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Genie (Jack Ellinger) makes his appearance when the lamp is rubbed in Forestville Elementary production of Disney's Aladdin Jr. musical.

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Nearly Half a Billion for Schools, Fire, Police

Reston, Merrifield fire stations would be renovated or replaced.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Voters will decide in November on nearly half a billion dollars in bond sales for schools and public safety projects. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized the referendum on the two possible bond issues at its last Board meeting, Tuesday, June 2.

If approved by Fairfax County voters, \$151 million would be available to renovate five fire stations, build a new police station and animal shelter in the South County area, plus renovate several police facilities.

The \$310 million school bond would renovate nine elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools, along with funding an addition to South Lakes High School and plan a new Northwest County area elementary school.

The Fairfax County School Board adopted its own resolution on May 7, urging the



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the Fairfax County Police Department for its 75th anniversary.

Board of Supervisors to authorize the bonds.

FIVE AGING fire stations, Merrifield, Reston, Penn Daw, Woodlawn and Edsall, would be renovated with \$51 million. The stations range in age from 36 to 48 years, and require the replacement of major systems “which have reached the end of their useful lives,” according to Fairfax County documents. “These stations do not meet the current operational requirements of the Fire and Rescue Department.”

Renovations will expand equipment bays to provide adequate space for current ap-

paratus and current station staffing requirements, including bunk rooms and locker facilities for male and female personnel.

THE POLICE would use \$100 million to: build a new animal shelter and police station in the South County area; renovate Franconia District Police station; do construction and renovation for the police heliport, K9 Center and several other facilities.

The new police station would create smaller coverage areas.

“This is a critical need given the signifi-

Public Safety Bonds

- Merrifield Fire Station \$8 million
- Reston Fire Station \$13 million
- Penn Daw Fire Station \$10 million
- Woodlawn Fire Station \$10 million
- Edsall Fire Station \$10 million
- South County Police Station and Animal Shelter \$30 million
- Heliport \$13 million
- Police Tactical Operations Facility (Pine Ridge) \$24 million
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & K9 \$10 million
- Franconia Police Station \$23 million

cant current and future population growth in the area,” according to county documents. “A new station will allow the department to organize smaller patrol areas and decrease response times throughout the County.”

Fairfax County has the highest credit rating possible for any government, and this means bonds sell at low interest rates.

This plan, including the proposed fall 2015 referendum was approved as part of the FY 2016 – FY 2020 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

The School bond sales will be maintained in the annual amount of \$155 million. The County will issue a pamphlet about the bonds to be mailed to all county households in the fall.

Get Outdoors Day at Great Falls Park

Visitors flock to the parks to participate in summer activities, Get Outdoors Day next Saturday.

BY JENNIFER FLANAGAN
THE CONNECTION

The advent of the summer months attracts large crowds to the parks of Great Falls, located on the Virginia side of the upper Potomac River.

Great Falls Park, a National Park Service site, experiences an increase in visitation around late March or early April when the weather becomes nicer, according to the park’s Chief of Staff Aaron LaRocca.

Traffic jams often overwhelm Georgetown Pike on beautiful weekend days because of the long line of cars stretching from the park’s entrance to the main road.

While most visitors travel to the park to view its namesake, the Great Falls of the Potomac River, visitors partake in many other recreational activities, such as picnicking, hiking, bird watching and



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER FLANAGAN/THE CONNECTION

Jared Lampal (left) and Jake Wadle work on the construction of one of three fishing line recyclers as part of Alex Brunner’s Eagle Scout Project at Riverbend Park.

taking tours. LaRocca indicated the tours are a popular tourist event.

“There are park ranger led tours, which are tours about general history, and specialty tours that change month to month,” he said.

A major highlight of this summer season at Great Falls Park is the festivities of National Get Outdoors Day, on Saturday, June 13. The future summer calendar features the centennial celebration of the National Park Service in 2016.

“We are encouraging everybody to get out and find your park in celebration of the centennial,” LaRocca said. “And if you have never been to a park, Great Falls is a great

place to have a first experience in a national park.”

Riverbend Park, nestled off a back road of Great Falls, offers a more remote setting than the typically crowded Great Falls Park. While visitors can hike to the Falls via the Heritage Trail that connects the two parks, there are often fewer crowds at Riverbend.

Rob Horne initially intended to travel to Great Falls Park with his family last Sunday but visited Riverbend Park instead to avoid the large crowds.

“We turned around and came here and have been pleasantly surprised,” he said.

Visitors can explore over 400 acres of forest, meadows, ponds and trails, or kayak,



Rob Horne shows his children, Owen and Hallie, a small insect found along the Heritage Trail at Riverbend Park while on a family hike Sunday afternoon.

canoe and fish in the Potomac River.

A new addition to Riverbend Park this summer is three fishing line recyclers along the Heritage Trail constructed as a result of McLean High School student Alex Brunner’s Eagle Scout Project.

Jared Lampal, Jake Wadle and Jacquie Wadle constructed the initial recycler Sunday afternoon by digging holes to insert a PVC pipe that will serve as a fishing line recycling bin.

Summer activities at Riverbend Park include fishing and boating tutorials, as well as bird, insect and geology tours.

NEWS

The Best Musical Award went to McLean High School for "Big Fish." (From left): Jack Posey, Emma Gold, Amy Poe, Marielle Burt, Rachel Lawhead and Alex Stone.



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The Comic Actress in a Play Award went to Vivian Vaeth for "Book of Days" at Langley High School.

Cappies Awards Honor High School Theater

The 16th Annual Cappies Gala honoring high school theater was held Sunday, June 7 at The Kennedy Center. Of the 39 awards, winning the top prizes were Robinson Secondary School for the Best Play Award for "Neverwhere," and McLean High School for the Best Musical Award for "Big Fish." This year's Masters of Ceremony were Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

This year's show included 58 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William counties,

and the Cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, Manassas and Washington, D.C. The Cappies season extended from late October to early May.

The Cappies program was launched in the summer of 1999 by Judy Bowns, the theatre arts resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high school theater.

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Ayesha Javaid, center, receives congratulations from Peggy Stotz, co-president of the AAUW McLean Area Branch, far left; Bob Ryan, meteorologist and keynote speaker; her mother Naz Basit, second from right; and Judy Page, McLean area branch STEM coordinator, far right, at the branch's annual dinner on May 13. Ayesha was honored by the AAUW McLean Area Branch as the 2015 recipient of their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award.

Langley High Sophomore Receives STEM Excellence Award

Ayesha Javaid, a sophomore at Langley High School, was honored at the annual dinner of the McLean Area Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) as the 2015 recipient of the branch's STEM Excellence Award. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award is given to a female student from a high school in the McLean area with an outstanding science fair project in the field of Engineering. The award, presented to Ayesha on May 13 at River Bend Country Club, recognized her project to purify contaminated water into safe drinking water for under \$5.

While visiting family in Pakistan, Ayesha decided to undertake her water purification project after seeing people drinking from dirty puddles in the streets. She set up an experiment that created a solar cooker to boil water and tested before and after samples for purity. Her project finished in first place in the Materials and Bioengineering category at Langley High School, and at the Fairfax County Regional Sci-

ence and Engineering Fair, she was recognized as a Second Place Winner in the Environmental Engineering category.

Her work was commended by keynote speaker Bob Ryan, a Washington broadcast meteorologist since 1980. He was chief meteorologist with NBC4 for 30 years and, before retiring in 2013, served as senior meteorologist and head of digital weather strategies at ABC7. During his career Ryan has remained actively involved in the science of meteorology. He served the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in several positions, including as its president in 1996 (the only broadcast meteorologist elected president of the AMS). He co-chairs a new AMS Committee on Effective Communication of Weather and Climate Information, and his presentation included a discussion of numerous weather trends.

For more information on the McLean Area Branch, visit the AAUW McLean Area website at <http://mclean-va.aauw.net>.

Band Directors Recognize Outstanding Student Solo Performers

The Fairfax County Band Directors Association has recognized 16 Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students for excellence in solo instrumental music performance as part of the 2015 Fairfax County Band Directors Association Solo Competition. A total of 33 schools were represented; 66 students competed in the event.

The following students were named winners in the elementary school division:

- ❖ First place: Beth Johnston (trumpet), Colvin Run Elementary School.
- ❖ Second place: Matthew Marcantonio (alto saxophone), Colvin Run Elementary School.
- ❖ Third place: Maia Trafton (trumpet), Keene Mill Elementary School.

- ❖ Honorable Mention: Eden Ethington (flute), Mosby Woods Elementary School; Ella Peters (flute), Stratford Landing Elementary School; Lacey Weber (tuba), White Oaks Elementary School.

Judges named the following winners in the middle school division:

- ❖ First place: Cherri Chen (marimba), Kilmer Middle School.
- ❖ Second place: Forrest Johnston (trumpet), Kilmer Middle School.
- ❖ Third place: Diego Stine (tuba), Kilmer Middle School.
- Honorable Mention: Jane Lee (flute), Longfellow Middle School; Kathryn Nei (flute), Carson Middle School; Kevin Mo (clarinet), Carson Middle School.

The following students were

named winners in the high school division:

- ❖ First place: Hunter Lorelli (bassoon), West Springfield High School.
- Second place: Mari Takeda (marimba), Chantilly High School.
- ❖ Third place: Arthur He (clarinet), Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.
- ❖ Honorable Mention: Davina Miaw (flute), Chantilly High School.

Judges were Tiffany Hitz, Emily Morgan, Brian Thomas, Mary Jo West, Phil Franke, and Chuck West.

The Fairfax County Band Directors Association is a collaborative learning team, professional, and social organization made up of Fairfax County elementary, middle, and high school band directors.



PHOTO GALLERY!

“Me and My Dad”

To honor dad on Father's Day, send us your favorite snapshots of you with your dad and The Connection will publish them in our Father's Day issue. Be sure to include some information about what's going on in the photo, plus your name and phone number and town of residence. To e-mail photos, send to:

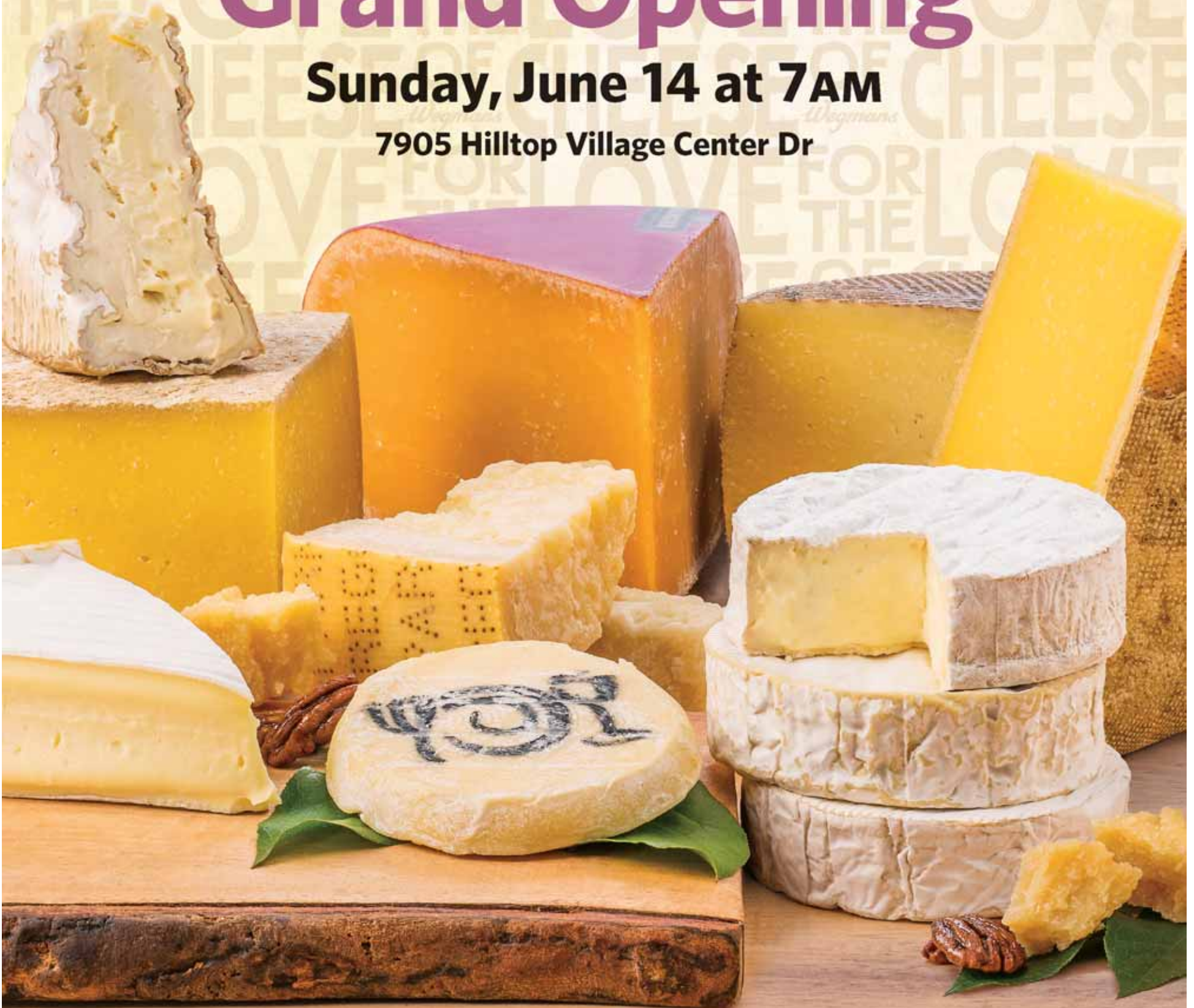
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Bishops' Statement on Death Penalty Debate

To build a culture of life we must respect the sanctity of even "unlovable" lives.

BY BISHOP FRANCIS X. DILORENZO
AND BISHOP PAUL S. LOVERDE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

This year, through the advocacy of the Virginia Catholic Conference, our Church spent considerable time opposing legislation related to the death penalty. The proposed measure would have permitted the Commonwealth to arrange with compounding pharmacies to mix drugs for use in executions, hiding from the public the identities of the pharmacies and materials used. Thankfully, this bill was defeated. So, too, was a measure the Virginia General Assembly considered last year — also opposed by the Conference — that would have forced death row inmates to be electrocuted if lethal injection drugs are not available.

Meanwhile, Pope Francis delivered a message which sharply contrasted these disturbing debates. "There is discussion in some quarters about the method of killing, as if it were possible to find ways of 'getting it right'," the Pope wrote in a recent letter about the death penalty. "But there is no humane way of killing another person."

Pope Francis' keen observation adds an exclamation point to the rejection of these "method of execution" bills. In Virginia, we are indeed having the wrong debate — a reality clearly visible in light of all we celebrate dur-

ing this Easter season.

In these final joyful weeks of Easter, the Church continues to celebrate the gift of eternal life offered through the Resurrection. In our pilgrimage to that life, we follow Jesus, who loved and forgave us from the Cross, by living out the teaching of our faith that all human life is sacred, from the moment of conception until natural death.

This conviction is reflected in our understanding that the poor and vulnerable have the first claim on our consciences, in our opposition to abortion and euthanasia, and in our responsibility to welcome immigrants and refugees. But our faith also challenges us to declare sacred even the least lovable among us, those convicted of committing brutal crimes which have brought them the ultimate penalty, the penalty of death.

The Church's teaching on the death penalty is succinctly stated in a 2005 U.S. Bishops' statement, "A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death:" "No matter how heinous the crime, if society can protect itself without ending a human life, it should do so." This statement is the teaching of the Catechism, and for decades Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis consistently have urged us to embrace it.

To be sure, this teaching challenges many people, including ourselves when we reflect on violent crimes and lives lost in senseless and unimaginable ways. The deep pain, grief and

suffering of those who have lost loved ones to violence cry out for our care and attention. More killing, though, is not the answer: The death penalty does not provide true healing for those who mourn, nor does it embody the Gospel of Life, which each of us is called to affirm even in the most difficult circumstances.

It is also important to note that people have been executed despite serious doubts about their guilt, and inmates who languished on death row for decades have been freed after their innocence was proven. Since 1973, some 152 death row inmates nationwide — including one in Virginia — have been exonerated. We must also be aware of the racial inequity inherent in the system, and that the death penalty has been administered to individuals with severe intellectual disabilities.

These circumstances further illustrate that, in Virginia and elsewhere, we are having the wrong debate. We should no longer debate which inmates we execute or how we execute them. Instead, we should debate this: If all human lives are sacred and if a civilized society such as ours can seek redress and protect itself by means other than taking a human life, why are we continuing to execute people?

By ending the use of the death penalty we would take one important step — among significant others we must take — to abandon the culture of death and embrace the culture of life.

As Pope Francis reminds us, there is no humane way of taking a life. Let us not choose whether to use lethal drugs, electric chairs, gas chambers or firing squads. Let us take the more courageous step and choose life instead, even when it seems "unlovable."

COMMENTARY

Kurspahics To Receive Civic Courage Award

Honored by the Bosnia Memory Project.

Kemal Kurspahic and his wife Vesna of McLean are being honored as recipients of the inaugural Civic Courage Award from the Bosnia Memory Project at Fontbonne University in St. Louis.

Kemal Kurspahic, the managing editor of The Connection, was editor-in-chief of the Bosnian newspaper *Oslobodjenje* during the three and a half-year siege of Sarajevo, between 1992 and 1995. He led a multi-ethnic staff that continued to publish a daily edition throughout the siege, despite the newspaper building being bombed and facing gunfire while trying to reach the office.

"They have stood for the kinds of civic ideas and ideals that characterize the best of Bosnia, Herzegovina and United States," said Dr. Ben Moore, director of the Bosnia Memory Project. "They really believe in journalism as a vital part of the civic sphere, that



Vesna and Kemal Kurspahic in Sarajevo in 2006 with old Turkish fountain — Sebilj — in the background. Bosnians in St. Louis have built a replica of Sarajevo Sebilj in their new hometown.

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people of all ethnicities and backgrounds can find common understanding."

Kurspahic's book about the experience, "As Long As Sarajevo Exists," is required reading for a course Moore teaches at Fontbonne. The Bosnia Memory Project started in 2006 as a response to the large community of Bosnians and their children — around 40,000 — that settled in St. Louis after the war.

"What he did during the siege of Sarajevo, keeping the paper running and refusing to yield to the chauvinism and bigotry, is an ongoing inspiration for what we're doing," Moore said.

The core of the project is producing an ongoing oral history to preserve stories and artifacts from the war and genocide. Another goal is to lay the groundwork for a center of Bosnian studies at the university.

"We have a second generation that's coming of age now," Moore said. "Twenty years after the war, they don't have an understanding of their parents' and grandparents' experience of Bosnian culture."

Vesna Kurspahic is the curator of "Documenting Hometown and Family History in Stari Majdan, Bosnia," a photography exhibition that Moore said is helping to show the "beauty and complexity of Bosnian culture and history."

The Kurspahics are being recognized at a June 13 dinner held at the Grbic Banquet Center, a Bosnian restaurant in St. Louis. Moore said he recently discovered Vesna's mother was a teacher and school principal to the owners, husband and wife, Sulejman and Ermina Grbic.

"This is a classic case of the recipients honoring the award more than the other way around," said Moore. "The challenge, with the plan to offer this award annually, is finding people who rise to the same level."

— TIM PETERSON



WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Host Families Needed for French Exchange Students

Ten French teens will be in the Northern Virginia area from July 7-27 and need welcoming host families who will show them warmth and hospitality. "These French teens want to experience American life firsthand," says Karen Sweer, the Regional Director, "and to be totally immersed in the English language. It's a wonderful opportunity for families to add an international dimension to their lives." The students speak English and bring ample spending money. LEC (Loisirs Culturels à l'Étranger), the Paris-based sponsor, provides these students with three planned excursions, medical insurance and gives host families a stipend to cover typical hosting expenses. No French language skills are needed. For more information, contact Karen today at 717-795-7089 or ksweer@aol.com.

Senior Center to Meet at River Bend Country Club

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) event for July 7 will be a luncheon hosted by River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Luncheon includes appetizer, entrée and dessert choices with coffee or tea.

Reservations are limited, at a cost of \$35 per person (Tip and Tax included). Call Sondra Taylor 703-759-6204 or email staylor131@cox.net. Include in email if you need a confirmation of receipt. Send checks (Payable to GFSC) to Sondra Taylor, 752 Boehms Court, Great Falls 22066.

GFSC's mission is to enrich the lives of the community's seniors with stimulating and social networking opportunities. Additional information and registration form can be found at www.gfseniors.org.

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COMMUNITY

Community, VDOT Discuss Bridge Over Piney Run

Public information meeting held on bridge replacement project.

BY CAMILLE KIDWELL
THE CONNECTION

Last week, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held a public information meeting in Great Falls regarding the replacement of the Walker Road Bridge over Piney Run. The bridge, located on Route 681 in Fairfax County, was built in 1932, and is currently 22 feet wide and accommodates only one lane of traffic. Due to traffic buildup, the bridge becomes very congested during peak rush times. Additionally, according to VDOT employee Shaun Fielding, the bridge is structurally deficient: "The bridge cannot withstand the flooding of Piney Run. It is dangerous and falling apart. Therefore we are looking for input from members of the community on how this bridge should be

rebuilt. There is sensitivity on how big the project will be and what the footprint will be. Additionally, we are looking for feedback about giving the bridge pedestrian access."

Currently, VDOT has provided four alternatives:

- ❖ Alternative 1 - Bridge without a sidewalk;

- ❖ Alternative 2 - 6' raised sidewalk on West Side of the Bridge;

- ❖ Alternative 3 - 14' raised share path on West Side of Bridge;

- ❖ Alternative 4 - 10' Pedestrian Bridge on West Side of Bridge

(4A- Concrete Bridge; 4B- Connector Style Truss with Timber Deck; 4C- Keystone Style Truss with Timber Deck)

These different structures are currently being discussed and assessed by members of the community and VDOT employees. Many questions were raised specifically re-

garding the pedestrian access. If this feature were to be included in the project, Fairfax County would have to create a trail to link the sidewalk with another pedestrian-safe path. This necessity would make the project larger and therefore is a factor that needs to be decided within the coming months.

The department has estimated that the project would create three weeks of road closure and up to six miles of detour. This would create up to 70-second traffic delays during peak hours. The project is estimated to cost \$4.7 million and be completed in the summer of 2017.

For more information regarding the bridge, images of the alternatives and news about upcoming information events, visit VDOT's website at:

http://www.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/walker_road_bridge.asp

VIEWPOINTS

What Do You think About the Bridge Replacement Project?

— CAMILLE KIDWELL

Peter Falcone, Great Falls:

"I'm a bit disappointed about the presentation being made, because of the constant loop. I was expecting something more professional. I do not agree with the improvements they are proposing. It will be attractive for the commuters, but will bring more traffic flow."



Wes Callender, Great Falls :

"I use Walker Road every day. I've seen it under many floods, even the 300th. We definitely need a new bridge, it

is obvious that the current is insufficient. At a time it was nice, but now it is unsafe. I think the new one will not flood and the rebuilding is a practical solution."



Joe Sartiano, Great Falls

"I think most everyone knows something needs to be done. The two lane bridge needs to be done for safety issues. Most of

us don't want a pedestrian walkway."

Eric Knudsen, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Great Falls:

"We've been talking about rebuilding the bridge for 10 years. The two-lane versus one-lane is problematic, and the conclusion is that two-lane would be more functional. This is a major road into our community and businesses. We have had rainstorms that have washed the bridge out, so we know that we have needed a new



bridge. On this new bridge, most want trails as well. The project will have to be done over the summer. The main concerns are the shutdown of the bridge, the reopening of it and how they will reroute traffic."



Eric Masters, construction, Great Falls:

"This project is important to me because Walker Mill Road was my driveway when I was a kid. In 1971, it was a dead end! I moved in there in the '70s. I am very impressed with the effort that has been put in to rebuild the bridge. It definitely needs to be part of a public discussion, especially about the sidewalk. I think we would like it to be kept more rural, that's what the most of us want."

comprehending. Adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dm/>.

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Langley Choirs Present 'A Disney Spectacular'

Spring show closes out successful year.

The Langley High School choirs recently presented two performances of their spring show, "A Disney Spectacular." The show, held at the McLean Bible Church, featured songs and medleys from several Disney productions, including "Frozen," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid," "The Jungle Book," "Pocahontas," "The Hunch-

back of Notre Dame," "Newsies," "Hercules," and "Aladdin."

The spring show capped another successful year for the award-winning high school choirs. In March, the choirs took top honors at a national choral festival in San Antonio, including the Outstanding Choral Award and the Choral Sweepstakes Award. Six students were selected for the All-Virginia Chorus and seven seniors were selected for the Virginia Music Educators Association Honors Choir. The program sent 54 students plus four alternates to participate in the All-District Honor Choir. The Langley choirs also all re-

ceived superior ratings in the District XII Choral Assessment.

Langley High School offers six choirs: the Madrigals, Women's Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Women's Select Choir, Women's Treble Choir, and VoiceMale. Under the direction of Dr. Mac Lambert, now in his 13th year at Langley, the choirs have consistently received superior ratings at district assessments and earned top scores at Heritage Music Festivals around the country. The choirs are planning a performance tour in Europe in the spring of 2016.



The Langley Madrigals performed medleys from "Frozen" and "Beauty and the Beast."



Langley's Voicemale choir performed highlights from "The Jungle Book" and "Newsies."



The Women's Chamber Choir sang a selection of songs from "Aladdin."



The Women's Treble Choir sang a medley from "The Little Mermaid."



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MONDAY/JUNE 15

Effective English. 1 p.m. 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Get help with speaking and conversing, reading and writing, and listening and

Repairs Trigger Remodel

Great Falls renovation evolves from basic, needed repairs to an extensive family-friendly remodel.

BY JOHN BYRD

Sometimes a significant home improvement starts with small repair considerations. In fact, as Roger Lataille, senior design consultant at Sun Design Remodeling, recalls, his first discussion with Jeff and Sharon Roman of Great Falls concerned how to solve a water drainage problem.

“There were no gutters over the three garage ports, and rain water splash-back was causing the garage doors to deteriorate,” Lataille said. “Also, the front entrance was too exposed. And the original wooden deck on the back of the house had decayed so badly it wasn’t being used much at all.”

Then there was the problem with woodpeckers regularly attacking the house, a reflection of moisture build-up and bug-infestation under the home’s sprayed-on stucco exterior.

Yet rectifying these everyday dysfunctions turned out to be a comparatively small part of the Romans’ agenda, as Lataille soon discovered.

As the conversation progressed, the outlines for a sweeping, state-of-the-art makeover began to take shape even as the home’s exterior was gradually re-imagined as an architectural statement fully integrated with its setting.

At 6,500 square feet, the nearly 20-year-old, six bedroom center hall Colonial offered considerable grandeur, yet the facade lacked detail, definition, even warmth.

“There were a lot of distinctive architectural themes in place,” Lataille said. “Our first concern is always helping the owner articulate a program that suits their goals, and then initiating an effective collaboration process.”

With this in mind, the solutions proposed for the home’s front elevations came right to the point. A metal-clad overhang supported by decorative brackets above the garage doors not only re-directs rainwater into a discrete functional drainage system, but also gives the facade a unifying accent that ties in with the redesigned front entrance.

The defective stucco cladding has been replaced with sand-colored Hardiboard and a stonework “water table” motif that scales back the mass of the looming three level facade, making the whole feel more intimate and approachable.

LIKEWISE, on the rear elevation, opportunities for self-expression quickly became inspirations.



The new portico lends needed definition to the entrance way of the Jeff and Sharon Roman’s Great Falls home. The metal-clad roof is visually unified with a garage overhang supported by decorative brackets.

Situated on two rolling acres and surrounded by woodland, the home’s setting provided a sprawling backdrop for an indoor-outdoor solution.

Boasting a southwesterly view from the rear elevation, the existing rear deck was usually bathed in soft sunsets on summer evenings. The visual display was, likewise, available from the house — except the windows were too small and the only exits to the outside converged in a recessed hyphen joining the two main blocks on the rear of the house.

“Ironically, we’ve always loved spending time outdoors,” Sharon said, “so it’s surprising that we hadn’t changed the exterior of the house in the 13 years we’ve lived here.”

During summer vacations at Deep Creek Lake in Maryland, however, the Romans discovered how much they enjoy sitting by a fire pit on pleasant evenings. This revelation prompted thoughts of adding not only a fire pit, but a screen porch on the rear of the house — one that could be used from early spring and well into fall.

“I also pictured more natural light in the back of the house,” Sharon Roman said. “A rear elevation with oversized windows and doors that invites in the beauty all around us.”

As the vision evolved, the Romans decided on a plan with four main components: a 20-foot-by-15-foot screened porch, a 21-foot-by-16-foot grilling deck, a ground level sunken patio that exits from a lower level room, and a stand-alone fire pit with seating for six.



PHOTOS BY GREG HADLEY

The spacious new screened porch demonstrates how highly durable materials can be shaped to meet demanding aesthetics. The Ipe decking chosen for the porch flooring is one of the most enduring natural hardwoods offered for outdoor surfaces; installed in a tongue-and-groove pattern, it keeps out bugs more effectively than screen mesh. The fiberglass charcoal screen, likewise, makes it hard to see the porch interior from the outside.

Details

Sun Design Remodeling frequently sponsors tours of recently remodeled homes as well as workshops on home remodeling topics. Headquartered in Burke, the firm has a second office in McLean. Call 703-425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com for more.

“We were thinking ahead in many ways,” Sharon Roman said. “Jeff and I have elderly parents, and a lot of family in the area. A direct entrance to the lower level, for instance, might make it easy to convert the space into an in-law suite if needed.”

Overall, the Romans sought the capacity to comfortably entertain up to 40 or 50 people.

Of course, for a fete of that size — well-constructed decking is essential. Phase one to the new plan was, thus, a nod to necessity: re-design the decking system to accommodate traffic circulating from directions never previously in the picture.

“We learned immediately that the concrete supporting the existing 20-year-old deck hadn’t been properly set,” Lataille said. “Also, to assure the durability of the deck’s surface, we specified Trex instead of wood, and narrowed the span between undergirding joists from 16 inches to 12 inches.”

Structurally, the new decking is not only an upgrade, but thoroughly necessary since it’s now directly accessible through oversized double glass doors from the family room, the dining room and the billiards parlor. It’s also linked via a new flagstone walkway to the both fire pit and the new rear entrance to the lower level.

“Access to the outdoors from the house is one of the most fundamental features of an

integrated indoor/outdoor solution,” Lataille said. “Bringing the aesthetics of nature into your daily life is a lifestyle change. The goal is to create spaces that can be easily maintained, yet allow owners to comfortably extend the open-air season.”

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Meanwhile, the fiberglass charcoal screen — which makes it hard to see the porch interior from the outside — creates a cozy sense of closure. Overhead, the fir-beaded tongue-and-groove wood ceiling lends a natural burnish to the open-air ambiance.

Taking the lead from other finish work details, the design team installed a stone work “water table” for the porch’s inside wall — a textured backdrop for the wide-screen TV.

Equipped with both overhead fans and portable heaters, the outdoor room is habitable in all but the coldest days of winter.

“It’s really our preferred family room now,” said Sharon Roman. “With overhead fans, shades and other convenient adjustments, we can use the porch from early spring to late fall.”

John Byrd (byrdmatx@comcast.net) has been writing about home improvement topics for 30 years.

NEWS

A Pilates and Painting Love Affair

Painting and Pilates are the two P's of Great Falls artist Leslie Anthony's life.

Anthony, of Traditional Pilates, was certified in 2000 and was personally trained by the original protégé of Joseph Pilates, Romana Kryzanowska. She teaches Pilates classes weekly in Great Falls.

Anthony has become a well-known artist in the Great Falls area, with her paintings of horses and other farm animals, as well as commissioned works for clients.

"I have a barnyard of canvases to show for my effort. My studio at Artist on the Green awaits my next creature of interest," said Anthony.

— JENNIFER FLANAGAN



PHOTO BY JENNIFER FLANAGAN/THE CONNECTION

Leslie Anthony with her menagerie of animal portraits at Artists at the Green in Great Falls.



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Oil painting on canvas titled "Late Day Downtime" by Leslie Anthony.

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4 Artists Spring Show. The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. 703-281-2350. www.theframefactory1.com.

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What's in Your Garden? Tuesdays - Saturdays at the Vienna Arts Society "Gallery in the Village Green", 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Featured artist Loy McGaughy of Reston exhibits a colorful collection of watercolors inspired by her personal photographs. The exhibition includes more than a dozen other artists.

ART, MUSIC, THEATRE, ETC

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

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Mystery Book Club. 1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Join in the monthly unraveling of a whodunit or thriller. The June selection is the "Cuckoo's Calling" by J.K. Rowling and Robert Galbraith. Adults.

Northern Faces, Let it Happen, No Blitz - Concert. 7:30 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. No Blitz is a four-piece American Rock band based in Washington, D.C. Their desire for a mid-90's Alt Rock revival is reflected in their dynamic music. Tickets: \$10. <http://https://jamminjava.com>.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Tyson's Summer Concert Series: Gavin DeGraw. 7:15 p.m. The Plaza at Tysons Corner, 1961 Chain Bridge Road. A private, outdoor performance from Gavin DeGraw as well as fireworks and much more. Tickets: <http://www.tysonscornercenter.com/events/GavinDegraw>

Artist's Demonstration. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Mary Ellen Larkins, whose exquisite glass jewelry is featured in local galleries and at C'Ville Arts in Charlottesville, will demonstrate how she creates landscapes on glass. Using enamels, glass powder and frit, she achieves intriguing results after several firings in a kiln. Free.

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Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30-10 a.m. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee and conversation.

FRIDAY/JUNE 12

Playdate Cafe. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Coffee and conversation for children. Coffee and conversation for grownups.

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National Get Outdoors Day. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Great Falls National Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. National Get Outdoor Day event will offer opportunities for families to experience traditional and nontraditional types of outdoor activities. GODay event will offer a mix of information centers and "active fun" areas for the entire family.

Kayaking for Girl Scouts. 9 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Work on your water badge and learn to kayak on this kayak trip from Algonkian Park to Riverbend. Explore an island and have a picnic lunch. Drop off at Algonkian Park, pickup at Riverbend. Kayaks and all safety equipment provided.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

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Father's Day Fun

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Father's Day Family Fishing. 5-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Celebrate Father's Day at Riverbend Park with fishing. The cost is \$8 per person and includes supplies and equipment or you may bring your own rod and reel. All fish caught will be released. 703-759-3211.

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Antique Car Show. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Celebrate Father's Day at Sully's 42nd Annual Antique Car Show with more than 400 antique and classic cars. You can buy the car of your dreams at the Car Corral or search for the perfect accessory in the flea market with more than 100 ven-dors. Treat Dad to a delicious lunch and get your toes tapping to music reminiscent of the heyday of these classic automobiles. A tour of the first floor of the 1794 house is included. No reservations are required. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$7 for children. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. 9 a.m. Oak Marr Golf Course, 3200 Jermantown Street, Oakton. For ages 8-17, young competitors will be playing with their fathers in a two-person scramble format tournament. There will be trophies awarded for each age category. The registration will begin on June 1. The cost is \$40 per team and is due at the time of registration. For information, call 703-255-5390.

Sunrise Kayak Tour. 7-9 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Enjoy breathtaking views as the summer sun rises over the Potomac River. Paddle with a naturalist and learn about the historical and natural beauty of this island-dotted section of the Potomac. The cost is \$38 and includes one and two person kayaks. For information, call 703-759-3211.

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Falls Walk. 12:30-1 p.m. Great Falls National Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Join a ranger for a fun 30 minute stroll along the stunning vistas of Great Falls. Explore the natural and historical features that make this a timeless wonder.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 17

The Hunts. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. A Virginia-based band made up of seven brothers and sisters create a sophisticated sound that blends a fresh sensibility and elements of Americana and indie-inspired folk.

Pokémon League. 4:30 p.m. 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play Pokémon with friends.

THURSDAY/JUNE 18

Evening Book Group. 7:30 p.m. 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join in a book discussion. Call 703-757-8560 for book title. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

Playdate Cafe. 10 a.m. 9830

Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Bring your child to play, and engage in conversation over coffee. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

Drop-In Chess and Board Games.

3:30 p.m. 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in, and play chess and assorted board games. All skill levels and ages welcome. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19-SATURDAY/SEPT 5

Summer Reading Program. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Attend summer events and check out books. All ages. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Kayak Mini Float Trip. 11 a.m. - Noon. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. A scenic wagon ride from the Visitors Center upriver. Then enjoy a 1.5 mile instructor-led float trip down the river through riffles and flat water. The cost is \$38 for a one and two person kayak. For information, call 703-759-3211.

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Langley senior striker Zach Meyers battles for the ball with Madison's Matt Genberg during the 6A North region championship match on June 5.

Daniel Levetown (10) and the Langley boys' soccer team won the 6A North region title on Friday with a 2-1 victory over Madison.

Langley Boys' Soccer Wins Region Championship

The Langley boys' soccer team won the first region championship in program history with a 2-1 victory over Madison on June 5 at Langley High School.

After falling behind, Langley's Jacob Labovitz netted the equalizer and Sam Golan scored the game-winner.

"It felt really good to win the region title," Langley senior Daniel Levetown wrote in an email. "It was very surreal

for me. We were down most of the game, and being able to come back and win it in that fashion made it that much better. Nevertheless, we set our goal on winning the state championship. We celebrated after the game, jumped around a little and took some pictures, but we quickly got back to work preparing for the next game. But we do know that this is a very tough region and that it's an honor to take the title."

The victory improved Langley's record to 18-1-1, including a win against Fairfax in the Conference 6 tournament final. The Saxons are 15-0-1 since losing to McLean on April 7.

"Langley has had some great teams in the past and it's a travesty if none of them ever won the regional title," Levetown wrote. "I guess it's up to us to set the record straight and to show everyone what the Langley soccer tradition is all about. I am

pleased that we were able to win the region title to represent Langley soccer and all of the great Langley teams and players in the past."

Next up for the Saxons is a state semifinal match against 6A South runner-up James River at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 12 at Robinson Secondary School.

Langley's last appearance in a state final was 2004, when the Saxons lost 1-0 to West Springfield.

Marshall Baseball Earns State Tournament Berth

Statesmen fall to Stone Bridge in 5A North region final.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Marshall baseball team traveled to face Patrick Henry on June 5, qualified for the state tournament with a 3-2 victory in the 5A North region semifinals, and returned home from Ashland around 11 p.m.

The following day, the Statesmen hosted Stone Bridge for the region championship. After digging out a 5-0 hole and briefly taking the lead, Marshall finished runner-up on its home field, losing 10-7 on June 6.

After Stone Bridge dog-piled in celebration and trophies were awarded, Marshall players and coaches met for a postgame talk in right field.

What did head coach Aaron Tarr say to the Statesmen?

"You don't always have to tell them something, depending on how they react," Tarr said. "If they're upset, or if they're sad about how things go, then you've got to say, 'Hey, we're in states, let's pick this back up.' But



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION
Marshall catcher Mitch Blackstone went 2-for-4 with an RBI during the Statesmen's 10-7 loss to Stone Bridge in the 5A North region championship game on June 6.

they're more angry than sad, and angry guys are going to come back to work hard on Monday."

"That's indicative of having 11 seniors [who] want to get back after it."

THE MARSHALL BASEBALL team fell short of a region championship, but its season will continue after the Statesmen qualified for the state tournament for the first time in more than 20 years.

"We're pretty mad that we lost — especially to Stone Bridge, because we don't like losing to them," Marshall senior Will Brooke said. "[We're] excited for states and hopefully we get a chance to play them again [because] that's what we all want to do."

Before a potential rematch with Stone Bridge, Marshall will face 5A South champion Hickory in the state semifinals at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 12 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

"It's incredible," Marshall senior catcher Mitch Blackstone said. "My freshman year, I had no thoughts about will this team ever get to states, and certainly not my sophomore year."

In 2012, Blackstone's freshman year, Marshall finished 12-8 and lost in the opening round of the AAA Northern Region tournament. The following year, the Statesmen started 0-7 but caught fire late in the year and reached the region semifinals before losing to Lake Braddock. Last year, after moving to 5A as part of the VHSE's

six-class re-alignment, Marshall won the Conference 13 championship and again reached the region semifinals before losing to Stone Bridge and falling one victory shy of the state tournament for a second straight year.

This season, Marshall repeated as conference champion and secured a state berth with Friday's win over Patrick Henry. On Saturday, despite a pair of pitching changes in the first two innings and an early 5-0 deficit, the Statesmen continued to battle and gave themselves a shot at a region title.

An RBI double by second baseman Justin Han and a run-scoring single by Blackstone cut the Marshall deficit to 5-2 in the third inning. In the fifth inning, the Statesmen scored four runs, including a game-tying two-run single by first baseman Shane Russell. Two batters later, Marshall took a 6-5 lead thanks to a Stone Bridge throwing error.

MARSHALL'S LEAD was short-lived, however, as Stone Bridge scored three runs with two outs in the top of the sixth and led for the remainder of the game.

Marshall enters the state tournament with a 20-6 record, having won 12 of its last 13 games. Tarr said Brooke (Coastal Carolina) will start on the mound against Hickory on Friday.

It was a proud moment for everyone to see little Gianna Hess (right), a previous Joe Cassella 5K recipient, and Brian Hays (left), cross the finish line together.



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The Joe Cassella Foundation Hosts 5K Run/Walk

The 2015 Annual Joe Cassella 5K Run/Walk took place on Sunday, May 17, in Great Falls. More than three hundred runners from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area attended the race, which began with a Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., followed by a 5K Run/Walk at 8:45 a.m. The Joe Cassella Foundation hosted a post-race party with live DJ, food, kids entertainment, and interactive activities, concluding with an awards ceremony.

The 2015 Joe Cassella Foundation 5K Run/Walk used a ChronoTrack race timing system with a disposable D-tag on a USATF certified course. Participants included serious runners, weekend and occasional joggers, walkers, strollers, and even pets. Prizes were awarded to the first, second and third place overall male and female runners, as well as largest team. The overall male winner, and top finisher, was Douglas Pepelko (19:41), followed by Alec Singer (19:48) and Brian Daugherty (20:12). The top

overall female winners were Clare Girolamo (26:10), Susan Bell (26:22), and Danielle Castellano (26:35). The largest team, with more than 45 people, was Team Yes You Can!

The Joe Cassella Foundation raised thousands of dollars this year, which will be donated to local families with children affected by medical conditions, to reduce the stress of financial concerns related to serious illness and injury.

The Joe Cassella Foundation is an organization born from the loss of an amazing man and inspired by the amazing support of his friends and family received throughout their journey. All of the time, money and gifts donated to The Joe Cassella Foundation go entirely to a child in need.

The Joe Cassella Foundation would like to express their sincere gratitude for all those who helped make the 2015 Annual Joe Cassella 5K Run/Walk a tremendous success. To learn more about The Joe Cassella Foundation, visit <http://www.JoeCassellaFoundation.org>.



The colorful face-painting at The Joe Cassella 5K post-race party is always the most popular tent featured in Kids Corner.



Forestville's Disney Aladdin Jr.'s cast. Top row, from left, Attendants: Tyler Southworth and Caitlyn Carruthers. Narrators, Jessica Ludlow, Erika Chung, Erin Sweat, Lydia Conner and Ellie Costello. Olivia McDonnell, Kyle Hawley, Jack Colligan, Karma Kassem, Sofia Coulopoulos, Connor Deagle and Ry Lindley. Second row: Kushi Sankar, Beeta Changiz, Patty Rojas, Cayla Kassem, Mihika Khubchandani, Kelly Flattery, Grace Valenta, Bridget Crotty, Lizzie Polley, Alexandra Hutchinson, Emily Fouse, Cayly Timmins, Jacob Amspaugh, Jamie Bol, Rachel Adler. Third row: Christina Barton, Faith Ann Finch, Jenna Waters, Miky Kassem, Izzy Costley, Lauren Ibarquen, Campbell Duncan, Nathalie Hoffman, Zoe Wang, John Rielsing, Joey Koenig, Collin Togher, Boden Gentile. Fourth row: Kara Ludlow (Music Director), Haley Murphy (director), Heidi Zufall (choreography), Cynthia Adler (costume design). Bottom row: Jonathan Reiss and Sydney Southworth (Stage Managers), Jollie Viener (Sultan), Lindsay Togher (Magic Carpet), Sofia Silvestri (Aladdin), Jack Ellinger (Genie), Maddie Koenig (Jasmine), Sarina Bell (Jafar), Cassie Dallas (Iago).

Forestville Elementary Presents "Aladdin Jr."

Last Friday night Forestville Elementary students presented Disney's "Aladdin Jr." musical. Parents, family and friends enjoyed a performance put on by a cast of 50 students, who under the direction of Haley Murphy (Director), Kara Ludlow (Music Director) and Heide Zufall (Choreographer) sang, danced and acted in perfect form. Stellar performances were seen by Sofia Silvestri (Aladdin) and Maddie Koenig (Jasmine) who through their beautiful singing and dramatic and witty acting told the story of love and drama well known to all. Sarina Bell (Jafar), Jollie Viener (Sultan) and Jack Ellinger (Genie) perfectly embodied their characters, captivating the audience with their stage presence and personalities. Boden Gentile (Razoul), Cassie Dallas (Iago) and Lindsay Togher (Magic Carpet) led the crowd of villagers, guards and ensemble through a performance of a lifetime.

All this is the result of months of work that started back in January when fifth and sixth graders auditioned to participate in this year's musical sponsored by the Forestville's PTA and the Dodgeball Theater. Since then both students and parents set themselves to work. Morning practices three times per week and behind the scene costume and stage work was under way. This weekend the musical experience was enhanced by the costume design work of Cynthia Adler and her team, the set design work of Cathy Rieder and the tent design work of Effie Hoffman. Glittering outfits, capes, shoes, tents and cushions set the scene that transported the audience to Aladdin's stumping grounds, Agrabah.

"I am really thrilled with the performance we have seen from the cast tonight! I truly sat there tonight enjoying their work. I am very proud of them!" said Haley Murphy, Director. Murphy, founder and president of Dodgeball Theater, a local theater company focused on developing the next generation of theater artists, is a former Forestville par-

ent graduating her youngest two years ago. She has been the driving force behind the success Forestville has had in putting together musical performances such as Peter Pan, Wonka and Seussical the Musical over the past several years.

"I can't express how thrilled I am to be a part of this community. The opportunities that our children have access to at Forestville Elementary are in great part a result of the dedication and commitment of our parents and teachers as well as the support from our Administration. A great example is this performance, which has been made possible by the contribution of Christian King, our music teacher (Sound Design), Molly Ascrizzi, a former Forestville Parent as our House Manager, Sally Cusenza our Makeup Designer and forty more sets of hands that without them our performance would not have been possible. Thank you Forestville!" Said Jennisse Silvestri, Forestville PTA President.

The cast concluded the weekend with a second sold out performance on Saturday.



From left — top row, Maddie Koenig as Jasmine, Sofia Silvestri as Aladdin, Sarina Bell as Jafar, Jollie Viener as Sultan, Jack Ellinger as Genie and Cassie Dallas as Iago.

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JUNE 18, 2015, AT 4:00 P.M.

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