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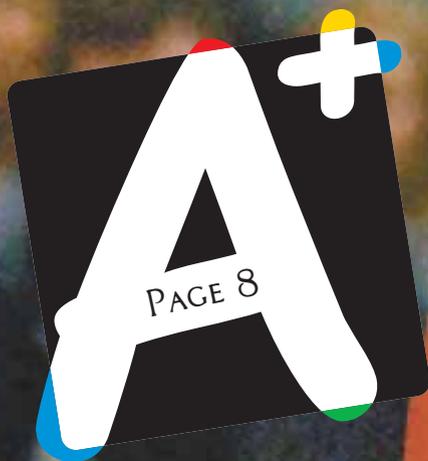
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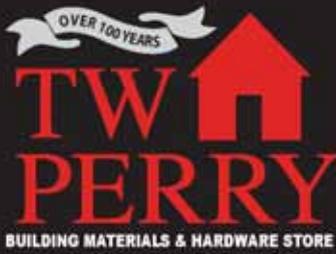
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Students from around Virginia gather in the First Baptist Church of Springfield after their first day on job sites as part of the week-long Impact service project camp.



Impact service camp volunteers sing along with artist Dana Jorgensen at the First Baptist Church of Springfield.

The House Love Rebuilt

Church youth campers repair four Lorton homes in a week.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Jeff Moten started the week with 31 teenagers on his lawn. Baptist youth from around Virginia arrived at his Lorton property around 9 a.m. on Monday, July 13. By 10, they had cleared much of the natural overgrowth in his front and back yards, begun stripping his home's roof and removing debris from a rear room where the floor had collapsed.

Moten has lived in the house 45 years, since his family moved there in 1970. Now living with a disability, he's found it difficult to maintain the home. "I was the type that was always helping someone," he said. "I've had a hard time asking for help."

While he wouldn't ask for himself, Moten said his mailman got in touch with Buck Rodgers of Virginia Baptists, who decides which houses will be taken on by "Impact" church youth service camps for repairs.

EACH SUMMER, Baptist youth from around Virginia participate in these local mission trips to repair or rebuild homes for people who need help. Referrals come from churches, the Department of Family Services and nonprofits such as the Lorton Community Action Center. Youth volunteer their time and actually pay to attend the mission trip. The camp also receives funding from the Northstar Church Network.

"We choose based on the amount of need," said Rodgers, who is from Stafford. "This house is a true Impact project. It looks pretty bad, but I've seen worse. The good Lord is teaching us humility and perseverance this morning."

Though they're working on four sites in Lorton, all the youth and chaperones are spending the week at First Baptist Church of Springfield. They work from about 9 a.m. to about 4 p.m. each day, then return to the church to shower, eat, participate in a worship service and spend time with their home church groups.



Jeff Moten, of Lorton, is the owner of one of the homes being worked on by the Impact service camp youth.

Lorton native Jeannine Purdy is with the Virginia Hills Baptist Church in Alexandria, which helped organize the camp and whose youth make up some of the participants.

"We know there are needs everywhere in our state, even in wealthy Northern Virginia, and want to be sure our youth understand that as well," she said in an email.

Walking on to the site for the first time Monday morning, there was no mistaking work had to be done.

"You began to understand why we're there," said Diana Gilbert of Springfield, a chaperone with a daughter on the Impact team, "and what the need is."

Megan Cloer of Burke recently became a member of First Baptist in Springfield after her family moved to Virginia two weeks ago from Jacksonville, Fla. She spent the morning on the roof, removing aged shingles. "It's hard work," she said, "but you see the difference we're making in the homeowner's life, serving him and serving God."

"It's the summer, it's raining — you'd think we would have a hard time getting kids to work," said John Williams, a volun-



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Around 100 youth from all over Virginia are helping repair four houses in Lorton, including yard-clearing, roofing, flooring and other structural work.

teer crew chief on the site, as he measured new floor boards with his sons Bryce and Seth. "The problem is getting them to not work, to come down off the roof. They're ministering to the homeowner, working with him, interacting with him. The kids here are pretty awesome."

Rising high school senior Will Lewis, of Chesterfield, helped take out the floor in the rear room. "I just like helping people in need," he said. "It's satisfying. And it's great to take a break from the rest of life, to unplug."

AROUND 100 youth from all over Virginia are helping repair four houses in Lorton, including yard-clearing, roofing, flooring and other structural work. Youth Pastor Danny Quirin of Roanoke is serving as the camp pastor for the week, delivering a ser-

mon each night during the worship service. He's been ministering to youth for over 30 years. The theme of the camp is "Just Because," and his messages center around experiencing and sharing the love of God. The sentiment is meant to motivate the youth in their daily work on the job sites and in the future.

"You can't give something you don't have," he said in his Monday night homily. Once you've experienced that love, he explained, the camp is about teaching youth to get in the habit and mentality of serving other people with love in their hearts.

When Quirin first saw the Lorton property, he thought, "Wow. Sometimes, you think truly the best thing for a house would be a match. But this house is going to be transformed. Then it will be, Wow, we did that. It's such an awesome feeling."



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Glow-in-the-dark miniature golf is a family entertainment concept similar to black light or "cosmic" bowling. Special florescent golf balls, putters, course obstacles and wall décor all glow under black lights. The fluorescent-glow of the course creates a "one-of-a-kind" miniature golf experience.

The new Old Keene Mill Shopping Center Glowgolf location features a giant 36-hole miniature golf course, a Laser Maze Challenge attraction and an area for birthday parties and group events. Guests can play up to 54 holes with their admission. An adult miniature golf admission is \$10 and a child miniature golf admission is \$8. Group and family discounts are also available.

Jeff Bennett, area manager for Glowgolf, said, "It's great to be open at Old Keene Mill Shopping Center. The golf course turned out very nicely. The shoppers are going to have a lot of fun playing it."

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In addition to the Old Keene Mill Shopping Center location, Glowgolf also operates a course at Village at Leesburg in Leesburg. A complete list of locations is available at <http://www.opryglowgolf.com/>.

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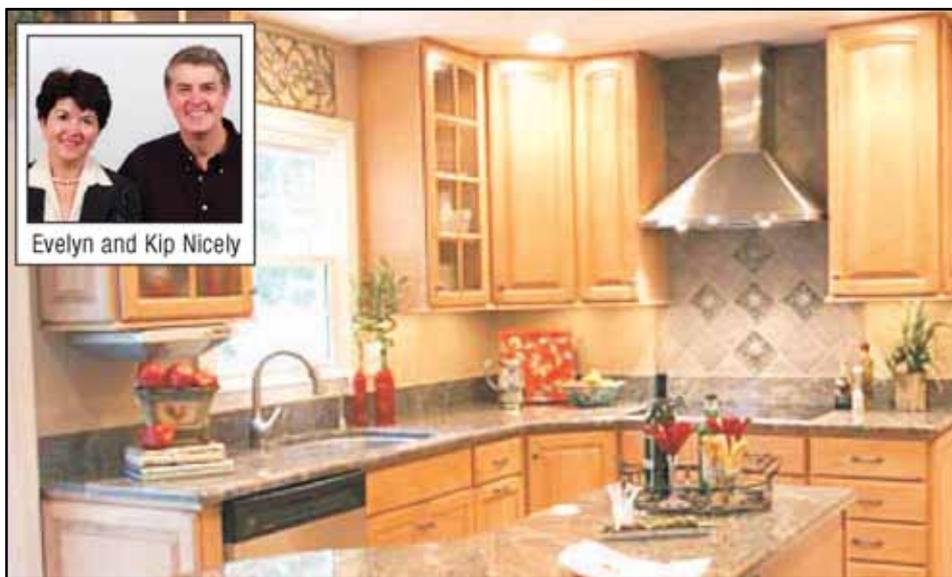
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OPINION

Backpacks for All

Thousands of students will begin school this fall at a disadvantage; help now so they have the basics.

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We live in an area where many if not most families have the means and desire to do almost whatever it takes to give their children the best chances for success.

But for thousands of students, families lack the financial resources to equip them for success on the first day of school and beyond.

In our affluent area, there are many poor families.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 27 percent of more than 184,000 students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 50,000 children in Fairfax County who are going through the summer without their usual access to breakfast and lunch. For many of those children, having a fully equipped backpack on the first day of school is out of reach.

In the City of Alexandria, about 60 percent of the Alexandria Public Schools students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 8,000 of the city's 13,000-plus students.

In Arlington, more than 32 percent of the county's 23,000-plus students are poor enough to receive subsidized meals; more than 7,000 students.

Help these students get started on the right foot by contributing to one of the many local backpack drives.

Virginia sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothing is Aug. 7-9. Purchases of certain school supplies, clothing and footwear are exempt from the Virginia sales tax. Each eligible school supply item must be priced at \$20 or less, and each eligible article of clothing and footwear must be priced at \$100 or less. See <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/school-supplies-and-clothing-holiday>.

This is a good place to start, but these students need more than backpacks. In this area, we need to address the impacts of income inequality in the schools.

If we succeed in effectively educating these students, the savings overall will be enormous. These students need protection from budget cuts in their classrooms. They need help addressing inequality in the face of "bring your own device policies," and other technology needs.

Here are a few ways to give:

❖ **Fairfax County Collect for Kids** is a public private partnership that provides local children from economically challenged families with the school supplies they need to begin the school year, and has provided 90,000 supply kits and backpacks in its first three years. They seek donations of cash, backpacks donated by citizens and calculators donated by businesses. Contact Jay Garant in Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Business and Community Partnerships at 571-423-1225 jay.garant@fcps.edu or Sherry Noud SMNoud@fcps.edu 571-423-4300, Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Social Work Services.

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❖ **United Community Ministries** annual Back to School campaign is underway, and they rely on your support to meet the needs of students from low-income families in the Mount Vernon community. They especially need larger-sized backpacks for middle and high school students, and seek cash contributions to buy supplies. <http://www.ucmagency.org/back-to-school-2015.html>.

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COMMENTARY

Legislation Combats Sex Trafficking

BY TIM HUGO
STATE DELEGATE (R-40)

On July 1, legislation that I sponsored, HB1964, went into effect. This new law is Virginia's first stand-alone human trafficking statute and creates stricter penalties for traffickers, greater protections for sex trafficking victims, and provides needed tools for prosecutors and law enforcement to stop human trafficking in Virginia.

At a recent forum on human trafficking at George Mason University, Det. Bill Woolf of the Fairfax County Police Department Human Trafficking Unit shared a bit of startling news. Woolf stated that without the passage of HB1964, only 11 of the 120 or so open cases dealing with human trafficking could be pursued. According to Woolf, because of this new law, almost all of these cases can now be pursued.

Until today, Virginia was the only state in the nation without a dedicated human trafficking law and was one of only two states that did not specifically criminalize sex trafficking. The enactment of this law marks another goal reached for Virginia's many organizations and



Hugo

individuals engaged in stopping this abhorrent crime. Thanks to the efforts of many, the General Assembly has established laws to combat the scourge of sex trafficking in Virginia; as a result of these long-term efforts, Virginia finally has a strong sex trafficking law in place.

This new section of the Virginia Code establishes the new offense of sex trafficking, which provides substantial penalties, including a Class 3 felony when the victim is a minor — regardless of whether the child was forced, intimidated or coerced. This distinction reflects the disturbing reality of how traffickers prey on the vulnerability and trust of young victims and ensures greater protections for Virginia's children.

The new law also closes a gap in Virginia law by criminalizing the recruitment of minors and adults for commercial sex. Further, the law provides for the use of multijurisdictional grand juries and includes sex trafficking as a

predicate crime under Virginia's racketeering and criminal street gang statutes — ensuring that prosecutors and law enforcement can use these laws to combat criminal enterprises that engage in sex trafficking across jurisdictional lines.

I would like to thank the many people, elected officials, and community groups that had a hand in crafting this legislation; particularly, the Kids Are Not For Sale in VA Coalition and the Richmond Justice Initiative.

The threat of sex trafficking is closer to home than many realize, and in the General Assembly we are committed to eradicating this crime against our young people. This stand alone statute will now send traffickers the message that they are not welcome here and that our kids are not for sale in Virginia. Not now, and not ever.

This will be the fourth piece of legislation in four years introduced by Hugo aimed at human trafficking. HB1898, introduced by Hugo in 2011, passed into law, making abduction for the purposes of child prostitution a felony. HB1606, which became law in 2013, increased the punishment for those soliciting minors for prostitution. Most recently in 2014, he passed HB485, which empowers law enforcement to better track down and arrest suspected traffickers.

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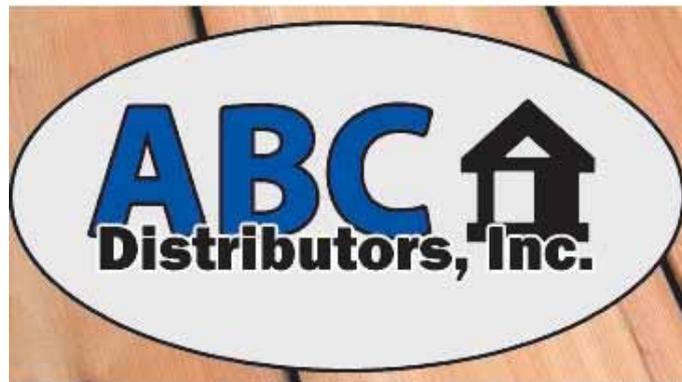
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Art supplies and games that allow for creative play can be an important part of unstructured free time.

Unsheduling Summer Play

Experts praise the benefits of free play for children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

What was once a time for catching fire flies, swim-ming and exploring has evolved into a period of elite day camps, academic enrichment classes and top-dollar sports clinics.

For many children, summer is packed with so many activities that it can hardly be called a break, say local educators, reminding parents of the benefits of unregulated play. "Camps and activities are fine in moderation because children need structure," said Andrew Clarke, Ph.D., an Arlington-based child psychologist. "But allowing children to have free time during the summer is important for their self-confidence and overall well-being. ... Children can become enriched simply by being allowed to explore their own environments."

NOT ALL CHILDREN are naturally self-directed, but parents can provide minimal structure through which children can gain the benefits of unstructured free time.

For example, help children develop a list of potential activities that might interest them. This could assist children who have difficulty thinking of things to do on their own or who might be prone to saying "I'm bored" when faced with free time and no planned activities.

"I recommend giving kids suggestions of various activities and having them choose, said Stacie B. Isenberg, Psy.D., a child psycholo-

gist based in Bethesda, Md. "Sometimes it is helpful to make a list together with them and post it on the refrigerator or other prominent place."

Isenberg suggests including activities such as playing board games, reading books, hula hooping, kicking around a ball, blowing bubbles, doing mazes, puzzles or painting. "When it's time for a new activity, have them check out the list," she said.

It's especially beneficial if the activity won't require constant supervision. "Provide safe spaces for them to play in," said Joan L. Ehrlich, Ph.D., a coordinator in the Interpreter Services Office at Northern Virginia Community College. "If you know the space is safe, you can give them more leeway to play on their own, and can pull back on the direct supervision."

PARENTS SHOULD ALSO SET boundaries and standards regarding acceptable and unacceptable activities, she continued. "When my kids were small, we had designated 'no screen' time. It was wonderful to hang back and watch them engage in a board game or card game. You would be amazed at what kids will choose to do when televisions, computers [and other electronics] are not an option. Nothing against those devices, but, let's face it, they can be addictive which makes it hard to compete with other healthy, educational options."

"All you need to do to facilitate unstructured downtime is to not over schedule them ... and provide an open-ended learning environment," added Gail Multop, an early childhood education professor at Northern Virginia Community College. She believes the tools for such play are simple: "Puzzles, books, an art table with supplies and time outdoors in nature."

A Beginning, Not an End

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Citizen Michael Ducharme has lived with dyslexia since he was a student. His two daughters both have dyslexia. The father, representing the parents' movement Decoding Dyslexia, spoke at the July 9 school board meeting in support of the proposed Fairfax County Public Schools Strategic Plan that specifically addresses challenges in the schools facing students with dyslexia.

"We're now faced with the fact tomorrow is today, the fierce urgency of now," Ducharme said. "It's time for vigorous and positive action in this plan."

The plan, which the board approved on Thursday night, is a long-term strategic document with four main objectives of student success, caring culture, premier workforce and resource stewardship. It was developed with input and feedback from over 30,000 "stakeholders," according to Fairfax County Public Schools.

"Our growing and vibrant school system is now the 10th largest district in the United States, and having a clear plan and focus is critical to meet the needs of every child and deliver our Portrait of Graduate," superintendent Dr. Karen Garza said in a statement. "Ignite is about energy – it is about expending the time and effort on the actions necessary to close achievement gaps, support our teachers, provide resources to our schools and help our students succeed in life."

According to the release from Fairfax County Public Schools, some of the specific areas for attention and priorities highlighted in the plan include:

- *Developing a more holistic approach to education by addressing students' social and emotional needs
- *Eliminating achievement gaps
- *Helping students develop real-world skills
- *Creating a balanced assessment framework as a way to decrease instructional emphasis on test preparation
- *Increasing instructional time available to prepare students for success along with more providing more equitable access to resources, especially technology
- *Hiring and retaining high quality teachers
- *Confronting budget issues that have led to the elimination of educational programming and employee positions

The board voted 11 to 1 in favor of the plan, with Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz as the only dissenting opinion.

"I feel like it sort of became a Mr. Potato Head: you have all the parts, but you're not sure what it's going to look like at the end," she said. "The biggest concern I have is not specifically identifying what the known challenges are, or perceived challenges are, with changing demographics, growing student population, types of education our students are needing... the nexus of all of these I think we just didn't get to in this document."

Dranesville representative Jane Strauss said the nature of the plan is that it's built to grow and change. "The Strategic Plan is really a beginning, it's not an end," she said, "an evolving plan, not set in stone. It lays out and solidifies our belief in the direction we need to go. It gives us a roadmap forward but does



Michael Ducharme of Decoding Dyslexia applauds the new Strategic Plan for Fairfax County Public Schools for specifically addressing challenges for students with dyslexia.



Steven L. Greenburg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, voices his support for the new Strategic Plan being voted on by the School Board.



Pat Hynes accepts the gavel from Tammy Derenak Kaufax and begins her term as school board chairman.



Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza comments on the new Strategic Plan during the school board's July 9 regular meeting.

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not create guardrails that are so high we cannot make adjustments."

Providence representative Patty Reed supported the plan and asked there be "detailed discussions on how do we actually use the document."

"How do we use it to make budget decisions?" Reed asked. "Everything in here obviously has been well thought out... But we all know our budget realities. How can this document help us make some tough decisions?"

Dr. Garza, speaking on the plan, said, "I would urge this board: Let's adopt this plan, move forward, spend time perfecting it over time. Otherwise we'll continue to spin."

The plan calls for a quarterly status report to be filed, with a school board reassessment scheduled for June to make any updates or adjustments.

THE BOARD ALSO VOTED ON A NEW CHAIRMAN and vice chairman to replace Tammy Derenak Kaufax and Ted Velkoff, respectively, for one-year terms.

In her outgoing remarks, Derenak Kaufax used candy to sum up some of her experiences with the board and its work going forward.

"We've had our Hot Tamales moments, a few Circus Peanuts moments," she said, "Mostly we're a group of dedicated Smarties passionate about our desire to educate the next generation. To do so effectively, we must be funded properly, so we're always on the hunt for that extra 100 Grand, or million."

Pat Hynes was nominated as the only candidate for chairman and subsequently voted through.

Board members spoke highly of Hynes' nine years as an elementary school teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools as well as her law background.

"I think the combination of your lawyerly skills and your very recent and constant view from the classroom to be very important to this board," said Strauss.

Mason representative Sandy Evans said Hynes "has been a very thoughtful member of our board as well as a very candid one."

Schultz offered her criticism that she would've liked to see more competition for the position, rather than a decision being made prior to the meeting. I think it's healthy for us as an organization," she said. But she didn't withhold her support for Hynes, saying the candidate is "going to get a cautious yes from me... the proof will be in the pudding."

After receiving the gavel from now former-chairman Derenak Kaufax, Hynes said, "The job of the

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Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert.

Thursdays, through Aug. 20. 5:30-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center Ellipse (Backyard), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Relax with music and tastes of local wines.

Burke Arts in the Parks. Saturdays, through Aug. 22. 10 - 11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

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Sundays, through Aug. 30. 3 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Featuring a lineup of performances that showcase the diversity of talent and culture in Northern Virginia. Concerts are free to attend and are perfect for families, a special date or a relaxing afternoon of music and dance.

Summer Reading Program. Friday-Saturday, through Sept. 5. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come to the library all summer for books and events. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

THURSDAY/JULY 16

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "The Girls

of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II" by Denise Kiernan.

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

We All Scream for Ice Cream. 2 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. A class where participants can paint their own ice cream bowl. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 16-19

Springfield Town Center's Restaurant Week. Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall. Springfield Town Center's Restaurant Week ends this weekend Sunday, July 19. Restaurants participating are Nando's Peri Peri, &pizza, Maggiano's Little Italy, Yard House and Chuy's. Restaurant Week allows diners to try a pre-fixed special menu at an affordable price. Visit <http://springfieldtowncenter.com/restaurantweek>.

FRIDAY/JULY 17

Fun Flicks. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Watch movies based on children's books.

Cool Cow Comedy Presents Carmen Lynch. 8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Each month (and sometimes twice a month) Cool Cow Comedy's headliners and featured performers take the stage in the W-3 Theatre.

Children's Yoga. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. A yoga class for children. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

Cinema Under the Stars: Mamma

Mia! 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Enjoy a fun summer night sitting outside to watch movies with family and friends. Sing along with the hit musical "Mamma Mia!" Free.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 1-Oct. 30. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey and hand held pies and rolls. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm

SATURDAY/JULY 18

Clifton Film Festival. 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy live music, food and original films under the stars. During the event there will be two awards ceremonies, student's awards will be given during intermission and the 19+ category at the closing of the festival. Visit cliftonfilmfest.com.

Mount Vernon Nights 2015: Dream Disc; Who's Next and More Who Classics. 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy free public concerts featuring a different genre and musical group each week. Free.

Pilates. 8 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Enjoy free, drop-in Art of Movement classes featuring Yoga, Hula, Mat Pilates, Surfset and Tai Chi. No experience is necessary, bring your own mat.

The Living Rainforest. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Participants get to meet live animals from the rainforest. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

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Springfield Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 19

Model Trains Display. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. The Northern Virginia NTRAK Club will have N gauge model trains on display and running. Tickets: \$2-\$4. www.fairfax-station.org.

Hooray for Hollywood. 7:30 p.m. Richard J. Ernst Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The concert will focus on musical themes from some of Hollywood's most popular motion pictures such as "Titanic," "Apollo 13," "Schindler's List," the James Bond movies, and a 50th anniversary salute to "The Sound of Music." Tickets \$15.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 3-Nov. 8. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

MONDAY/JULY 20

The Living Rainforest. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Meet

animals for the rain forest. Presented by the Leesburg Animal Park. Ages 6-12.

Robin and His Merry Band. 2:30 p.m. Lorton Library, 9250 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Impressions Theatre presents the musical story of Robin Hood. Age 6-12.

Lorton Evening Book Conversations. 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9250 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Review "Breakfast at Tiffany's" by Truman Capote. Adults.

TUESDAY/JULY 21

Classics Books Club. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Discuss this month's title: "Incident at Vichy" by Arthur Miller. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 22

Fun with Ones. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Enjoy Books, songs and rhymes in a special storytime just for ones. Age 12-23 months with adult.

THURSDAY/JULY 23

The Kindercise Show. 2:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Wolf Trap teaching artist John Taylor will be offering a singing and dancing class. For more information go to fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres. 2:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Sing and move with music and dance from Latin America with Andres Salguero. All ages.

FRIDAY/JULY 24

Americas Adopt A Soldier 5th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament. Golf Club at Lansdowne Resort, 44050 Woodridge

Parkway, Lansdowne. Former major league baseball player Michael Pagliarulo "Pags" will host the golf tournament. America's Adopt A Soldier, an established nonprofit organization who has through grass roots volunteerism, donations, and partnerships; provided a positive impacted to our Nations Wounded, Deployed Service Members, Homeless Veterans, Veterans and their Families. All donations go directly to support their projects and programs. Visit Americasadoptsoldier.org to register or call 703-278-3718 for more information.

SATURDAY/JULY 25

Yoga. 8 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Enjoy free, drop-in Art of Movement classes featuring Yoga, Hula, Mat Pilates, Surfset and Tai Chi. No experience is necessary, bring your own mat.

Scalawags Sing-along. 10-11 a.m. at Burke Lake Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Kids can take a glimpse into the life of a pirate. Free.

Mount Vernon Nights 2015: Bob Gibson Big Band. 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Get in the swing with this traditional big band that features selections from the likes of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Stan Kenton, Thad Jones/Mel Lewis and Buddy Rich. Free.

SUNDAY/JULY 26

Used Book Sale. 1-4 p.m. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Hundreds of used books about railroads, the Civil War, local history and general interest will be available for purchase. Admission: \$2-\$4.

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Q&A: West Springfield's D'Anna Committed to IUP Hoops

All-region post player enjoys country music, scary movies.

Maura D'Anna has started since her freshman year for the perennial power West Springfield girls' basketball program, giving the Spartans a presence in the paint.

As a junior, the 6-foot D'Anna averaged a double-double and earned second-team All-6A North region honors. She helped the Spartans finish 24-3 in 2015, win their second straight Conference 7 title and reach the region semifinals, where they lost to eventual region champion Oakton.

In May, D'Anna committed to play basketball at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The Crimson Hawks compete at the Division II level in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

D'Anna recently participated in a Q&A via email with The Connection.

Connection: You're committed to playing basketball at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. What made IUP the right choice for you?

D'Anna: I felt a strong connection to all of the coaches there, the facilities are brand new and I want to compete for a national



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West Springfield rising senior Maura D'Anna is committed to play basketball at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

championship. It really came to trusting head coach [Tom] McConnell and his staff and their vision for how I could fit in their system. I just knew that playing for him was the right choice.

Connection: What position(s) will you play?

D'Anna: I will play primarily a 5 and a little stretch 4.

Connection: How, if it all, do you feel

committing prior to your senior year benefits you?

D'Anna: Oh, it benefits me a lot. It allows me a year to watch just their games, not a different college game every night, to see how I fit in their system and watch opposing players and their game. I will be able to train on what IUP will need me to concentrate on. Also, instead of visiting different colleges I can spend more time studying.

Connection: At what age did you start playing basketball?

D'Anna: 6.

Connection: When did you realize playing college basketball was an option for you?

D'Anna: In seventh grade I made a decision to stop swimming competitively and go for basketball. I enjoyed the team concept more than the individual events. I had to put in extra work to get on the "A" teams for AAU because I had put in so much time with swimming. It also helped that I grew a lot. After my freshman year I thought that maybe I had a shot at playing in college.

Connection: What is a positive of being a 6-foot tall girl in high school?

D'Anna: It sure helps playing basketball and seeing who is down the hall.

Connection: What is a negative of being a 6-foot tall girl in high school?

D'Anna: It is hard to find clothes and shoes that are appropriate.

Connection: Why is the West Springfield girls' basketball program consistently successful?

D'Anna: Tough love and a focus on defense.

Connection: What is one thing you have yet to accomplish as a high school athlete that you would like to accomplish as a senior?

D'Anna: I am still after the state championship. We fell short my sophomore year.

Connection: Do you have a specific game day routine?

D'Anna: I like to have chicken tenders before a game and go watch my mom's freshman team play. She is the head coach of the freshman team at West Springfield.

Connection: Are you a pro sports fan? Which team(s) do you root for?

D'Anna: I don't watch much pro sports but I was rooting for Steph Curry during the NBA Finals. I do watch some Steelers games during the winter, too.

Connection: What location is the farthest you've traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

D'Anna: Orlando, Fla., like five times for basketball.

Connection: What's your favorite food?

D'Anna: Chicken tenders and fries, mac n' cheese, pizza.

— JON ROETMAN

Q&A: Woodson Grad Breslin to Play Soccer at R-MC

Goalkeeper enjoys eating calamari, watching 'Braveheart.'

While Brian Breslin lacks the size of a prototypical goalkeeper, his skill and quickness led him to a senior season of accomplishment.

Breslin spent three seasons as the Woodson boys' soccer program's varsity goalkeeper. In 2015, the 5-foot-8 Breslin earned first-team All-Conference 7, first-team All-6A North region and second-team all-state honors while helping the Cavaliers advance to the region semifinals. Woodson finished 11-7-1 and fell one victory shy of qualifying for the state tournament one season after going 5-5-3 and losing in the opening round of the conference tournament.

Breslin, a 2015 Woodson High School graduate, will play soccer at Randolph-Macon College. The Yellow Jackets compete at the Division III level in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Breslin recently participated in a Q&A via email with The Connection.

Connection: You'll be playing soccer at Randolph-Macon College next season. What made R-MC the right choice for you?

Breslin: Randolph-Macon is a smaller college where I feel like I can succeed, it

has smaller classes and it's easy to get necessary help and actually get to know your professors. I like the idea of being a part of a class that could potentially change the tradition of the program as well as having a coach that has a past of winning.

Connection: What are you most looking forward to about going to college?

Breslin: I'm looking forward to meeting new people at college as well as developing as a keeper.

Connection: At what age did you start playing soccer?

Breslin: I started playing soccer when I was really young with my family and started house league when I was 5. I was originally a midfielder but got converted to keeper when I tried out for BRYC when I was 11.

Connection: When did you realize playing college soccer was an option for you?

Breslin: Sophomore year is when I realized I could play in college. I made ABGC and had a coach who helped with recruiting a lot and knew how to push me and made me work harder.

Connection: How does your height (or lack thereof) affect the way you approach being a goalkeeper?

Breslin: Being 5 feet 8 means I have to have very good positioning and communicate as much as possible. I'm quick so that helps being able to come off my line and cut balls out early.

Connection: What is your favorite



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Former Woodson goalkeeper Brian Breslin will play soccer for Randolph-Macon College next season.

memory of playing soccer at Woodson?

Breslin: My favorite memory was beating Stonewall Jackson in PKs this year, and getting mobbed by the team.

Connection: What is the most difficult part of being a goalie?

Breslin: The most difficult aspect of being a goalie is learning how to forget mistakes you made and stay positive in situations where it's hard to keep a level head.

Connection: Have you ever tried a sport and found out you were embarrassingly bad at it?

Breslin: I went to a driving range with my family on vacation and found out that golf is the only sport that I play where I'm so bad to the point that I almost explode with frustration.

Connection: What do you like to do when you're not playing a sport?

Breslin: When I'm not playing sports I like playing FIFA, watching TV and hanging with my family because we are very close.

Connection: Are you a pro sports fan? Which team(s) do you root for?

Breslin: I'm a Wizards, Nationals, Redskins, and Real Madrid fan. I follow Madrid very closely; I either watch every Madrid game on TV or live stream it.

Connection: What location is the farthest you've traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Breslin: The farthest I've ever been from the U.S. is Aruba, which is also my favorite place I've ever been.

Connection: What's your favorite food?

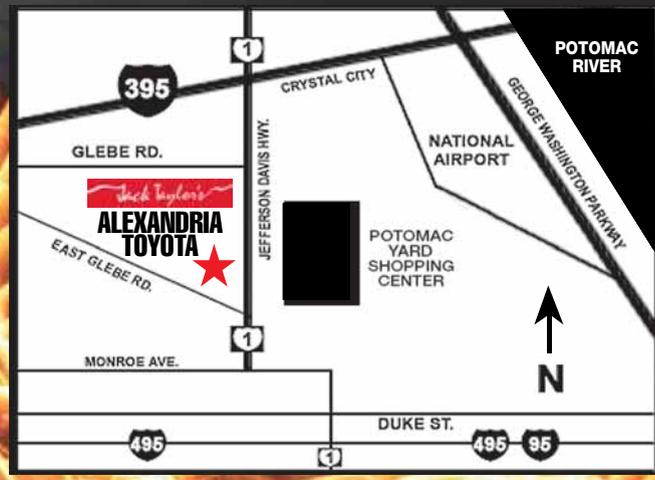
Breslin: My favorite thing to eat is calamari. I order it at most places where it's available.

Connection: What is your favorite movie?

Breslin: 'Braveheart' is my favorite movie.

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