove community near VRE, shopping,

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nary condo TH w/ over 2000 sq ft on 2 lvls. Soaring 2-story LR w /gas frpl. Columned DR. Dazzling Kit w/ upgraded cabs, granite counters, s/s appls. FR off kit w/ vaulted ceiling & doors to private terrace. Gorgeous hdwds. Windows galore. Mn lvl MBR has lux bath w/ dual vanity, sep jetted tub & shower, custom W.I closet. Upper Ivl w/ loft, 2nd BR & full BA. 2 gar spaces + extra storage. Steps to WFC Metro, Falls Church City. Jim Fox 703-503-1800



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